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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-12476
Christina McKelvie: MND Awareness Week
2018

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Provisional
Outturn 2017-18

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
World Refugee Day: Supporting People to
Settle in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

8:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and
External Relations Committee

9:00am Equalities and Human Rights
Committee

9:00am Social Security Committee

9:30am Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

1:00pm Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to close the gender pay gap. ([S5O-02259](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the media industry regarding the role that it can play in challenging Islamophobia. ([S5O-02260](#))
- 3. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether lack of initial infrastructure investment is a barrier to new housing developments. ([S5O-02261](#))
- 4. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to meet the new administration of the Moray Council. ([S5O-02262](#))
- 5. John Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the implications for wildlife in Scotland, what its response is to the joint study by the Mammal Society and Natural England, which states that almost one-in-five mammal species in Britain is at risk of extinction. ([S5O-02263](#))
- 6. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding what action can be taken to tackle secondary ticket sales for events. ([S5O-02264](#))
- 7. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prevent violent crime in Inverclyde and Renfrewshire. ([S5O-02265](#))
- 8. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the action by Scottish Borders Council at Peebles High and Priorsford Primary schools, what its position is on replacing school librarians with senior pupils or volunteers. ([S5O-02266](#))
- 9. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government how nutritious school meals impact on attainment. ([S5O-02267](#))
- 10. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Northern Isles transport connectivity. ([S5O-02268](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02477](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02478](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02480](#))
- 4. Emma Harper:** To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government has received details of the financial implications for Scotland of the UK Government's investment in the NHS. ([S5F-02503](#)) R
- 5. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recent report by ISD Scotland, which suggests that antidepressants are detected in nearly half of post-mortems involving accidental drug deaths. ([S5F-02497](#))
- 6. Mark Griffin:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the National Audit Office report, *Rolling out Universal Credit*. ([S5F-02483](#))

7. Monica Lennon: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to support the Jo Cox Foundation initiative, the Great Get Together. ([S5F-02481](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S5M-12476 Christina McKelvie: MND Awareness Week 2018—That the Parliament recognises that 18 to 24 June marks MND Awareness Week 2018, which will include Global MND Awareness Day on 21 June; notes that MND Scotland will be raising awareness of the illness and the impact that it has on families throughout Scotland; acknowledges the charity's support services, including its new advocacy service, which seeks to act as a support link between people affected by the condition and the support that is offered by local services and councils; notes that, through the Scottish Government and in partnership with MND Scotland, there is now a legal obligation for NHS boards to provide communications devices to people who need these; recognises the events that are being organised as part of the awareness week, including a fundraising memorial dinner on 21 June for the campaigner, the late Gordon Aikman; congratulates MND Scotland on its first anniversary with its corporate partner the ScotRail Alliance, which has raised at least £71,000 through staff fundraising, customer collections and gifts in kind, and wishes the charity all the best in supporting, caring for and advocating on behalf of people throughout Scotland who MND impacts on.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2017-18

followed by Scottish Government Debate: World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland

S5M-12891 Angela Constance: World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland—That the Parliament commemorates World Refugee Day; welcomes people who have sought refuge in Scotland from war and persecution; celebrates the contribution that refugees and asylum seekers have made to Scotland; agrees with the key principle of the New Scots strategy that integration begins from day one of arrival; calls for a more humane asylum system that treats people with dignity and respect at all times and enables them to rebuild their lives and fulfil their potential, and thanks the local authorities, third sector, community and faith organisations and the many people across Scotland who are supporting refugees and asylum seekers as they settle into their new lives.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-12891.2 Michelle Ballantyne: World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-12891 in the name of Angela Constance (World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland), insert at end "; recognises the great efforts that Scotland and the rest of the UK have undertaken in providing funding and support to refugees; acknowledges the Scottish Government on meeting its refugee housing target three years early; understands that the UK has committed to taking in 20,000 refugees fleeing war-torn Syria, including 900 unaccompanied children from Europe; further understands that the UK

remains the second largest bilateral donor in humanitarian assistance in the world; notes that the UK Government has pledged over £2.3 billion in aid to Syria alone; further notes that the UK Government has allocated funding of over £420 million through its Official Development Assistance budget and the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme; underlines that the Home Office provides per capita funding to Scottish local authorities to assist with refugee resettlement, and pledges to use its power to ensure that both the Scottish and UK governments continue to maintain their high standards in welcoming refugees and providing funding support to Syria refugees."

S5M-12891.3 Monica Lennon: World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-12891 in the name of Angela Constance (World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland), insert at end "; recognises the importance of national and local evaluation of all refugee programmes to identify good practice, and agrees that adequately resourced local authorities play a vital role in supporting community cohesion."

S5M-12891.1 Ross Greer: World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-12891 in the name of Angela Constance (World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland), insert at end ", and believes that the right to vote is an important component of integration into Scottish society and that refugees and asylum seekers legally resident in Scotland should have the right to vote in all elections and referenda."

followed by Business Motions

S5M-12932 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revised Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 27 June 2018—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prescription (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Complaint against Mark McDonald MSP

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 19th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 8:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Scotland's Screen Sector (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 19th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Human Rights and the Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will take evidence, via video conference, from—
 - Gianni Magazzeni, Chief of UPR Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations;
 - Rogier Huizenga, Manager, Human Rights Programme, Inter Parliamentary Union.
2. **Bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools:** The Committee will take evidence, in round table format, from—
 - Carol Young, Senior Policy Officer, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER);
 - Bill Ramsay, Convener of the Equality Committee, The Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS);
 - Dr Katherine Botterill, Lecturer in Human Geography, Edinburgh Napier University;
 - Carolyn Fox McKay, Marketing and Communications Manager, Girlguiding Scotland;
 - Mary Berrill, Her Majesty's Inspector of Education and Senior Education Officer for Inclusion and Equalities, Education Scotland;
 - Iain Smith, Policy Officer, Inclusion Scotland;
 - Cara Spence, Senior Programmes and Influencing Manager, LGBT Youth Scotland;
 - Katie Ferguson, Service Director, Respect Me;
 - Dr Daniela Sime, Lecturer in Social Policy, University of Strathclyde;
 - Fariha Saeed, Amina - the Muslim Women's Resource Centre.
3. **Human rights and the Scottish Parliament (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Social Security Committee 16th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Consultation on draft Funeral Expense Assistance regulations:** The Committee will take evidence from-

John Birrell, Bereavement Consultant, John Birrell Consultancy;
Paul Cuthell, National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD);
Paul Stevenson, Scottish President, The National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF);

and then from—

Delia Henry, Director, Age Scotland;
David MacColl, Bereavement Services Manager, Glasgow City Council;
Ruth Mendel, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2018 (SI 2018/626) from—
Ann McVie, Deputy Director, Social Security Policy Division, Colin Brown, Solicitor, Social Security Directorate, and Trudy Nicolson, Legislation and Operational Policy Unit, Social Security Directorate, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2018 (SI 2018/626)
5. **Consultation on draft Funeral Expense Assistance regulations:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Poverty and Inequality Commission Appointments:** The Committee will consider its approach.
7. **Scottish Welfare Fund:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard and agree what action to take.
8. **Scottish Commission on Social Security:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Minister for Social Security.

Public Petitions Committee 11th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Consideration of a continued petition (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on petition PE1517 by Elaine Holmes and Olive McIlroy on behalf of Scottish Mesh Survivors - "Hear Our Voice" on Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 14th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at a future meeting.
2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Social Enterprise, and take evidence from—
Ben Macpherson, Convener of the proposed CPG on Social Enterprise.
3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Social Enterprise.
4. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
5. **Complaint:** The Committee will announce its decision at Stage 3 on a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

6. **Complaint (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 8th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Police Scotland's digital, data and ICT strategy:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
David Page, Deputy Chief Officer, Martin Low, Acting Director of ICT, Detective Chief Superintendent Gerry Mclean, Head of Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism, and James Gray, Chief Financial Officer, Police Scotland;
Kenneth Hogg, Interim Chief Officer, Scottish Police Authority.
3. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

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