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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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

followed by Members' Business — S5M-10188 Johann Lamont: Down's Syndrome Awareness Week

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Major Infrastructure Projects

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

9:00am Equalities and Human Rights Committee

9:00am Social Security Committee

9:15am Public Petitions Committee

10:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Glasgow City Council has increased charges for childcare. ([S5O-01927](#))
- 2. Jenny Marra:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-01928](#))
- 3. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the provision of more direct rail services between Ayrshire and Edinburgh. ([S5O-01929](#))
- 4. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to extend concessionary travel for all 16- to 18-year-olds. ([S5O-01930](#))
- 5. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support mental health in the workplace. ([S5O-01931](#))
- 6. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses' non-domestic rates bill increased as a result of the 2017 revaluation. ([S5O-01932](#))
- 7. Alex Rowley:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01933](#))
- 8. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available to local authorities responsible for the maintenance of strategic park and ride facilities. ([S5O-01934](#))
- 9. John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact on Scotland has been of bus deregulation since it was introduced in 1986. ([S5O-01935](#))
- 10. Margaret Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government how many solicitors are taking part in the police station duty scheme, and which bar associations and societies have withdrawn from it. ([S5O-01936](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02159](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02160](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02161](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02162](#))
- 5. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what discussions she has had with the Prime Minister regarding Scottish Limited Partnerships and concerns regarding their reported involvement in facilitating organised crime. ([S5F-02180](#))
- 6. Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister for what reason £15 million of the £52 million Attainment Scotland Fund provided to local authorities and schools has reportedly not been spent. ([S5F-02164](#))

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-10188](#) Johann Lamont: Down's Syndrome Awareness Week—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Down's Syndrome Awareness Week, from 19 to 25 March 2018, in highlighting the contribution made by, and issues affecting, people with Down's syndrome; understands that Down's Syndrome Scotland is set to host a fundraising concert in Glasgow to launch the week; further understands that a number of young people with the condition are set to be commissioners and hosts for the forthcoming World Down Syndrome Congress, which is to be held in Glasgow in July 2018 where 1,200 delegates will visit the city, and wishes all involved the best for Down's Syndrome Awareness Week.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Major Infrastructure Projects

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace

[S5M-11160](#) Jamie Hepburn: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace—That the Parliament shares the vision of the Fair Work Convention that, by 2025, people in Scotland will have a world-leading working life in which fair work drives success, wellbeing and prosperity for individuals, businesses, organisations and society; considers fair work as central to achieving inclusive growth; commends all employers that recognise the value of their workforce by giving them fair access to opportunity, respect, security, fulfilment and an effective voice; recognises the vital role of trade unions to Scotland's economy, society and workforce; condemns those who seek to exploit workers, and recognises the importance of the EU social pillar in ensuring that workers can have ongoing protections and rights in statute.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-11160.1](#) Dean Lockhart: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace—As an amendment to motion S5M-11160 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace), leave out from "to Scotland's economy" to end and insert ", and their individual members, to Scotland's economy, society and workforce; condemns those who seek to exploit workers; welcomes the commitment given by the UK Government that all employment rights derived from EU law are to be incorporated in domestic law following the UK's departure from the EU; acknowledges that the vast majority of recommendations from the independent Taylor review of modern employment practices will be taken forward, and considers that these commitments will position the UK at the forefront internationally in addressing the challenges and opportunities of modern working."

[S5M-11160.3](#) Jackie Baillie: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace—As an amendment to motion S5M-11160 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace), insert at end "; notes, however, the hypocrisy of the Scottish Government, which has failed to ensure fair pay and employment rights when awarding public money to private firms, as reported on several public projects across Scotland; further notes that the Scottish Government has added to the problem of insecure work through the long-term use of agency workers in its agencies; calls on the Scottish Government to end this exploitative practice, and further calls on ministers to urgently review public procurement in Scotland to end these abhorrent working practices."

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-11236](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

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 8th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Scotland's Screen Sector:** The Committee will take evidence from—

David Smith, National Representative for Scotland, Pact;
Donald Campbell, Chief Executive, MG Alba;
David Strachan, Managing Director, Tern TV;

and then from—

Steve Carson, Head of Multiplatform Commissioning, and Bruce Malcolm, Head of Service Development, BBC Scotland;
Lorraine McKechnie, Nations and Regions Executive, and Sophie Jones, Head of Corporate Affairs, Channel 4;
Bobby Hain, Director of Channels, STV.

2. **Scotland's Screen Sector (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 9th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Forthcoming legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to forthcoming legislation.
2. **Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Social Security Committee 7th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations (SSI 2018/69) from—
Robin Haynes, Head of Council Tax, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/69)
4. **Benefit automation:** The Committee will take evidence on local authority benefit automation from—
Richard Gass, Welfare Rights & Money Advice Manager, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and Chair, Rights Advice Scotland;
John Campbell, Manager, Financial Inclusion, North Lanarkshire Council;
Nahid Hanif, West Lothian Council.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Public Petitions Committee 4th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of a new petition:** The Committee will consider the following new petition—
[PE1679](#) by Jenny Lockhart on Cycle helmets in Scotland.
3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
[PE1458](#) by Peter Cherbi on Register of Interests for members of Scotlands judiciary;
[PE1548](#) by Beth Morrison on National Guidance on Restraint and Seclusion in Schools;
[PE1619](#) by Stuart Knox on Access to Continuous Glucose Monitoring;
[PE1640](#) by Eileen Bryant on Action against irresponsible dog breeding;
[PE1642](#) by Norma Austin Hart on Sale and marketing of energy drinks to under sixteens;
[PE1645](#) by James Ward on Review of legal aid in Scotland;
[PE1655](#) by Christine Metcalfe on behalf of Avich & Kilchrenan Community Council on Scotland's National Scenic Areas;
[PE1659](#) by Bill Tait on Local authority complaints body;
[PE1660](#) by Bill Tait on Scottish Legal Complaints Commission review;
[PE1661](#) by Melanie Collins on Reform of regulation of the legal profession in Scotland;
[PE1663](#) by Leslie Wallace on Driven grouse shooting study;
[PE1665](#) by Mark McCabe on Common law of blasphemy;
[PE1666](#) by Ian Davidson on Scottish Parliament electoral cycle;
[PE1667](#) by W Hunter Watson on Review of mental health and incapacity legislation;
and
[PE1669](#) by Bill Welsh on Independent Vaccine Safety Commission.
4. **Human Rights and the Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.
5. **Consideration of draft report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on [PE1463](#) on effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 7th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Post-legislative Scrutiny: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Ruchir Shah, Policy Manager, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;
Robin McAlpine, Director, Common Weal;
Carole Ewart, Convenor, Campaign for Freedom of Information Scotland;
Tommy Kane;
Daren Fitzhenry, Scottish Information Commissioner;

Sarah Hutchison, Head of Policy and Information, and Margaret Keyes, Head of Enforcement, Scottish Information Commissioner.

3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its future approach to its post-legislative scrutiny work programme.

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