

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:15pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-14648, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Mr Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Impact of the UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Ivory Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Urgent Question: Jenny Marra - To ask the Scottish Government what talks it has had with management at the Michelin factory in Dundee, the trade unions and Dundee City Council regarding the future of the plant.

followed by Committee Announcements: Public Petitions Committee - Inquiry into Mental Health Support for Young People in Scotland

5:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-14491 Emma Harper: The Maybole Bypass and South Scotland Road Infrastructure

Committee Meetings

9:15am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:30am Health and Sport Committee

9:45am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

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[S5M-14648](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 6 November 2018—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 8 November 2018—

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prescription (Scotland) Bill

insert

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Complaint against Annie Wells MSP

followed by Topical Questions

1. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Tayside regarding staff numbers and future workforce planning. ([S5T-01299](#))

2. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to protect emergency workers during the firework season, in light of the reported increase in levels of violence and intimidation that they face at this time of year. ([S5T-01303](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Impact of the UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty

[S5M-14621](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty—That the Parliament welcomes the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights to the UK and in particular to Scotland this week as part of his visit to investigate the link between poverty and the realisation of human rights in the UK; condemns the unacceptable damage that the UK Government's welfare reform policies are causing across Scotland, and the subsequent negative impact on poverty levels; agrees that Universal Credit is causing debt and hardship across Scotland's communities and calls on the UK Government to

immediately halt the roll-out of this; notes the conclusions of the Scottish Government's 2018 welfare reform report, which highlights that the UK Government's welfare cuts will lead to a £3.7 billion fall in social security spending in Scotland in 2020-21, including a £370 million reduction due to the benefit freeze; further notes that the appalling two-child limit has already reduced the income of 3,800 families in Scotland and this number is set to grow year on year and will result in a £92 million cut for families by 2020-21; raises concerns that UK Government tax and welfare changes since 2010 are estimated to increase the number of children living in relative poverty in Scotland by 8%; believes that the UK Government failed in its autumn Budget to support the poorest in society by lifting the current benefit freeze and addressing the fundamental flaws in Universal Credit, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to ensuring that dignity, fairness and respect are at the heart of Scotland's new social security system.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-14621.1 Michelle Ballantyne: Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), leave out from "condemns" to end and insert "believes that a social security system should simplify benefits, encourage those who can to work and support those who cannot, and that therefore the principle of Universal Credit is correct; acknowledges the difficulties that have been experienced during the roll-out of the system; welcomes changes, such as the £1.7 billion announced in the 2018 autumn Budget, which make Universal Credit more generous than the system it replaces, and believes that, with the powers under the Scotland Act 2016 to create new benefits and top up reserved benefits, the Scottish Government can no longer justify simply criticising UK Government policy, and must now focus on its own implementation plans."

[S5M-14621.2 Mark Griffin: Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), after "roll-out of this;" insert "further agrees that MPs must act to halt the Universal Credit managed migration; notes the contribution of Scottish Choices, the Scottish Welfare Fund and mitigation of the so-called bedroom tax to help counter the impact of welfare reform; believes that cross-party talks should now take place to consider the extent to which the income supplement can protect people from the Conservative administration's welfare reform, and how Scotland's new powers will be best used to support carers, older people and disabled people;"

[S5M-14621.3 Alison Johnstone: Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), after first "benefit freeze" insert "; believes that these cuts are highly gendered, impacting the income of women disproportionately, and that, contrary to assurances given by the UK Government that Universal Credit would not cut incomes, some low-income families are expected to lose an average of £200 per month".

[S5M-14621.4 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), insert at end ", and regrets that the cuts made to Universal Credit by the UK Conservative administration in 2015 were not restored in its recent Budget."

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Ivory Bill – UK Legislation

[S5M-14625 Mairi Gougeon: Ivory Bill - UK Legislation](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Ivory Bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons on 23 May 2018, relating to the prohibition and regulation (including enforcement) of the import and export of ivory into and from Scotland for sale or hire and acquisitions by and between accredited museums and galleries in Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S5M-14491 Emma Harper: The Maybole Bypass and South Scotland Road](#)

Infrastructure—That the Parliament welcomes the upcoming announcement from the Scottish Government regarding which company has won the contract to carry out the five-mile stretch of off-line bypass and associated junctions for the South Scotland town of Maybole; understands that this decision will be based on one of four already shortlisted companies, Farrans Roadbridge, John Paul Construction, R J McLeod and Wills Bros; notes that this stretch of road will separate local road users from those travelling longer distances, including to the ports, which will therefore minimise disruption from heavy traffic in Maybole; considers that this stretch of bypass will significantly improve road safety and journey time reliability; congratulates the Scottish Government on achieving what it considers this landmark step for the infrastructure in South Scotland, while understanding that more investment on other roads in the region, such as the A75 and A77, is also needed in order to improve safety, journey times and to bring about business that will see a much needed boost to the rural and local economy of the south west of Scotland; acknowledges the work of the Maybole Bypass Committee members past and present, local residents and businesses who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to many years of campaigning to secure the bypass, and commends both the A75 and A77 action groups for their continued efforts to bring about positive change in the region.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 31st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Rhoda Grant will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
3. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Shane Donnellan, Senior Behaviour Change Specialist, Changeworks;
 Dr Rachel Howell, Lecturer in Sustainable Development, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh;
 Mary Sweetland, Chair, Eco Congregation Scotland;
 Jamie Stewart, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;
 and then from—
 Paul Gray, Chief Executive, NHS Scotland;
 Mai Muhammad, Energy Manager, Aberdeen City Council;
 Tom Thackray, Director of Infrastructure and Energy, CBI Scotland;
 Chris Wood-Gee, Chair, Sustainable Scotland Network.
4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider management of its anticipated work considering consent notifications.
5. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Health and Sport Committee 28th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 - Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private and all future considerations of evidence received on proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in relation to UK statutory instrument proposals.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
 The Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations;
 The Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations; and
 The Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will take evidence on the proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
 The General Food Law (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
 The General Foodstuffs Hygiene (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

The Specific Foodstuffs (Hygiene) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Contaminants in Food (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; and
The Quick-Frozen Food (EU Exit) Regulations 2018

From—

Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing, and Neel Mojee, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;
Elspeth Macdonald, Head of Strategy and Policy, Food Standards Scotland.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/300)
5. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
David McColgan, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Manager (Devolved Nations), British Heart Foundation Scotland;
Harpreet Brrang, Information and Research Hub Manager, Children's Liver Disease Foundation;
Gillian Hollis, attending in personal capacity as a lung transplant recipient (2004);
and then from—
Shaben Begum, Director, Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance;
Fiona Loud, Policy Director, Kidney Care UK;
Dr Gordon Macdonald, Parliamentary Officer, CARE for Scotland.
6. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting from Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing and Elspeth Macdonald, Head of Strategy and Policy, Food Standards Scotland on a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
The General Food Law (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The General Foodstuffs Hygiene (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Specific Foodstuffs (Hygiene) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Contaminants in Food (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; and
The Quick-Frozen Food (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
7. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 30th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Willie Coffey will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Jill Clark, Civil Law and Legal System Division, Scott Matheson, Legal Directorate, Alex Gordon, Parliamentary Counsel Office, and Frances McQueen, Civil Law and Legal System Division, Scottish Government.

4. **Common Financial Tool (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]** The Committee will take evidence on the [Common Financial Tool \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) from—
Alan McIntosh, Senior Money Advisor, Inverclyde Council;
Angela Kazmierczak, Financial Inclusion Team Leader, Aberdeen City Council;
Nicola Birrell, Senior Money Advisor, Money Advice and Rights Team, East Renfrewshire Council;
Scott Milne, Director, WRI Associates.
5. **Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **Common Financial Tool (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 32nd Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Mary Fee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Education \(Student Loans\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/307\)](#);
[Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area \(Cardowan by Steps\) Boundaries Amendment Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/308\)](#).
4. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the contents of a report to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.
7. **Scottish Crown Estate Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Justice Committee 28th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Simon Routh-Jones, HM Chief Inspector, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, HM Fire Service Inspectorate in Scotland;

Douglas Scott, Senior Policy Adviser, and Graham Jones, Safer Communities and Community Justice Manager, Scottish Borders Council;

and then from—

Kate Frame, Commissioner, John McSporran, Head of Investigations, and Michael Tait, Head of Communications, Police Investigations and Review Commissioner;
Diego Quiroz, Policy Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2018 (SSI 2018/293).
4. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider reports from HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland and HM Inspector of Prisons for Scotland on Home Detention Curfews in relation to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Brexit and the civil and criminal justice systems and policing in Scotland:** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Parliament.

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