

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy
Environment, Climate Change and Land
Reform

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate:
Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate:
Scotrail Break Clause

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-
14361 Maurice Golden: Special Report by the
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Committee Meetings

8:30am Rural Economy and Connectivity
Committee

9:15am Local Government and Communities
Committee

10:00am Education and Skills Committee

10:00am Finance and Constitution
Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy

- 1. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government how many farmers have received payments under the National Basic Payment Support Scheme since August 2018. ([S5O-02539](#))
- 2. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the Rural Parliament, which is being held in Stranraer. ([S5O-02540](#))
- 3. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how its food tourism action plan will aim to support producers. ([S5O-02541](#))
- 4. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure that farmers have access to public procurement contracts for food. ([S5O-02542](#))
- 5. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the fish processing industry in the north east regarding training workers to make best use of exiting the CFP. ([S5O-02543](#))
- 6. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to mitigate the potential impact of the closure of the Cairngorm funicular railway on the area's economy. ([S5O-02544](#))
- 7. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with AHDB, industry representatives and the UK Government regarding the impact of a no-deal Brexit on Scottish seed potato exports. ([S5O-02545](#))
- 8. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the salmon industry's reported plan to expand production by up to 400,000 tonnes by 2030 is economically and ecologically viable. ([S5O-02546](#))
- 9. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to support the food and drink industry. ([S5O-02547](#))
- 10. Iain Gray:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02548](#))

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what the expected demand will be for the incineration of waste following the ban on sending biodegradable waste to landfill in 2021. ([S5O-02549](#))
- 2. Andy Wightman:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it or the Grouse Moor Management Group has made of the environmental impact of hill tracks constructed on open moorland. ([S5O-02550](#))
- 3. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what issues it expects to be given priority at the UN Climate Change Conference in December. ([S5O-02551](#))
- 4. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the forthcoming ban on the burning of plastics on farms, what contingency plans it has should the market approach to recycling farm plastic not work. ([S5O-02552](#))
- 5. Elaine Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what action the Environment Secretary is taking to enable people from deprived areas to access woodland areas. ([S5O-02553](#))

6. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on SEPA's investigation into the Mossmorran petrochemical plant. ([S5O-02554](#))

7. Finlay Carson: [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02555](#))

8. James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce carbon emissions in South Lanarkshire. ([S5O-02556](#))

9. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of the world's carbon output is from Scotland, and what it plans to reduce this to by 2050. ([S5O-02557](#))

10. Kezia Dugdale: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has carried out of the impact of fireworks on animal welfare, and whether it plans to amend the fireworks regulations to take account of this. ([S5O-02558](#))

followed by **Scottish Labour Party Debate: Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future**

S5M-14717 Alex Rowley: Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future—That the Parliament believes in a health and social care system based on human rights, where people receive care according to their need, not on their ability to pay; recognises the immediate and long-term challenges to social care delivery and is concerned about high levels of turnover in the social care sector; further recognises the commitment of social care staff to delivering high-quality care but considers there to still be a disparity between the value of social care to society and staff's level of pay and working conditions; considers that social care workers, and the professional services that they provide, should be held in the same high regard as clinical health care; affirms the Scottish Government's aim of shifting the balance of care from acute settings into the community but believes that this cannot be achieved without a significant increase in resources and investment in social care services; notes a central theme of the Fraser of Allander Institute publication, *Scotland's Budget Report 2018*, that it is not sustainable to protect the health budget at the expense of local authorities' budgets, and calls on the Scottish Government to work in partnership with local government and NHS boards to develop a financial model that will provide long-term stability for both health and social care in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-14717.3 Jeane Freeman: Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future—As an amendment to motion S5M-14717 in the name of Alex Rowley (Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future), leave out from "services; notes a central theme" to "Scottish Government to work" and insert ", primary care and mental health services over the current parliamentary session; further believes that protection of the health budget, and its investments in social care, is necessary to ensure that the NHS can be sustained long into the future; notes that, with investment from both the NHS and local authorities, almost £9 billion per year is managed by integration authorities; believes that the additional investment of £66 million in this financial year to support social care, including for delivering the real living wage for adult social care workers, supporting the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and increasing payments for free personal care, should be utilised for that purpose, and recognises the publication of the medium-term financial framework for health and social care, which was advanced by the Scottish Government".

S5M-14717.1 Miles Briggs: Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future—As an amendment to motion S5M-14717 in the name of Alex Rowley (Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future), insert at end ", and further calls on the Scottish Government to focus on improving workforce

planning and consider new models of care and joint working, including working with housing associations to tackle delayed discharge to prevent patients waiting in wards because their homes need to be adapted for their return."

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: ScotRail Break Clause

S5M-14720 Colin Smyth: ScotRail Break Clause—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should exercise the break clause in the ScotRail franchise at the earliest opportunity.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-14720.3 Paul Wheelhouse: ScotRail Break Clause—As an amendment to motion S5M-14720 in the name of Colin Smyth (ScotRail Break Clause), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "notes that the punctuality and reliability of ScotRail's services continue to be below the Scottish Government contractual performance targets; recognises that both responsible parties for the effective operation of Scotland's rail network, Network Rail and ScotRail, are delivering as their combined priority the implementation of a suite of system-wide actions as recommended in the review by Nick Donovan; further recognises that the Scottish Government has secured the right for a public sector body to bid to run Scotland's rail services, but also notes that the majority of rail performance problems in Scotland are the direct responsibility of Network Rail, and calls on the UK Government to take the opportunity in its Rail Review to devolve authority for rail infrastructure to Scotland, so that responsibility for this rests with the Scottish Parliament."

S5M-14720.2 Jamie Greene: ScotRail Break Clause—As an amendment to motion S5M-14720 in the name of Colin Smyth (ScotRail Break Clause), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "notes wide acceptance that current ScotRail performance is not meeting passengers' expectations, as evidenced by its failure to meet its contractual Public Performance Measures (PPM) over the last two quarters, reaching its lowest performance in two decades in September 2018 with a PPM measurement of 87.5%; notes the decision taken by the Scottish Government in August 2018 to reduce the target to 87.18% in order to avoid a breach of contract, and the further decision taken in October 2018 to implement a ministerial waiver on enforcing the ScotRail performance targets from June 2019; notes that there are multiple reasons for delays to services, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to continued monitoring of performance to ensure that the franchise meets its contractual obligations with a view to making a full assessment and evaluation prior to the 2020 break clause, and to report to the Parliament in a transparent and timely manner its intentions with regard to the ScotRail franchise, paying due regard to ScotRail staff, passengers and value for public money being at the heart of any decision."

followed by Business Motions

S5M-14761 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 15 November 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight

insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update from the Scottish Government on the proposed UK/EU Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight

[S5M-14738](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementation of Best Start Grant

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Crown Estate Bill

followed by Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Offensive Weapons Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Ministerial Statement: Energy Efficient Scotland

followed by Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Scotland's Economic Performance and Economic Data

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE1463: Effective Thyroid and Adrenal Testing, Diagnosis and Treatment

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 14 November 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 15 November 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

[S5M-14739](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 March 2019.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-14740](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Assigned Colleges (University of the Highland and Islands) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-14741](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, during Tuesday afternoon meetings of the Parliament after Topical Questions for the purpose of considering business arising from the UK’s exit from the European Union.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-14361](#) Maurice Golden: Special Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—That the Parliament notes the release of a special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on limiting a rise in global temperature to 1.5C; further notes that it details the consequences of climate change that are currently impacting populations and places around the world and the damaging and far-reaching effects that will occur if global temperature change exceeds 1.5C; acknowledges that the report warns of the urgent need for increased action on climate change from all countries in order to be able to keep global temperature rises within 1.5C; welcomes the announcements by both the Scottish and UK governments that they intend to seek new advice from the UK Committee on Climate Change regarding the implications of this report for Scotland’s climate change targets; believes that Scotland, as an advanced economy with a proven record of expertise and innovation in tackling climate change, for example the Recycle Room in Clydebank, shares in the global responsibility to take action and, while commending reductions in emissions to date, notes calls for a renewed commitment to reducing Scotland’s carbon footprint, and believes that integrating circular economic practice across policy

making and providing enhanced support to transition Scotland to a low-carbon economy is an integral part of the process towards tackling climate change.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 29th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
3. **Rail services in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Alex Hynes, Managing Director, and Angus Thom, Chief Operating Officer, Scotrail Alliance.
4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider proposals 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 Exotic Disease (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
The Aquatic Animal Health and Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
The Fisheries (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.
5. **Ferry Services in Scotland:** Members will report back from a recent visit to Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited.

Local Government and Communities Committee 31st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 7).

Education and Skills Committee 27th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Inquiry into music tuition in schools:** The Committee will hear evidence from—
Kenny Christie, Chair, Heads of Instrumental Teaching Scotland;
Andrew Dickie, Committee Member, Scottish Association for Music Education;
Kirk Richardson, Convener, Instrumental Music Teachers' Network, EIS;
Professor Jeffrey Sharkey, Principal, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland;
John Wallace, Chair, Music Education Partnership Group.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Education (Student Loans) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/307)
3. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

Finance and Constitution Committee 28th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Financial Memorandum from—
Brendan Rooney, Transport Bill Manager, Peter Grant, Bus Policy Team Leader, George Henry, Parking Policy Manager, and Yvette Sheppard, Environment and Sustainability Manager, Transport Scotland.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2018 Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] from—
Kate Forbes, Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, and Scott Mackay, Head of Finance Co-ordination, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Kate Forbes, Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy to move—S5M-14433—That the Finance and Constitution Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2018 Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

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