

Tuesday 20 November 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:40pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Father John Morrison, St Fergus Catholic Church, Paisley

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Urgent Question: Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to those affected by the announced closure of the New School, Butterstone.

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: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee - Report on Confidentiality of Reports from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards for Public Life in Scotland

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: S5M-14466 Lewis Macdonald: Offshore Wind Week 2018

Committee Meetings

9:30am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

9:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:45am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

11:00am Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Father John Morrison, St Fergus Catholic Church, Paisley

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. Angela Constance: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report on the fact-finding visit to the UK by the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, and how this will inform its plan to tackle child poverty in Scotland. ([S5T-01334](#))

2. John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the mechanical harvesting of kelp by dredging. ([S5T-01337](#))

followed by Urgent Question: Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to those affected by the announced closure of the New School, Butterstone.

followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementation of Best Start Grant

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

[S5M-14807](#) Kate Forbes: Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future—That the Parliament recognises the benefits of the digital economy to every business, region and citizen in Scotland; acknowledges the strong evidence of the importance of technology to growing Scotland's business base and productivity levels, and recognises that a combined focus by government, the wider public sector and private sector is the most effective way of improving the digital capabilities and processes of Scotland's businesses and workforce, which in turn will increase productivity, profitability and, as a consequence, result in higher paid jobs, building Scotland's reputation as an innovative nation.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-14807.1](#) Finlay Carson: Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future—As an amendment to motion S5M-14807 in the name of Kate Forbes (Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government, industry, workers, academics and citizens to capitalise on opportunities available to Scottish businesses under the UK-wide industrial strategy, including through city and region deals, sector deals as well as the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund and Innovate UK, which helps businesses develop new ideas and grow research and innovation strategies."

[S5M-14807.2](#) James Kelly: Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future—As an amendment to motion S5M-14807 in the name of Kate Forbes (Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future), insert at end "; further recognises that Scotland's digital skills gap and the digital divide, which affects far too many people in rural communities, those on the lowest incomes, people with physical or mental health conditions, and

older people and women, who are often digitally excluded, poses a threat to Scotland's ability to maximise the benefits of digitisation; agrees that strategic leadership and a comprehensive strategy is needed, which includes ensuring that digital skills development is embedded in schools, from primary to further and higher education, that employers are supported to embrace retraining and upskilling, that existing infrastructure constraints, and other barriers to digital inclusion, are addressed and that the challenges of cybersecurity and securing digital democracy are recognised, and agrees that the development of a comprehensive strategy must have the principles of fair work at its heart and include the involvement of the trade unions to ensure that the benefits of digitisation can be realised for all."

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-14834](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 21 November 2018—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Committee Announcements: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee - Report on Confidentiality of Reports from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards for Public Life in Scotland

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: **[S5M-14466](#) Lewis Macdonald: Offshore Wind Week 2018**

[S5M-14466](#) Lewis Macdonald: Offshore Wind Week 2018—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that Scotland has made to offshore wind since planning permission was granted in 2003 for the development of Scotland's first offshore wind farm, Robin Rigg, in the Solway Firth; considers that Scotland has benefited from many other offshore wind projects in recent years, including Vattenfall's European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre in Aberdeen Bay, which has been built with the support of EU funding to create and test new offshore wind technologies, Hywind Scotland, a floating wind farm developed by Equinor off Peterhead, which started power generation in October 2017, and the Kincardine Offshore Floating Wind Farm off the coast of Stonehaven, which is expected to be the largest floating wind farm in the world when it is completed in 2020; understands that the contributions made by these and other projects will be recognised and celebrated during Offshore Wind Week 2018, which runs from 19 to 23 November and is an annual event supported by Scottish Renewables; notes the hope that a pipeline of successful projects can be secured in future leasing rounds by ensuring an adequate provision of shallow and deep water sites; further notes the view that government at all levels needs to support the offshore wind sector to ensure that its success continues, particularly beyond 2030, and looks

forward to more offshore wind farms being developed in the coming years, contributing to Scotland's energy mix.

Committee Meetings

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 34th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 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. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Environmental Noise \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/342\);](#)
[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber \(Rules of Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/343\);](#)
[Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/344\);](#)
[Diligence against Earnings \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/345\);](#)
[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 \(Ancillary Provision\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/346\).](#)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Gender Representation on Public Boards \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/340 \(C.21\)\).](#)
4. **Report on instruments considered during the first quarter of the parliamentary year 2018-19:** The Committee will consider a draft of its first quarterly report for the parliamentary year 2018-19.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 34th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Teresa Anderson, Policy and Communications Officer on Climate and Resilience, Action Aid International;
 Jim Densham, Senior Land Use Policy Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on behalf of Scottish Environment LINK;
 Gina Hanrahan, Head of Policy, WWF Scotland;
 Professor Tahseen Jafry, Director, Centre for Climate Justice;
 Alan Munro, Member, Young Friends of the Earth Scotland;
 Siri Pantzar, Policy Operational Volunteer, 2050 Climate Group;
 Caroline Rance, Climate Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland;
 and then from—
 Dr Diana Casey, Senior Advisor, Energy and Climate Change, Mineral Products Association;
 Professor Paul Jowitt, Heriot Watt University;
 Elizabeth Leighton, Director, Existing Homes Alliance Scotland;
 Fabrice Leveque, Senior Policy Manager, Scottish Renewables;
 Will Webster, Energy Policy Manager, Oil and Gas UK.

3. **Biodiversity funding and implementation inquiry:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
4. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 32nd Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Business Support Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Rachael Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Cultural Enterprise Office;
Douglas Westwater, Executive Director, Community Enterprise;
Fiona Godsman, Chief Executive, Scottish Institute for Enterprise.

3. **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—
Provision of Services (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
INSPIRE (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
4. **Business Support Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health and Sport Committee 30th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Richard Glendinning, now with Ipsos Mori and former Director of Social Research and Lead Researcher on the Evaluation of the Human Transplantation (Wales) Act, Growth for Knowledge (GfK UK);
Dr Frank Atherton, Chief Medical Officer/Medical Director, NHS Wales, Welsh Government;
Dr Katja Empson, Regional Clinical Lead for Organ Donation South Wales, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.
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 Food and Feed Imports (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;

- The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Sprouts and Seeds (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Animal Feed (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** 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 Food and Feed (Maximum Permitted Levels of Radioactive Contamination) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Genetically Modified Food and Feed (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Official Controls for Feed, Food and Animal Health (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
The Food and Feed (Chernobyl and Fukushima Restrictions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018; and
The Novel Food (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.
 4. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
 5. **Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.
 6. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards - NHS Dumfries and Galloway (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft follow-up letter to NHS Dumfries and Galloway.
 7. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards - NHS Forth Valley (in private):** The Committee will consider its next steps.

Justice Committee 30th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Karen Auchincloss, Criminal Justice Division, Lesley Bagha, Criminal Justice Division, and Louise Miller, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
2. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Gill Imery, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland;
Wendy Sinclair-Gieben, HM Chief Inspector, HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland; Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan, Divisional Commander, Criminal Justice Services Division, Police Scotland;
Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Licensed Legal Services (Complaints About Approved Regulators) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/341).
4. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 15 November 2018.

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