

Wednesday 28 November 2018

Business Bulletin

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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

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Government Business and Constitutional
Relations

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: New Approach
Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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followed by Members' Business — S5M-
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10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity
Committee

10:45am Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and
Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee

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Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

- 1. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the situation at the Glasgow School of Art. ([S5O-02609](#))
- 2. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to boost tourism in rural areas through the promotion of industrial heritage sites. ([S5O-02610](#))
- 3. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that all major tourist attractions receive sufficient levels of promotion. ([S5O-02611](#))
- 4. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the promotion of the Scottish music sector internationally. ([S5O-02612](#)) **R**
- 5. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what help and support it offers to archaeological projects. ([S5O-02613](#))
- 6. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports communities in achieving fair trade accreditation. ([S5O-02614](#))
- 7. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the North Coast 500 on tourism and infrastructure, and how best the route can be used to develop these. ([S5O-02615](#))
- 8. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Destination Orkney regarding plans to develop tourism in Orkney. ([S5O-02616](#))
- 9. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether aid from its Humanitarian Emergency Fund provided to people living in Hudaydah, Yemen, has been able to reach civilians caught within zones of fighting. ([S5O-02617](#))
- 10. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes cultural ties with the rest of the UK. ([S5O-02618](#))

Government Business and Constitutional Relations

- 1. Iain Gray:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-02619](#))
- 2. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the views of business groups regarding its position on Brexit and wider constitutional affairs. ([S5O-02620](#))
- 3. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment it has undertaken regarding the potential economic cost to Scotland of additional customs arrangements and border regulations resulting from Brexit. ([S5O-02621](#))
- 4. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the UK's exit from the EU to ensure that Scotland is promoted as a destination for economic migration. ([S5O-02622](#))
- 5. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government what involvement it currently has with the UK Government's Migration Advisory Committee in relation to advice on migration policy post-Brexit. ([S5O-02623](#))

6. Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to meet its commitment in its Programme for Government to oppose legislative consent to all UK legislation relating to EU withdrawal. ([S5O-02624](#))

7. Alasdair Allan: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent the UK Government has consulted with it regarding the draft agreement on the withdrawal of the UK from the EU. ([S5O-02625](#))

8. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations has undertaken with port authorities regarding the implications of Brexit. ([S5O-02626](#))

9. Bill Bowman: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the implications of the draft withdrawal agreement between the UK and EU for constitutional relations between the Scottish and UK governments. ([S5O-02627](#))

10. Shona Robison: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the current Brexit negotiations, what its response is to the recent European Council summit. ([S5O-02628](#))

followed by **Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis**

S5M-14914 Miles Briggs: New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis—That the Parliament recognises the drug-related public health crisis; understands that the number of people engaged in problematic use of opiates and/or benzodiazepines has increased since 2007, with 934 fatalities recorded in 2017, and that Scotland now has the highest drug death rate in Europe; considers that the Scottish Government's draft drug and alcohol strategy, All Together Now, is not fit for purpose, and that it will not deliver the additional capacity or intervention needed to reduce Scotland's damaging drug and alcohol levels, and recognises that a new approach is needed to tackle this crisis.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-14914.2 Joe FitzPatrick: New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis—As an amendment to S5M-14914 in the name of Miles Briggs (New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis), leave out from "drug-related" to end and insert "public health crisis related to the harm associated with the use of opiates and/or benzodiazepines and other drugs; further recognises that the harm has increased since 2007, with 934 fatalities recorded in 2017; believes that Scotland needs a drug and alcohol strategy founded on the principles of rights, recovery and respect, and which places public health at its heart and does not stigmatise those seeking recovery or harm reduction, and calls on the UK Government to make the necessary changes to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to allow the creation of a medically supervised safe consumption facility in Glasgow, or empower the Scottish Parliament to do so."

S5M-14914.3 Monica Lennon: New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis—As an amendment to motion S5M-14914 in the name of Miles Briggs (New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis), leave out from "related" to end and insert "and alcohol-related public health crisis; understands that the number of people engaged in problematic use of opiates and/or benzodiazepines has increased since 2007, with 934 fatalities recorded in 2017, and that Scotland now has the highest drug death rate in Europe, and calls on to the Scottish Government to take an evidence-based approach and declare this a 'public health emergency' as called for by the Scottish Drugs Forum; considers that the Scottish Government's draft drug and alcohol

strategy, All Together Now, is not fit for purpose, and that it will not deliver the additional capacity or intervention needed to reduce Scotland's damaging drug and alcohol levels, and recognises that a new approach is needed to tackle this crisis; accepts that the stigma experienced by people with alcohol and drug issues and their families is a barrier to recovery and believes that the strategy must go further to address this in order to achieve long-lasting culture change; believes that greater priority must be placed on preventative action, harm reduction and reducing health inequalities to help people avoid harmful substance use in the first place; recognises that a commitment to reducing alcohol- and drug-related deaths and poor health outcomes must be backed by sustainable funding for alcohol and drug partnerships and strong public services; calls for the new strategy to include a target to reduce the number of drug-related deaths by 50% in the next five years and in line with the World Health Organization's Global Status Report on Non-Communicable Diseases 2014; agrees that the Scottish Government should adopt a national target to reduce population alcohol consumption in Scotland by at least 10% over the next 10 years, and recognises that there are distinct needs in relation to alcohol that require specialist responses, including acute alcohol withdrawal, foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, alcohol-related brain damage, liver scanning and alcohol brief interventions, which should be reflected in the Scottish Government's forthcoming action plan."

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-14958](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Public Petitions Committee debate: PE1463 on thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Strategy for our Veterans – taking it forward in Scotland

followed by Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill (UK Legislation)

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Protecting Our Interests: Scotland's Response to the UK Government and EU's Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 December 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 Stage 1 Debate: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution - Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 11 December 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 Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 December 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 Government Debate

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(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 5 December 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 6 December 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-14959](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 1 February 2019.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-14960](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Size—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S5M-13781 in the name of Graeme Dey, that the size of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be reduced from 9 to 7 members.

[S5M-14981](#) 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 Finance and Constitution Committee and the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet jointly during the afternoon meeting of the Parliament after First Minister's Questions on Thursday 29 November 2018 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 — [S5M-14782](#) Sandra White: Planned Bank of Scotland Branch Closures

[S5M-14782](#) Sandra White: Planned Bank of Scotland Branch Closures—That the Parliament condemns the Bank of Scotland's intention to close seven branches across the country; understands that thousands of Bank of Scotland customers who depend on branches in Burnside, Dundee, Keith, Kirriemuir, Lossiemouth, Paisley, Stonehouse and Glasgow St George's Cross in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency will be negatively affected by the closures; considers that there is a need for a continued face-to-face banking service in local communities for those who remain reliant on high street branches, and believes that national banks have a duty to fully consult their customers before making such critical decisions.

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 33rd Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Patrick Flynn, Head of Housing and Regeneration, Glasgow City Council;
Chris Bateman, Business Planning Manager, North Lanarkshire Council;
David Stewart, Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;
Alexander Macleod, Housing Manager (Strategy), Aberdeenshire Council;
and then from—
Paul Blacklock, Head of Strategy and Corporate Affairs, Calor Gas;
Ross Armstrong, Managing Director, Warmworks Scotland;
Simon Markall, Head of Public Affairs and Engagement, and Sarah Chisnall, Public Affairs Adviser - Scotland, Energy UK.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/344).
3. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Education and Skills Committee 29th 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 agenda item 3 in private.
2. **School support staff data:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alasdair Anthony, Statistician, Head of School, Staff and Pupil Census Statistics Team,
Roger Halliday, Chief Statistician and Data Officer, Laura Meikle, Head of Support and Wellbeing Unit, Learning Directorate, and Mick Wilson, Acting Deputy Director,
Education Analysis, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 31st Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 and any future review of evidence for the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill in private.
2. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Karen Jackson, South of Scotland Economic Development Team, Team Leader,
Sandra Reid, Bill Team Leader, Felicity Cullen, Scottish Government Legal Directorate,
and Fraser Gough, Parliamentary Counsel, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

The Tuberculosis (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/333)

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 (Variation of Schedule 5) Order 2019 [draft] from—
Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Jen Willoughby, Head of Agricultural Holdings Team, and Julia Burgham Pearson, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Fergus Ewing (Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy) to move—S5M-14752—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 (Variation of Schedule 5) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.
6. **Public petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petition- PE01616 by John S Shaw, on Parking Legislation
7. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill:** The Committee will review the evidence it has heard on the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill at today's meeting.

**Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee
3rd Meeting, 2018**

The Committee will meet at 10:45 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft Preliminary Stage Report should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider written evidence received on the Bill at Preliminary Stage.
3. **Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider issues for its draft Preliminary Stage report.

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