

Wednesday 3 April 2019

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 11:40am



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

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Looking After Those Who Look After Us

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Health Education

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-15784 Sandra White: WASPI Campaign

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Local Government and Communities Committee

**9:30am** Education and Skills Committee

**10:00am** Finance and Constitution Committee

**10:00am** Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions together:  
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform  
Questions 1 and 4

#### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Jenny Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides to support programmes that aim to improve air quality. ([S5O-03086](#))
- 2. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government how it defines trail hunting in relation to its proposals for legislative changes to fox hunting practices. ([S5O-03087](#))
- 3. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what process is in place for it to identify its preferred option for delivering effective environmental governance following Brexit, including functions equivalent to those carried out by the European Commission and European Court. ([S5O-03088](#))
- 4. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle air pollution in Edinburgh. ([S5O-03089](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to possible exemptions from a deposit return scheme. ([S5O-03090](#))
- 6. Anas Sarwar:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-03091](#))
- 7. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to alleviate fly tipping. ([S5O-03092](#))
- 8. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to consult on the outstanding special marine protected areas. ([S5O-03093](#))

#### Rural Economy

- 1. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made since 10 January 2019 with setting up a farming and food production policy group. ([S5O-03094](#))
- 2. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that leaving the EU will have on the food and drink industry. ([S5O-03095](#))
- 3. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact Brexit could have on the agriculture sector in Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire. ([S5O-03096](#))
- 4. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NFU Scotland and what was discussed. ([S5O-03097](#))
- 5. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with fishermen in Angus regarding the impact of offshore wind developments on the fishing industry. ([S5O-03098](#))
- 6. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action it is taking to tackle population decline in rural areas. ([S5O-03099](#))
- 7. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce an agriculture bill. ([S5O-03100](#)) R

**8. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what role science and technology can play in the development of the rural economy. ([S5O-03101](#))

### **followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Looking After Those Who Look After Us**

**[S5M-16702](#) Miles Briggs: Looking After Those Who Look After Us**—That the Parliament pays tribute to all those who work in the NHS and social care services for the care and treatment that they help to deliver for patients and families across Scotland; notes the ongoing NHS workforce crisis, which sees high vacancy rates in nursing, consulting and mental health posts, as well as high absence rates across the health service; understands the pressures that NHS and social care staff face and believes that there is a need to improve the holistic care and support provided to them in their workplaces, and calls on ministers to review NHS and social care staff workplace support services in order to improve and promote wellbeing and look after those who look after people in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-16702.3](#) Jeane Freeman: Looking After Those Who Look After Us**—As an amendment to motion S5M-16702 in the name of Miles Briggs (Looking After Those Who Look After Us), leave out from "notes" to "health service" and insert "believes that this support for staff should include support in their initial training, and welcomes that in Scotland free tuition has been retained for nursing and midwifery students, and that their bursaries are increasing by £10,000 in 2020; notes the observations of the BMA that Brexit will have a 'potentially devastating impact' on the health and social care workforce, and agrees with the BMA that, for staff from the EU, 'It is simply wrong that they should feel they no longer belong here or should be planning to leave as a result of Brexit'."

**[S5M-16702.1](#) Monica Lennon: Looking After Those Who Look After Us**—As an amendment to motion S5M-16702 in the name of Miles Briggs (Looking After Those Who Look After Us), insert at end ", and considers that such a review must address the underlying issues that contribute to burnout, stress, long-term sickness and to staff leaving health and social care, such as staff shortages, workplace culture, bullying and harassment and poor work-life balance."

### **followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Health Education**

**[S5M-16710](#) Brian Whittle: Health Education**—That the Parliament recognises the importance of nutrition as part of an active healthy lifestyle; further recognises that nutrition plays a crucial role in tackling the rising cost of the preventable health agenda such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, many types of cancer, cardiovascular disease, many muscular skeletal conditions, chest, heart and stroke issues, poor mental health, poor oral hygiene and many more; considers that a key battleground will be in ensuring access to the highest quality local produce in early years settings, specifically in pre-school and primary and secondary schools, and that this is a significant way to tackle the stubborn attainment gap; believes that part of this approach should include teaching and learning about active health lifestyles, including the opportunity to apply that learning, and considers that this connected approach will give much-needed support to the rural economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-16710.2](#) John Swinney: Health Education**—As an amendment to motion S5M-16710 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health Education), insert at end "; shares the aim to halve childhood obesity rates by 2030, including through action to transform the food environment to support healthier choices and reduce the excessive consumption of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt, and notes the valuable contribution that schools make to educate children and young people about all of these vital issues."

**[S5M-16710.1](#) David Stewart: Health Education**—As an amendment to motion S5M-16710 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health Education), insert at end "; contends that unhealthy diets are often the result of families' inability to afford fresh healthy foods; acknowledges the saturation of fast food, alcohol and tobacco outlets in Scotland's poorest communities and supports the promotion of healthy environments through the restriction of advertising of alcohol products around schools; believes that austerity and the severe welfare policies imposed by the UK Government have driven children and families across Scotland into poverty, exacerbating health inequalities, and calls on the Scottish Government to tackle food insecurity by enshrining in law an enforceable right to food."

### **followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-16733](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Social Security Committee debate: In work poverty

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

*followed by* Scottish Green Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 April 2019

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 Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Final stage: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Changing Lives Through Sport and Physical Activity

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Education and Skills Committee Debate: Instrumental music tuition

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 May 2019

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 Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

## 5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 24 April 2019, 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”;

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 25 April 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 April 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

## followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S5M-16734](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: First Minister’s Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions**—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 7 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May;

lodge a First Minister’s Question for answer on Thursday 9 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May.

**[S5M-16735](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: First Minister’s Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions**—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 28 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 28 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 5 June and Thursday 6 June should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 28 May;

lodge a First Minister’s Question for answer on Thursday 30 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 28 May.

**[S5M-16736](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Communities Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**[S5M-16737](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Designation of Persons as Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-16738](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-16739](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Motor Sport on Public Roads (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

## 5:00 pm Decision Time

### followed by Members' Business — **[S5M-15784](#) Sandra White: WASPI Campaign**

**[S5M-15784](#) Sandra White: WASPI Campaign**—That the Parliament regrets what it sees as the UK Government's inaction to end the injustice experienced by women affected by the changes to state pension laws; welcomes the campaign by the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) group to achieve fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s affected by changes to state pension laws, including those in Glasgow Kelvin, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to urge the UK Government to provide a bridging pension that supplies an income until state pension age, which is not means tested, as well as compensation for the absence of a bridging pension to those who have already reached their state pension age, compensation to all those who have not started to receive a bridging pension by an appropriate date, which would be sufficient to recover lost monetary interest, and compensation to the beneficiaries of the estates of those who are deceased and failed to receive a bridging pension.



## Committee Meetings

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

### Local Government and Communities Committee 11th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure—  
The Town and Country Planning and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/80).
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
The Town and Country Planning and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/80).
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Education and Skills Committee 12th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private. The Committee will also decide whether its reviews of evidence for its Subject Choices inquiry should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Subject Choices inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Gayle Gorman, Chief Inspector of Education and Chief Executive, Alan Armstrong, Strategic Director, Joan Mackay, Assistant Director, and Jenny Watson, Senior Education Officer, National Lead on Curriculum Innovation 3 – 24, Education Scotland; and then from—

Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland;

Scott Harrison, Associate Director, Learning Journey, City of Glasgow College;

Morven Cameron, Head of Universities, Education and Skills, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;

Dr Marsaili NicLeòid, Vice Principal and Director of Studies, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig.

3. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Additional Support Needs:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.



## Finance and Constitution Committee 8th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Brexit:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Jenny Brough, EU Exit Readiness Team Leader, and Ellen Leaver, Head of Negotiation Strategy, Scottish Government.

## Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 12th Meeting, 2019

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 4 in private.
2. **Ofcom:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Glenn Preston, Director, Scotland, Jonathan Ruff, Regulatory Affairs Manager, and Mansoor Hanif, Chief Technology Officer, Ofcom.

3. **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 Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments to Farmers) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019  
Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

## Contacts for Further Information

All telephone numbers 0131 348 XXXX

Web site: <http://www.parliament.scot>

General Enquiries	5000
Chamber Desk (Motions and Questions)	5199
Parliamentary Business Team (Chamber, Parliamentary Bureau)	5187
Legislation Team	5277
Non-Government Bills Unit (NGBU)	6124

### Committee web sites at:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/committees.aspx>

<a href="#">Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations</a>	5234
<a href="#">Delegated Powers and Law Reform</a>	5212
<a href="#">Economy, Jobs and Fair Work</a>	5403
<a href="#">Education and Skills</a>	5204
<a href="#">Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform</a>	5240
<a href="#">Equalities and Human Rights</a>	5223
<a href="#">Finance and Constitution</a>	5215
<a href="#">Health and Sport</a>	5224
<a href="#">Justice</a>	5047
<a href="#">Local Government and Communities</a>	6037
<a href="#">Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny</a>	5390
<a href="#">Public Petitions</a>	5254
<a href="#">Rural Economy and Connectivity</a>	5211
<a href="#">Social Security</a>	5228
<a href="#">Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments</a>	6924

### Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/abouttheparliament/16231.aspx>

### Parliamentary Bureau

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/parliamentary-bureau.aspx>

### The Conveners Group

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/21516.aspx>

### Scottish Commission for Public Audit

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/101154.aspx>

### MSP Details

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/msps.aspx>

### Glossary

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/help/769.aspx>

© Parliamentary copyright. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

Information on the Scottish Parliament's copyright policy can be found on the website - [www.parliament.scot](http://www.parliament.scot) or by contacting Public Information on 0131 348 5000

Published in Scotland by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

All documents are available on the Scottish Parliament website at:  
[www.parliament.scot/documents](http://www.parliament.scot/documents)

For information on the Scottish Parliament contact Public Information on:

Telephone: 0131 348 5000 or 0800 092 7500

Email: [sp.info@parliament.scot](mailto:sp.info@parliament.scot)

Live chat on <http://www.parliament.scot>

You can write to us in any language or contact us using the Text Relay service or in British Sign Language through contact SCOTLAND-BSL.