

Friday 13 December 2019

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
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## Portfolio Questions - Groupings Pilot

The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions at next week's Portfolio Questions:

Education and Skills: Questions 4 and 6

Communities and Local Government: Questions 2 and 4

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

Today's Business  
*Gnothaichean an-diugh*

Future Business  
*Gnothaichean ri teachd*

Motions & Questions  
*Gluasadan agus Ceistean*

Legislation  
*Reachdas*

Other  
*Eile*

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## Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

## Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 11 December 2019

### Tuesday 17 December 2019

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev. Robert JM Anderson, Minister, Knockando, Elchies and Archiestown with Rothes Parish Church, Moray

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-20197 Alex Rowley: A Menu for Change's Report, Found Wanting

### Wednesday 18 December 2019

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:30 pm** Portfolio Questions

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-18859 James Dornan: Financial Abuse to be Recognised Fully as Coercive and Controlling Behaviour

### Thursday 19 December 2019

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**1:45 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:45 pm** Stage 3 Proceedings: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Tuesday 7 January 2020

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**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Empty Homes in Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Wednesday 8 January 2020**

**1:15 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:15 pm** Members' Business

**followed by** Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

**followed by** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Thursday 9 January 2020**

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**12:45 pm** Members' Business

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

17 December 2019

35th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment;  
Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare, Leia Fitzgerald, Wildlife Management Team Leader, Hazel Reilly, Solicitor, and Grant McLarty, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee at [ecclr.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:ecclr.committee@parliament.scot).

### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

17 December 2019

36th Meeting, 2019

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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Energy Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Rebecca Lunn, Energy Inquiry Deputy Chair, Professor Gareth Harrison, Energy Inquiry Committee Member, Professor John Underhill, Energy Inquiry Committee Member, Fellow, and Professor Gavin Little, Energy Inquiry Committee Member, Royal Society of Edinburgh.
3. **Energy Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

#### Proposed future business

The Committee will next meet on 14 January. For further information, contact Alison Walker the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are [economy@parliament.scot](mailto:economy@parliament.scot) on extension 0131 348 5403.

## Health and Sport Committee

17 December 2019

30th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
The Official Feed and Food Controls (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/407).
2. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards - NHS Grampian:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
  
Rhona Atkinson, Vice Chair, Dr Adam Coldwells, Deputy Chief Executive, and Alan Gray, Director of Finance, NHS Grampian;  
Pamela Dudek, Chief Officer, Moray Health and Social Care Partnership;  
Sandra Ross, Chief Officer, Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership;  
Angie Wood, Chief Officer, Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership.
3. **Scrutiny of NHS Boards - NHS Grampian (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Social Care Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

### Proposed future business

At its next meeting, on 14 January, the Committee expects to consider the Supply and Demand for Medicines inquiry.

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, David Cullum on 0131 348 5210 or by email [HealthandSport@parliament.scot](mailto:HealthandSport@parliament.scot)

## Justice Committee

17 December 2019

31st Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence, in a round-table discussion, on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Susie Dalton, Children's Policy Lead, Scottish Women's Aid;  
Sue McKellar, Improving Justice in Child Contact Project Coordinator, Scottish Women's Aid;  
Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;  
Dr Fiona Morrison, Lecturer in Child Protection and Wellbeing, Stirling University;  
Professor Kay Tisdall, Chair of Childhood Policy, University of Edinburgh;  
and then from—  
Professor Elaine Sutherland, Professor of Child and Family Law, Stirling University;  
Dr Richard Whitecross, Associate Professor in Dispute Resolution, Delict and Professional Practice, Edinburgh Napier University.
2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 December 2019.

3. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact Stephen Imrie, Clerk to the Committee on 0131 348 5195 or by email [stephen.imrie@parliament.scot](mailto:stephen.imrie@parliament.scot)

## **Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee**

**17 December 2019**

**2nd Meeting, 2019**

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Preliminary Stage from—  
Douglas Thomson, President, Society of Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (SSC Society);  
  
Sarah Erskine, Vice-President, SSC Society;  
  
Donald Skinner-Reid, Treasurer and Collector, SSC Society;  
  
Robert Shiels, Secretary, SSC Society;  
  
Christine Wilcox, Keeper of the Library, SSC Society;  
  
Gregor Clark, drafting adviser to the SSC Society.
3. **Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting, whether to seek any further evidence, and its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Preliminary Stage.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Felicity Hollands on 0131 348 6234 or by email [private.bills@parliament.scot](mailto:private.bills@parliament.scot)

## **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**

**17 December 2019**

**34th Meeting, 2019**

The Committee will meet at 10:45 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Consideration of the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2018-19:**  
The Committee will take evidence from—  
Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans;  
Gerald Byrne, Constitution and UK Relations Division, Alison Coull, Legal Directorate, Susan Herbert, Legislation Delivery Manager, Parliament and Legislation Unit, and



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Brian Peddie, EU Exit Legislation Delivery Manager, Parliament and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instruments have been laid under the appropriate procedure and given the appropriate categorisation—  
[Public Procurement etc. \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/414\);](#)  
[Environmental Impact Assessment \(Transport\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/415\)](#)
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\);](#)  
[Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts \(Disabled Persons\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)
5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Public Procurement etc. \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/414\);](#)
6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Social Security \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Commencement No. 2, Transitory and Saving Provision and Commencement No. 4 and Saving Provision\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/406\);](#)  
[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/413 \(C.22\)\);](#)  
[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 3 and Transitory Provision\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/417 \(C.23\)\)](#)
7. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
8. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
9. **Consideration of the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2018-19:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Andrew Proudfoot on 0131 3485212 or by email [dplr.committee@parliament.scot](mailto:dplr.committee@parliament.scot).

### **Finance and Constitution Committee**

**18 December 2019**

**29th Meeting, 2019**

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Budget Submission 2020/2021:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's Budget Submission 2020/2021 from—  
Liam McArthur, MSP, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;  
David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive, Derek Croll, Group Head of Finance Resources, and Michelle Hegarty, Assistant Chief Executive, Scottish Parliament.

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2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

**Proposed future business**

For further information contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jim Johnston at [Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot](mailto:Finance.Constitution@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
- \*...\* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-20220 Emma Harper: Leading Lights in Dumfries and Galloway**—That the Parliament congratulates all projects in South Scotland that won awards at the Dumfries and Galloway LEADER Rural Awards ceremony at GG's Yard on 5 December 2019; notes that the winners were the Wigtown Book Festival, which won the Legacy Award, Whithorn Round House Ironage, which won the Resilience Award, Wigtown Bay Skiff Project, which took the Coastal & Fisheries Community Award, Crafty Distillery, which was awarded the Rural Entrepreneurship Award and Passiv Pod at Loch Ken, winner of the Natural Environment Award; understands that 2019 saw two more awards added to the previous five, The Legacy Award and The Shining Light Award, and wishes all the finalists and winners every success in 2020.

**\*S5M-20219 Ruth Maguire: Cunninghame South Restaurants Win Top Asian Food Awards**—That the Parliament congratulates two restaurants in the Cunninghame South constituency, the Viking Café, which is Kilwinning, and the Royal Blossom Cantonese and Thai Cuisine in Irvine, on their success at the Scottish Asian Food Awards in Glasgow; notes that the Viking Café won the takeaway and home delivery of the year title and that the Royal Blossom was named the Thai restaurant of the year; acknowledges that these awards celebrate the achievements of businesses and individuals that connect communities through food and culture; congratulates all of the winners and finalists, and wishes them continued success.

Supported by: Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

**\*S5M-20218 Ruth Maguire: Shewalton Wood Reserve**—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) on its project to "re-wild" a 675-metre water channel at the Shewalton Wood Reserve in Irvine by transforming it into a gently meandering burn rich in wildlife; understands that, by tempering the flow, it will create lots of wetland habitat for endangered species, including eels and water vole; commends the SWT for its hard work and innovative ideas, and wishes it continued success.

Supported by: Emma Harper\*, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

**\*S5M-20217 Ruth Maguire: Irvine Midwife is a Modern-day Angel**—That the Parliament congratulates Ann Allan, who works at Ayrshire Central Hospital, on winning the midwife award at

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Motions   Gluasadan				

the 18th Annual Scottish Health Awards; understands that the midwife award recognises an individual who provides a high-quality of care for women and babies, and that Ann won the award for her work in supporting vulnerable women throughout their pregnancies; notes that the Scottish Health Awards are run by the *Daily Record* in conjunction with NHS Scotland and the Scottish Government; congratulates Ann, who was dubbed “a modern day angel” by her nominator, and all the winners, for going above and beyond for their patients, and wishes everyone involved the best for the future.

Supported by: Emma Harper\* R, Richard Lyle\*, Sandra White\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

**\*S5M-20216 Ruth Maguire: Irvine Gran Braves the Shave**—That the Parliament congratulates Jeanette Muir from Irvine, who braved the shave to mark World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness week; understands that Jeanette’s life was shattered after she lost her husband, son and granddaughter within months of each other; further understands that her husband, Davie, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and sadly died 21 months after their son, David, passed away and nine months before their granddaughter, Meadow Pipe, who had an incurable blood disease and microcephaly disorder, also died aged three; commends Jeanette and her family for the bravery and selflessness they have shown in their grief, and wishes them a bright and happy future.

Supported by: Sandra White\*, Stewart Stevenson\*

**\*S5M-20215 Brian Whittle: Ochiltree Community Hub Wins 2019 SURF Award**—That the Parliament congratulates Ochiltree Community Hub on winning the 2019 SURF Award for Community Led Regeneration; understands that, following the closure of the town's community centre and library, members of the community came together to create a new community-run, purpose-built facility incorporating a café, reading area, hall space and meeting rooms, which are available for the delivery of a range of services; notes that, in addition to a community asset transfer of land from East Ayrshire Council, the community raised in excess of £1.8 million to fund the new building, which opened earlier in 2019; commends everyone involved in creating Ochiltree Community Hub for their efforts and commitment to the local community, and hopes that their success will prove an inspiration to other communities.

**\*S5M-20214 Sandra White: 225th Anniversary of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary**—That the Parliament welcomes the 225th anniversary of Glasgow Royal Infirmary (GRI), which was celebrated with the unveiling of a commemorative mural documenting its rich history and positive impact on healthcare; notes the GRI has been serving the public since 1794 and symbolises one of the busiest and best equipped healthcare facilities in the country, serving a catchment area of more than 320,000 people; understands it was recently recognised by *Newsweek* as one of the top 100 hospitals in the world, the only hospital in Scotland to make the list, and has an international reputation as a teaching hospital and healthcare hub with more than 1,000 beds; notes the GRI has paved the way for medical innovations, including by Dr Joseph Lister, its most famous resident, who pioneered the use of antiseptics in the 1860s, Rebecca Strong, who developed the first training school for nurses in 1895, which then became the standard across the world, Professor Jackie Taylor, the current consultant geriatrician and first-ever female President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Sir William MacEwan, a pioneer in brain surgery and key player in the development of the "Erskine limb" for amputees, and Professor David Wheatley, who performed Scotland’s first cardiac transplant in 1992; commends everyone involved in the GRI over its 225-year life, and wishes them continued success.

Supported by: James Dornan\*, Richard Lyle\*, Annabelle Ewing\*, Stewart Stevenson\*, Fulton MacGregor\*

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Motions   Gluasadan				

**\*[S5M-20212](#) Monica Lennon: Anniversary of the Findlay Family Tragedy, and the Need for the Reform of Culpable Homicide Law**—That the Parliament acknowledges that 22 December 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the tragic deaths of a Larkhall family, Andrew and Janette Findlay, and their children, Stacey, aged 13, and Daryll, aged 11, following an explosion at their family home, which was caused by a leaking gas main; acknowledges that the utility firm, Transco, pled guilty to health and safety charges and was convicted of failing to maintain the iron gas main that ran through the family's garden; notes that the main was found to be extensively corroded and leaking, and that a fine of £15 million was imposed; recognises however, that the firm was initially charged with culpable homicide, but that these charges collapsed; believes that involuntary homicides in work-related settings should not be immune from being investigated as culpable homicide and that there is a long overdue need for a change in the law; urges Members therefore to support the proposed Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill, which has been lodged by Claire Baker MSP, which it believes will help bring wider public debate on culpable homicide and deaths caused by work-related activities, and hopes that this will lead to an improved culpable homicide law that will see companies and individuals face charges where evidence justifies prosecution.

#### Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**[S5M-20211](#) Shona Robison: Dundee and Angus College Wins Herald Pioneer Climate Neutral Award** (lodged on 11 December 2019)

New Support: Richard Lyle\*

**[S5M-20207](#) Linda Fabiani: Gold for East Kilbride Gymnastics Club** (lodged on 11 December 2019)

New Support: Stewart Stevenson\*

**[S5M-20195](#) Bill Kidd: Sanna Marin** (lodged on 09 December 2019)

New Support: Alison Johnstone\*

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Questions   Ceistean				

## Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

### Written questions lodged on 12 December 2019

**[S5W-26597](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Health Survey 2018, what the cigarette smoking status is for the (a) 16 to 24, (b) 25 to 34, (c) 35 to 44, (d) 45 to 54, (e) 55 to 64, (f) 65 to 74 and (g) 75 and over age group, broken down by SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) quintile.

**[S5W-26598](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Scottish Health Survey 2018, what information it has on the proportion of people that have used e-cigarettes in each of the last five years, broken down by (a) age group and (b) SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) quintile.

**[S5W-26722](#) John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has committed to transport projects in City Deals, and how much has been in relation to rail travel.

**[S5W-26723](#) John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to ensure that charities registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) publish details of monies received from outwith the UK.

**[S5W-26724](#) John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met groups that promote non-secular education and what was discussed.

**[S5W-26725](#) John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of it declaring a climate emergency, what plans it has to review its contribution to transport projects forming part of City Deals.

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New Bills   Bilean Ùra				

## New Bills and Accompanying Documents

### New Accompanying Documents printed on 12 December 2019

**Scottish National Investment Bank Bill**—Revised Explanatory Notes have been printed. (SP Bill 43A-EN) (Government Bill).

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Amendments   Atharrachaidhean				

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 12 December 2019

#### Referendums (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3

##### Section 1A

##### Michael Russell

- 21 In section 1A, page 1, line 6, after <Scotland> insert <in pursuance of provision made by or under an Act of the Scottish Parliament>

##### After section 3

##### Michael Russell

- 22 After section 3, insert—

*<Power to change date of referendum if UK election on same date*

##### **Power to change date of referendum if UK election on same date**

- (1) The date of a referendum must not be the same as the date on which any other election or poll is scheduled to be held throughout Scotland.
- (2) If the date of a referendum is the same as the date of a UK election, the Presiding Officer may appoint a later date on which the poll at that referendum is to be held.
- (3) The date appointed under subsection (2) may not be more than 6 weeks later.
- (4) The Presiding Officer may appoint a date under subsection (2) only if the Scottish Parliament is dissolved or in recess.
- (5) Before appointing a date under subsection (2), the Presiding Officer must consult the Electoral Commission.
- (6) The Presiding Officer must publish a statement of the date appointed under subsection (2).
- (7) In this section—

“date of a referendum” means the date on which the poll at a referendum is to be held in pursuance of provision made by or under an Act of the Scottish Parliament,

“date of a UK election” means the date appointed as the polling day for an early parliamentary general election under section 2 of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011.>

##### After section 39

##### Patrick Harvie

- 23 After section 39, insert—

*<Consultation on the role of referendums in the democratic process*

##### **Consultation on the role of referendums in the democratic process**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must, before the expiry of the period of 3 months beginning with the day of Royal Assent, issue a consultation about the matters in subsection (2).



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- (2) The matters are—
- (a) the role of referendums in the democratic process in Scotland,
  - (b) the regulation of campaigning using social media and other online services in a referendum,
  - (c) the consequences (in terms of criminal penalties that may be imposed on a person and in terms of the effect on the validity of the result) of making or publishing false campaign statements in relation to—
    - (i) the conduct of the poll for a referendum (including in particular, but not limited to, the date of the poll, who is entitled to vote, registration for voting, the manner of voting and the manner of counting of votes),
    - (ii) matters connected to the question on which the referendum is being held,
    - (iii) the consequences of a particular outcome to the referendum,
  - (d) such other matters relating to referendums, conduct rules and campaign rules as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) To comply with subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must in particular—
- (a) lay a copy of the consultation before the Scottish Parliament,
  - (b) allow a period of no less than 90 days after the consultation is laid before the Parliament for representations to be made to them,
  - (c) take reasonable steps to—
    - (i) publicise the consultation to the general public,
    - (ii) provide sufficient opportunities for the general public to consider, and make representations in relation to, the issues raised by the consultation.
- (4) Following the consultation under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must—
- (a) prepare and publish a report—
    - (i) on representations received in response to the consultation,
    - (ii) setting out any action they propose to take as a result of the consultation, and
  - (b) lay a copy of the report before the Scottish Parliament.>

### Schedule 3

#### Patrick Harvie

**17A** As an amendment to amendment 17, line 16, at end insert—

- <( ) who has made a relevant donation (within the meaning of paragraph 30) to a permitted participant,
- ( ) who has entered into a regulated transaction.>

### Long Title

#### Michael Russell

**24** In the long title, page 1, line 1, leave out <for> and insert <about>

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## New Subordinate Legislation

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#### Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid on 12 December 2019 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/419)  
Laid Under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967.

#### Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid on 12 December 2019 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 9) Regulations 2019. SSI 2019/420 (C.24)  
Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

### Members' Bills Proposals

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Members' Bills Proposals   Molaidhean airson Bilean Buill				

## Proposals for Members' Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 5 Proposals:

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/12419.aspx>

## Final Proposals for Member's Bills

**Pauline McNeill MSP: Proposed Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to protect private sector tenants by introducing measures to limit rent increases and to increase the availability of information about rent levels (lodged 14 November 2019).

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

Supported by: **Jackie Baillie, Iain Gray, Monica Lennon, Claire Baker, Elaine Smith, Johann Lamont, Neil Findlay, John Finnie, Mark Griffin R, Colin Smyth, Rhoda Grant, Richard Leonard, Claudia Beamish, Alex Rowley, Patrick Harvie, Willie Rennie, James Kelly, Lewis Macdonald, Alex Cole-Hamilton, Mark Ruskell, Mark McDonald, Daniel Johnston, Ross Greer, Jeremy Balfour, Anas Sarwar, Jenny Marra, Alison Johnstone, Andy Wightman**

## Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

### **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Rural Economy and Connectivity)), 17 December 2019

### **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)), 10 December 2019

### **Children (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (briefing, lead committee (Justice)), 17 December 2019

### **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 31 October 2019

### **Consumer Scotland Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)), 26 November 2019

### **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Introduced, 2 December 2019

### **Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education and Skills Committee)), 20 November 2019

### **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 December 2019

### **Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (Health and Sport Committee), 3 December 2019

### **Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 4 December 2019

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

### **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Local Government and Communities), 20 November 2019

### **Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Introduced, 10 October 2019

*Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work*

### **Referendums (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 19 December 2019

### **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 9 January 2020

### **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (G)**

*Stage 2 (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee), 16 January 2020*

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Friday 10 January with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

### **Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Local Government and Communities Committee)), 5 December 2019

### **Scottish National Investment Bank Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 19 November 2019

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([LegislationTeam@parliament.scot](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot))*

### **Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill (P)**

Preliminary Stage (Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee), 17 December 2019

### **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 December 2019

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

## UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 21 March 2018

*Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.*

## Legislative Consent Memorandums

The UK Parliament dissolved on 6 November 2019. There are currently no Legislative Consent Memorandums being considered by the Scottish Parliament.

**A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx>

**Subordinate Legislation** (*date of laying*) (lead committee)

### Affirmative instruments

#### Lead Committee report due by 10 December 2019

[Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Support for Vulnerable Persons\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (01 November 2019) (Justice)

#### Lead Committee report due by 10 December 2019

[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Ancillary Provision\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (08 November 2019) (Local Government and Communities)

[Environment \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (08 November 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

#### Lead Committee report due by 20 January 2019

[Social Security Assistance \(Investigation of Offences\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (26 November 2019) (Social Security Committee)

#### Lead Committee report due by 29 January 2019

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (05 December 2019) (Justice Committee)

#### Lead Committee report due by 30 January 2019

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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts \(Disabled Persons\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#) (06 December 2019) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

## Negative instruments

**Subject to annulment by 17 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 13 January 2020**

[Police Pensions Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/380\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/421) (11 December 2019)

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment \(Increased Pension Entitlement\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/381\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

[Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/382\)](#) (11 November 2019) (Justice)

Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/419) (12 December 2019) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform)

[Scottish Tribunals \(Eligibility for Appointment\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/384\)](#) (14 November 2019) (Social Security)

**Subject to annulment by 17 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 13 January 2020**

[Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/393\)](#) (18 November 2019) (Local Government and Communities)

**Subject to annulment by 22 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 20 January 2020**

Official Feed and Food Controls (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/407) (28 November 2019) (Health and Sport)

**Subject to annulment by 26 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 20 January 2020**

[Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Revocation Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/408\)](#) (02 December 2019) (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee)

**Subject to annulment by 27 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 20 January 2020**



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Progress of Legislation   Adhartas Reachdais				

[Official Controls \(Agriculture etc.\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/412\)](#) (03 December 2019) (Rural Economy and Connectivity)

**Subject to annulment by 29 January 2020**  
**Lead committee to report by 27 January 2020**

[Public Procurement etc. \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/414\)](#) (05 December 2019) (Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee)

[Environmental Impact Assessment \(Transport\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/415\)](#) (05 December 2019) (Rural economy and Connectivity)

### Instruments/documents laid for consultation

**Lead committee report due 06 February 2020**

The following instruments/documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 November 2019 for approval—

Proposed Draft Order – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 (SG/2019/248) (15 November 2019) (Finance and Constitution)

Proposed Explanatory Document – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 ((S/2019/249) (15 November 2019) (Finance and Constitution)

## Petitions

The following petition was lodged with the Parliament on 11 November 2019:

PE1766 on Legal aid for private criminal prosecutions for unwaged and, or, learning-disabled victims of abuse.

A full list of petitions can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament website at:

<http://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/petitions/ViewPetitions.aspx>

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

### Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2019 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**VisitScotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/264** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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