

Tuesday 17 December 2019

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-20239, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Outcome of the UK General Election

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

Committee Meetings

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

10:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

10:30am Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee

10:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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[S5M-20239](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 17 December 2019—

after

followed by Topical Questions

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Outcome of the UK General Election

(b) Wednesday 18 December 2019—

after

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Rail Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Update

followed by Topical Questions

1. Gillian Martin: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the outcome of COP25. ([S5T-01928](#))

2. David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to research suggesting that one in 10 children will be deprived of warmth or fresh food this Christmas. ([S5T-01923](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Outcome of the UK General Election

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

[S5M-20222](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 30 minutes.

[S5M-20221](#) Ben Macpherson: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

[S5M-20197](#) Alex Rowley: A Menu for Change's Report, Found Wanting—That the Parliament welcomes the report by A Menu for Change, *Found Wanting*, which looks at the pressures forcing people into food insecurity in Scotland; understands that A Menu for Change is a three-year initiative that is run by Oxfam Scotland, Nourish Scotland, the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland and the Poverty Alliance, and is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that its research was carried out in Fife, East Ayrshire and Dundee and tracked people with lived experience in and out of food insecurity; believes that, while people said that they found great support from community groups and the healthcare and education sectors, the report found that system changes are required to prevent the causes of food insecurity; considers that income shocks from insecure and inadequate wages from employment and social security are key drivers in pushing people to become food insecure; notes the report's recommendations for a review of the budget for the Scottish Welfare Fund, for the Scottish Government to use public procurement to deliver fair work and invest in low-paid sectors, and to ensure that devolved employability programmes are designed to provide person-centred support for people who are furthest from the labour market; recognises the significant barriers that people facing food insecurity can face, and, in doing so, notes the authors' recommendations for UK ministers to restore the value of key benefits, uprate all benefits in line with inflation, remove the two-child limit and benefit cap, eliminate measures creating income shocks, including the five-week wait for universal credit, and

to improve in-work conditions through measures such as increasing the national living wage to the real living wage, banning exploitative zero-hours contracts and improving in-work support.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 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.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 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.

Health and Sport Committee 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.

Justice Committee 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.

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 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 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—
[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.

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