

Tuesday 8 January 2019

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:55pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-15278, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Reverend Colin Sinclair, Minister, Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Ultra Low Emission Vehicles

followed by Ministerial Statement:
Conclusion of Judicial Review

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-14266 Brian Whittle: Transport Infrastructure in South West Scotland

Committee Meetings

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

9:45am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Reverend Colin Sinclair, Minister, Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-15278](#) 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 8 January 2019—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Ultra-low Emission Vehicles

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Conclusion of Judicial Review

(b) Thursday 10 January 2019—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Implications of the White Paper on Immigration and the Population of Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland

(c) Wednesday 16 January 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Protecting Scotland's Interests: Response to the Outcome of the Meaningful Vote in Westminster

followed by Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

- 1. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken in response to recent delays and cancellations on the ScotRail network. ([S5T-01427](#))
- 2. Alex Neil:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take regarding the cessation of trading in managing medical waste contracts by Healthcare Environmental Services Ltd, including supporting the 150 workers who have been made redundant. ([S5T-01416](#))
- 3. Angela Constance:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will support the Kaiam Europe Ltd employees who were made redundant without notice and were not paid before Christmas. ([S5T-01415](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Ultra Low Emission Vehicles

S5M-15243 Michael Matheson: Ultra-low Emission Vehicles—That the Parliament recognises the progress being made in Scotland on ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV) during an unprecedented period of innovation in mobility; recognises that Scotland has one of Europe's most comprehensive charge point networks and that this is continuing to be expanded, including the launch of the Electric A9; notes the promising growth in ULEV registrations in Scotland; further notes that the Scottish Government is on target to double the number of ULEVs in the public fleet, and recognises the leadership being shown by local authorities and other organisations to bring the benefits of ULEVs to communities across Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-15243.3 Jamie Greene: Ultra-low Emission Vehicles—As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), insert at end "; understands that further efforts will be required for the Scottish Government to meet its 2032 target; underlines that additional steps will be required to tackle 'range anxiety' and ensure that sufficient charging points are available across Scotland, particularly in remote, rural and island communities; recognises that lack of standardisation of charging points remains an obstacle; understands that creative and innovative schemes and funds may be required to encourage uptake of ULEVs; recognises that concerted effort will be required to fully deliver the benefits of mass ULEV usage, and calls on all Members to adopt a cross-party approach to ensure that Scotland meets its obligations to reducing carbon emissions and continues to lead the world in tackling climate change."

S5M-15243.4 Colin Smyth: Ultra-low Emission Vehicles—As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), insert at end "; further recognises the importance of ULEVs to tackling air pollution and improving public health and tackling greenhouse gas emissions; notes the need for more investment in infrastructure to significantly grow the use of ULEVs; believes that the promotion of ULEVs must also be accompanied by a modal shift towards increased use of public transport and active travel, within a better integrated, more affordable and sustainable public transport system; notes the importance of hydrogen as well as electricity in powering ULEVs, including potentially rail as well as road vehicles; welcomes the action already taken to promote hydrogen vehicles, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue working with local authorities and energy and transport companies on the further development of electric, hydrogen and other low-emission transport technologies in Scotland."

S5M-15243.1 John Finnie: Ultra-low Emission Vehicles—As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), after "registrations in Scotland" insert "; welcomes the important role that ULEVs can play in decarbonising the transport

sector, but recognises that this technology does not address the need to cut congestion and to improve road safety".

S5M-15243.2 Liam McArthur: Ultra-low Emission Vehicles—As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), after "registrations in Scotland" insert "; understands, however, that Scotland lags behind European leaders in the provision of charge points and ULEV share; believes that the Scottish Government should urgently review how the charging network can be further expanded and efficiently maintained, and work with the UK Government to ensure that effective incentives are in place to support increased take-up of greener vehicles".

followed by Ministerial Statement: Conclusion of Judicial Review

followed by Committee Announcements

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S5M-14266 Brian Whittle: Transport Infrastructure in South West Scotland—That the Parliament recognises the importance of good transport links to the economy of south west Scotland and the country as a whole; acknowledges the reported concerns expressed by individuals, businesses and community campaign groups regarding the ability of the existing transport network in the south west, including the A77, A76, A75, the Bellfield interchange and the Stranraer-Ayr and Dumfries-Kilmarnock rail lines, to cope with existing demand; notes that the A77 and A75, which are the main road links used by traffic travelling to and from the Stena Line and P&O ferry terminals at Loch Ryan, are single carriageway roads over much of their length; understands that they offer few safe opportunities for overtaking and pass through a number of communities; believes that several campaign groups have been set up calling for various improvements to transport infrastructure, including investment in the trunk road network to bypass towns and villages and upgrading routes to dual carriageway where possible, the re-opening of Cumnock railway station, and improvements to reliability and quality of rail services; considers that good transport infrastructure plays a valuable role in economic development, tourism and quality of life, and, to boost the area's economy, reduce journey times, improve road safety and give it the best opportunity to succeed, notes calls for the Scottish Government to develop a long-term programme of sustained investment in the south west's transport infrastructure, similar to investment elsewhere in the country.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 1st Meeting, 2019

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

1. **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 proposal—
The Animals and Food (Transfer of Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.
2. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 1st Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2019-20 from—
Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, Oonagh Gil, Deputy Director, Enterprise and Cities, and Gavin Gray, Deputy Director, Employability, Scottish Government.
3. **Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Nora Senior, Chair, Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board, and Stephen Boyle, Head of the Strategic Board's Analytical Unit., Scottish Government.
4. **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 proposal—
European Union Structural and Investment Funds (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
5. **Construction and Scotland's Economy:** The Committee will consider its approach to engagement for the inquiry.
6. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
7. **Common Financial Tool (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]:** The Committee will consider a response from the Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills.
8. **Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 1st Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Incidental Provisions\) Regulations 2019 \[draft\]](#).
3. **Instruments subject to approval (provisional affirmative):** The Committee will consider the following—
[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Tax Rates and Tax Bands etc\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/372\)](#).
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Multilingual Standard Forms \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/373\)](#);
[Multilingual Standard Forms \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/374\)](#);
[Redemption of Heritable Securities \(Excluded Securities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2018 \(SSI 2018/376\)](#);
[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(No. 2\) Order 2018 \(SI 2018/1344\)](#).
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Child Support Rules Amendment\) \(Disqualification\) 2018 \(SSI 2018/369\)](#).
6. **Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Fisheries Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the [Fisheries Bill](#) (UK Parliament legislation).

Justice Committee 1st Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private. The Committee will also decide whether draft Stage 1 reports on the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill and on the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Karen Auchincloss, Criminal Justice Division, Lesley Bagha, Criminal Justice Division, and Louise Miller, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
3. **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will review the evidence received on the Bill in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.
4. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will review the evidence received on the Bill in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.

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