

Wednesday 23 January 2019

# 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

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Review of Personal and Social Education

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Clinical Waste Services

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Entrepreneurship

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-15186 Colin Beattie: Celebrating the Reach of Adult Learning

### Committee Meetings

**8:45am** Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

**9:00am** Finance and Constitution Committee

**9:00am** Social Security Committee

**9:45am** Local Government and Communities Committee

**10:00am** Education and Skills Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

- 1. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to allow young people access to cheaper transport, and what its position is on the discounts that are currently offered by the bus and train operators. ([S5O-02789](#))
- 2. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in advancing the case and funding for a new Levenmouth rail link. ([S5O-02790](#))
- 3. Sandra White:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-02791](#))
- 4. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes active travel. ([S5O-02792](#))
- 5. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how Transport Scotland supports and promotes tourism. ([S5O-02793](#))
- 6. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update following the last meeting of the A83 Taskforce. ([S5O-02794](#))
- 7. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government how many staff employed by Caledonian MacBrayne are resident in the Western Isles. ([S5O-02795](#))
- 8. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met First Bus. ([S5O-02796](#))
- 9. Maureen Watt:** To ask the Scottish Government what its initial assessment is of the impact of the AWPR on north east transport. ([S5O-02797](#))
- 10. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the Far North Line Working Group's proposals. ([S5O-02798](#))

#### Justice and the Law Officers

- 1. Andy Wightman:** To ask the Scottish Government how many proceedings have been raised against Scottish limited partnerships for failure to comply with the Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations 2017, and how many convictions there were. ([S5O-02799](#))
- 2. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will next publish the Police Strength Statistics for Scotland. ([S5O-02800](#))
- 3. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government what the Lord Advocate's position is on its competency to authorise another referendum on Scottish independence without another section 30 order. ([S5O-02801](#))
- 4. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the relationship between the police and the Kurdish community. ([S5O-02802](#))
- 5. Gil Paterson:** To ask the Scottish Government how much Police Scotland expects to receive from the proposals in the draft Budget, and how it will allocate this. ([S5O-02803](#))
- 6. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government whether HMP Inverness exceeded prisoner capacity in 2018. ([S5O-02804](#))

**7. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policy on dealing with hate crime is informed by the expertise of women's organisations. ([S5O-02805](#))

**8. Mark McDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps are in place to prevent disclosure of an accused's identity from compromising the safety of innocent parties. ([S5O-02806](#))

**9. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will introduce a higher level of fixed penalty notices for more serious antisocial behaviour. ([S5O-02807](#))

**10. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports victims of crime. ([S5O-02808](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Review of Personal and Social Education**

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Clinical Waste Services**

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Entrepreneurship**

**[S5M-15507](#) Kate Forbes: Supporting Entrepreneurship**—That the Parliament recognises the successes of Scotland's entrepreneurial businesses and the potential of all of Scotland's people; welcomes the collaborative approach to increasing and supporting entrepreneurship between the private sector and the Scottish Government; notes the crucial role played by Scotland's entrepreneurs and the all-sector enterprise support network in developing the "Scotland CAN DO" approach, including through the Unlocking Ambition Challenge; further notes the role of the public sector in supporting entrepreneurship and innovation through organisations such as CivTech, and welcomes the commitment to build on this momentum, as set out in the Economic Action Plan.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-15507.1](#) Dean Lockhart: Supporting Entrepreneurship**—As an amendment to motion S5M-15507 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Entrepreneurship), leave out from ", as set out" to end and insert "; notes the economic forecasts of the Scottish Fiscal Commission, which state that Scotland's economic growth will continue to be subdued over the next five years and will continue to underperform that of the UK as a whole; further notes that Scotland's business creation rate continues to lag behind the rest of the UK; recognises the impact that the Scottish Government's policy of making Scotland the highest taxed part of the UK has on Scotland's reputation as being open to entrepreneurs, and calls on the Scottish Government to change direction in economic policy in order to create the skills, business and financial environment in which entrepreneurship can flourish."

**[S5M-15507.2](#) Rhoda Grant: Supporting Entrepreneurship**—As an amendment to motion S5M-15507 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Entrepreneurship), insert at end "; notes the report from Women's Enterprise Scotland highlighting barriers for women entrepreneurs getting support; further notes concerns about the fragmentation of support for start-up businesses, especially for social enterprises, worker co-operatives and sole traders, while budgets for Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise decrease, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide streamlined support to business start-ups and to ensure that such support should continue in order to discourage successful businesses being bought over, rather than grown rooted in the Scottish economy."

## followed by Business Motions

**[S5M-15515](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: St John's Paediatric Services Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Business: A Connected Scotland: The Scottish Government's Strategy for Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of a New Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 30 January 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Response to the latest EU Exit vote in Westminster

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 31 January 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 Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution – Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 February 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Inquiry into Salmon Farming in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 February 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 Stage 1 Debate: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution - Management of Offenders (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 30 January 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"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 31 January 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".

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-15514](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands etc) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 be approved.

**[S5M-15552](#) 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 Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament, after Topical Questions, on Tuesday 29 January 2019 in order to consider its draft report on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business — [S5M-15186](#) Colin Beattie: Celebrating the Reach of Adult Learning**

**[S5M-15186](#) Colin Beattie: Celebrating the Reach of Adult Learning**—That the Parliament acknowledges the partnership established between Midlothian Council's Lifelong Learning and Employability Service and Melville Housing to assist tenants to improve their digital skills through cooking, specifically supporting people on low incomes in the Dalkeith, Mayfield and Easthouses areas; believes that, by providing a unique adult learning programme that develops digital skills, financial capacity, research and use of online information, this has helped tenants become more aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle; understands that the participants were able to develop social networks to reduce social isolation; welcomes what it sees as the outstanding contribution that community-based adult learning makes to people, and welcomes debate about the impact and effect of adult learning in disadvantaged communities across Scotland.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 3rd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Fisheries Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (LCM(S5)22).
2. **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 Trans-European Network (Transport) and Connecting Europe Facility (EU Withdrawal) (Revocation) Regulations 2019.
3. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

### Finance and Constitution Committee 3rd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scottish Government's Budget 2019-20.

### Social Security Committee 3rd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Social Security and In-Work Poverty (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

### Local Government and Communities Committee 3rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Rosemary Agnew, Ombudsman, Niki Maclean, Director, and John Stevenson, Head of Improvement, Standards and Engagement, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
The Redemption of Heritable Securities (Excluded Securities) (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/376).

4. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will further consider a draft Stage 1 report.
5. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
6. **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Education and Skills Committee 3rd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting.
2. **Scottish National Standardised Assessments inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Dr Keir Bloomer, Convener, Education Committee, Royal Society of Edinburgh;  
Professor Louise Hayward, Professor of Educational Assessment and Innovation,  
College of Social Sciences, School of Education, University of Glasgow;  
Professor Lindsay Paterson, Professor of Educational Policy, School of Social and  
Political Science, University of Edinburgh.

3. **Public petition:** The Committee will consider the following petition—  
PE1694 by Ralph Riddough, on free instrumental music services.
4. **Attainment and achievement in school aged children experiencing poverty report:** The Committee will consider a further response from COSLA to the inquiry report.
5. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

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