

Thursday 10 October 2019

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 11:00am



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## October Recess

### Chamber Desk Arrangements during the October Recess

During the October recess from 12 to 27 October 2019, the Chamber Desk will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 3.30 pm on a Friday. Normal opening arrangements will resume on Monday 28 October.

### Business Bulletins during the October Recess

During the recess, Business Bulletins will be published once a week on each Monday. Motions that members wish to appear in a Monday edition of the Business Bulletin should be lodged by 2.30 pm the previous Friday.

### Portfolio Questions 30 October and General Questions 31 October 2019

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 30 October and General Questions on 31 October is 12 noon on Monday 21 October. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day.

Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 23 October to submit their questions. The submitted questions will appear in the Business Bulletin on Monday 28 October 2018.

The Portfolios will be Health and Sport, Communities and Local Government, and Social Security and Older People.

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-19378, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

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

**1:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has decided to group questions 4, 5 and 7

**followed by** Stage 3 Amendments: Transport (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:15 pm** Decision Time

## Committee Meetings

**8:45am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

**9:00am** Equalities and Human Rights Committee

**9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

**9:00am** Social Security Committee

**9:15am** Public Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S5M-19378](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 10 October 2019—

delete

*followed by* Members' Business

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 3 Amendments: Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

### 11:40 am General Questions

**1. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support is available for women who have been affected by miscarriage. ([S5O-03659](#))

**2. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is marking Black History Month. ([S5O-03660](#))

**3. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what contribution NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will make to the proposed new national thrombectomy service. ([S5O-03661](#))

**4. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the call by ASH Scotland for a joined-up approach to services relating to tobacco and other health-harming substances. ([S5O-03662](#))

**5. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any planned upgrades to the Gourock-Dunoon passenger ferry service. ([S5O-03663](#))

**6. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government how many local authority and affordable houses have been delivered in the Kirkcaldy constituency since 2012. ([S5O-03664](#))

**7. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to set out a clear timetable for the delivery of the R100 programme. ([S5O-03665](#))

**8. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents. ([S5O-03666](#))

**9. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current regulatory framework for insolvency practitioners is effective. ([S5O-03667](#))

**10. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the delayed implementation of the ban on sending biodegradable municipal waste to landfill, how it plans to reduce landfill use in the north east. ([S5O-03668](#))

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

**1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03625](#))

**2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03626](#))

**3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03627](#))

**4. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03628](#))

**5. Tom Arthur:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government is marking Challenge Poverty Week. ([S5F-03635](#))

**6. Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to address the reported staffing shortfalls in psychiatric services, particularly those for children. ([S5F-03631](#))

### 1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:30 pm Portfolio Questions:** The Presiding Officer has decided to group questions 4, 5 and 7

### Education and Skills

**1. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting learners who have dyslexia. ([S5O-03651](#))

**2. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that reductions in teacher numbers have impacted on the implementation of the curriculum for excellence. ([S5O-03652](#))

**3. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the commitment in its 2017-18 Programme for Government, what progress it has made with the appointment of school-based counsellors. ([S5O-03653](#))

**4. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides for pupils with additional support needs. ([S5O-03654](#))

**5. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether children with additional support needs should be educated at the nearest appropriate school to their home. ([S5O-03655](#))

**6. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what schools are doing to encourage fifth and sixth year leavers to pursue modern apprenticeships, particularly in more affluent catchment areas. ([S5O-03656](#))

**7. Alison Johnstone:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that assistants in schools for pupils with additional needs have the appropriate training or qualifications. ([S5O-03657](#))

**8. Sandra White:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-03658](#))

### followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Transport (Scotland) Bill

**[S5M-19379](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Transport (Scotland) Bill—**That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Transport (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 these groups begin 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 proceedings being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 23 to 26: 1 hour 15 minutes.

### followed by Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

**[S5M-19335](#) Michael Matheson: Transport (Scotland) Bill—**That the Parliament agrees that the Transport (Scotland) Bill be passed.

### followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

**[S5M-19336](#) Kate Forbes: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill—**That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill.

### followed by Financial Resolution: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

**[S5M-19269](#) Derek Mackay: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill—**That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

### followed by Business Motions

**[S5M-19386](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 6 November 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

and insert

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

followed by Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:15 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 24th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Peter Dallas, Hampden Park Ltd, Managing Director;  
Gillian McNaught, Senior Solicitor, Licensing and Democratic Services, and Neil Coltart, Group Manager (Trading Standards), Glasgow City Council;  
Andrew Niven, Project Leader, Scottish Football Association;  
Michael Short, Legal Counsel, UEFA;  
and then from—  
Ben Macpherson, Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development, Lucy Carmichael, Bill Team Leader, and Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Consideration of evidence heard (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

### Equalities and Human Rights Committee 24th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Andrea Bradley, Assistant Secretary Education and Equalities, Educational Institute of Scotland;  
Detective Superintendent Elaine Galbraith, Public Protection, Specialist Crime Division, Police Scotland;  
Suzanne Hargreaves, Senior Education Officer for Health and Wellbeing, Education Scotland;  
Liz Owens, Senior Officer Child Protection, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership, on behalf of Social Work Scotland;  
and then from—  
Anne Marie Hicks, National Procurator Fiscal for Domestic Abuse and Head of Victims and Witness Policy, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;  
Neil Hunter, Principal Reporter, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration;  
Gillian Mawdsley, Policy Executive, Law Society of Scotland.
2. **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 23rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, and Pauline Gillen, Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

3. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Services, Gemma Diamond, Audit Director, and Kirsty Ridd, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

4. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of Social Security Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Services, Gemma Diamond, Audit Director, and Kirsty Ridd, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

5. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Stephen Boyle, Audit Director, and Pauline Gillen, Audit Manager, Audit Services, Audit Scotland.

6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its future scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's reports entitled "Transport Scotland's ferry services" and "Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS Pensions project". The Committee will also consider its post-legislative scrutiny of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

## Social Security Committee 22nd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:00 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. **Annual uprating of devolved social security assistance:** The Committee will take evidence on the annual uprating of devolved social security assistance from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Veronica Smith, Policy Officer, and Vana Anastasiadou, Economic Adviser Social Security Policy Analysis, Scottish Government.
3. **Pre-budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Alison Byrne, Deputy Director Social Security Programme Delivery Support, and Ruth Steele, Social Security Strategic Financial Policy Team Leader, Scottish Government.
4. **Evidence review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

## Public Petitions Committee 18th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Alex Rowley will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—  
PE1600 on Speed Awareness Courses and will take evidence from Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan, representing the Multi-Agency Working Group.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—  
PE1743 on Amend the law to protect the rights of pre-1989 Scottish Secure Tenants;  
PE1744 on Psychiatric service dogs in Scotland;  
PE1745 on Statutory Right for Families to Request a Fatal Accident Inquiry;  
PE1746 on Creation of a Scottish space non-departmental public body;  
PE1747 on Adequate funding to support children with additional support needs in all Scottish Schools;  
PE1748 on Provide protection for small communities in Scottish planning policy;  
PE1750 on Independent monitoring of satellite tags fitted to raptors;  
PE1751 on Create no wild camp zones in Scotland; and  
PE1752 on Management and time recording systems in the Scottish Government.

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 17th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at a future meeting.
3. **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill and the Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2019:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Iain Hockenhull, Bill Team Leader, Elections Team, and Ewan McCaig, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
4. **Standing Order rule changes:** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.
5. **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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