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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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- 11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11:40 am** General Questions
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- 12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-19293
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- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions
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- 8:15am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and
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- 9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative
Scrutiny Committee
- 9:00am** Social Security Committee
- 9:15am** Equalities and Human Rights
Committee
- 10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its view regarding the impact of the UK's departure from the EU. ([S5O-03693](#))
- 2. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to support local authorities to report road kill of protected species, such as badgers, to the relevant conservation bodies. ([S5O-03694](#))
- 3. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government how many primary and secondary school buildings contain asbestos. ([S5O-03695](#))
- 4. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what the implications would be for Scotland of a border being established in the Irish Sea. ([S5O-03696](#))
- 5. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the expansion to 1,140 hours of funded childcare. ([S5O-03697](#))
- 6. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the economy in the Renfrewshire South constituency. ([S5O-03698](#))
- 7. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £1.37 million allocated to the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland will be spent on the recruitment of its members. ([S5O-03699](#))
- 8. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to museums and other heritage sites. ([S5O-03700](#))
- 9. Angus MacDonald:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-03701](#))
- 10. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with Devro PLC regarding the closure of its Bellshill plant. ([S5O-03702](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in the Chamber. ([S5F-03653](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in the Chamber. ([S5F-03654](#))
- 3. Alison Johnstone:** Question to be taken in the Chamber. ([S5F-03655](#))
- 4. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to improve the regulation of the cosmetic surgery industry in Scotland. ([S5F-03663](#))
- 5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to encourage the uptake of school meals, especially among children eligible for free school meals. ([S5F-03668](#))
- 6. Monica Lennon:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the projected £1.8 billion shortfall in NHS funding outlined in the Audit Scotland report, *NHS in Scotland 2019*. ([S5F-03662](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-19293 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Hong Kong

[S5M-19293](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Hong Kong—That the Parliament believes that people in the Edinburgh Western constituency, and across Scotland, are deeply concerned by what it considers the escalating seriousness of the current situation in Hong Kong; recalls the long and close ties between Scotland and Hong Kong, which are evident throughout the territory; considers that human rights are currently under threat; supports peaceful and legitimate pro-democracy protests; notes the calls for a full, independent investigation into the reported police violence during the protests; believes that the UK has a legal and moral duty to the people of Hong Kong, and stands with the people of Hong Kong in support of their rights, freedoms and campaign for what it considers genuine democracy.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Security and Older People

- 1. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what changes it will make to disability assistance and carer's allowance to help reduce loneliness and social isolation. ([S5O-03685](#))
- 2. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what formal assessment Social Security Scotland made over the summer of the implementation of Wave One and Two devolved benefits. ([S5O-03686](#))
- 3. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports the Equality Act 2010's single-sex exemptions that allow for women-only spaces and services based on biological sex when this is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim. ([S5O-03687](#))
- 4. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to help the increasing number of older people in Inverclyde. ([S5O-03688](#))
- 5. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government how many parents will cease to receive the Scottish Child Payment each year for a child who reaches 16 while still in full-time education. ([S5O-03689](#))
- 6. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to alleviate the impact of the two-child cap on social security benefits in Scotland. ([S5O-03690](#))
- 7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps Social Security Scotland has taken to mitigate the risk of fraud. ([S5O-03691](#))
- 8. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government how many carer and disability benefit recipients in the South Scotland region participate in the social security experience panels. ([S5O-03692](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Allocating Convergence Funding to Scottish Farmers and Crofters

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2017

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act

[S5M-19631](#) Fergus Ewing: Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act—That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to mark 100 years since the Forestry Act 1919; notes the progress made since 1919 in increasing Scotland's forest cover from 5% to nearly 19%; appreciates the contribution made by the men and women who have worked in forestry in Scotland, including those from Commonwealth countries who were members of forestry units in Scotland during and after the Second World War; acknowledges the importance of forests and woodland to the rural economy, to the health and wellbeing of communities and especially to the environment; recognises that forests and woodland are among Scotland's most important natural assets in helping to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, and resolves to encourage everyone to get involved in planting more trees over the next 100 years.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-19631.4](#) Colin Smyth: Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act—As an amendment to motion S5M-19631 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act), insert at end "; celebrates the contribution of the forestry sector trade unions; recognises the potential that sustainable management of diverse forest and woodland has in meeting biodiversity targets post 2020; notes the importance of planting taking place in appropriate areas; recognises the contribution that national parks make to protecting forestry and widening the natural environment, and therefore believes that new national parks should be designated."

followed by Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill - UK Legislation

[S5M-19629](#) Joe FitzPatrick: Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 5 June 2019, relating to ticket touting, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill - UK Legislation

[S5M-19628](#) Humza Yousaf: Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 22 May 2019, relating to the transfer of community orders and suspended sentence orders imposed by courts in England and Wales to Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Domestic Abuse Bill - UK Legislation

[S5M-19630](#) Humza Yousaf: Domestic Abuse Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Domestic Abuse Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 July 2019, relating to amendments to the law of Scotland concerning extra-territorial jurisdiction over certain offences committed outside the UK by a UK national or habitual resident of Scotland in order to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-19671](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 5 November 2019—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-19654](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Establishment of Private Bill Committee—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

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

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 4.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Membership: Christine Grahame, John Mason, Bill Bowman, Monica Lennon.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 25th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 8:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Article 50: Withdrawal Agreement:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Mr David Barnes, Head of EU Exit Strategy and Negotiations, and Mr Luke McBratney, Head of EU Exit Legislation, Scottish Government.
2. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 24th 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 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Phil Fairlie, Scottish National Chairman, Prison Officers' Association Scotland;
Steve Farrell, Regional Secretary, Scotland and Northern Ireland, Community Union;
Michael Guy, Director, HMP Kilmarnock, Serco UK Justice and Immigration;
Nigel Ironside, Chair, Prison Governors' Association (Scotland);
Tony Simpson, Director of UK Custodial Operations, Sodexo;
Wendy Sinclair-Gieben, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland.
3. **Section 22 report - The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Roberts, Audit Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Social Security Committee 23rd 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 3 in private.
2. **The performance of the Scottish social security system:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Scottish Government;

David Wallace, Chief Executive, and James Wallace, Deputy Director Finance and Corporate Services, Social Security Scotland;

Fiona Campbell, Acting Head of Legislation and Operational Policy Unit, Social Security Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **The performance of the Scottish social security system:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and finalise its pre-budget report.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 25th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.
2. **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 18th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
2. **The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2019 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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