

Wednesday 25 September 2019

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-17805 John Mason: The Need for a Product Recall Database

Committee Meetings

9:30am Local Government and Communities Committee

10:00am Finance and Constitution Committee

10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Social Security and Older People

- 1. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact UK Government welfare reforms have had on Scottish social security spending. ([S5O-03567](#))
- 2. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Social Security Committee's recommendation that Universal Credit housing element should be paid directly to a landlord by default, with the option for a tenant to opt out. ([S5O-03568](#))
- 3. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government how many children will be taken out of poverty by the Scottish Child Payment. ([S5O-03569](#))
- 4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact will be on mixed-age couples in Scotland of the UK Government's decision to exempt them from claiming Pension Credit. ([S5O-03570](#))
- 5. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support people in the Highlands and Islands who are experiencing social isolation and loneliness. ([S5O-03571](#))
- 6. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what information it has regarding how many families in Scotland have been denied entitlement to benefits due to the two-child limit. ([S5O-03572](#))
- 7. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the timeline for the devolution of the powers set out in the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018. ([S5O-03573](#))
- 8. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress Social Security Scotland is making with the IT infrastructure for wave 2 benefits. ([S5O-03574](#))

Finance, Economy and Fair Work

- 1. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the new CBI Scotland and KPMG Scottish Productivity Index, which reportedly shows productivity as starting "a lap behind" competitors. ([S5O-03575](#))
- 2. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £1.2 billion of recent Barnett consequential funding will be allocated to education. ([S5O-03576](#))
- 3. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government whether trade union access and the promotion of collective bargaining, as set out in the Fair Work First principles, are conditions for companies receiving government financial support, including grants from enterprise agencies. ([S5O-03577](#))
- 4. Elaine Smith:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-03578](#))
- 5. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to encourage diversity in the workplace. ([S5O-03579](#))
- 6. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what criteria Scottish Enterprise uses to determine the appropriateness of its exclusivity agreements with developers, and how such agreements can be challenged. ([S5O-03580](#))
- 7. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the number of employers paying the Living Wage. ([S5O-03581](#))

8. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the economies of small towns.
([S5O-03582](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-19024](#) Graeme Dey: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland)

Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits 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: 50 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 2 hours

Groups 10 to 12: 2 hours 30 minutes.

[S5M-19025](#) Roseanna Cunningham: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-19047](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee Debate: Post-Legislative Scrutiny: Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 October 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 Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 October 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 Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 September 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

[S5M-19054](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 February 2020.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-19048](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Additional Powers Request (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-19049](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-19050](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Historical Sexual Offences (Disregarded Convictions and Official Records) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-19051](#) 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 Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business and Portfolio Questions on Thursday 3 October 2019 for the purpose of considering the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill.

[S5M-19052](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jenny Gilruth be appointed to replace Stewart Stevenson as a member of the Justice Sub-committee on Policing; and

James Kelly be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Justice Sub-committee on Policing.

[S5M-19053](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Anas Sarwar as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Claudia Beamish be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Alex Rowley be appointed to replace Neil Findlay as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee;

Neil Findlay be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee;

Anas Sarwar be appointed to replace Pauline McNeill as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government and Communities Committee; and

Beatrice Wishart be appointed to replace Willie Rennie as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

[S5M-19095](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — **[S5M-17805](#) John Mason: The Need for a Product Recall Database**

[S5M-17805](#) John Mason: The Need for a Product Recall Database—That the Parliament notes that the UK Government has served Whirlpool, which manufactures domestic appliances, with a notice to recall faulty tumble dryers; understands that this comes four years after the company issued a safety warning regarding some of its Creda, Hotpoint and Indesit devices; believes that research by the consumer charity, Electrical Safety First, suggests that only 10 to 20% of recalled products are actually returned or repaired, largely due to consumers being unaware of the recalls, and notes calls for the creation of a centrally-managed product recall database, which could allow consumers in Shettleston and across the country to check that their appliances are safe.

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 23rd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, and Charlotte McHaffie, Head of Private Rented Sector Policy, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Kevin Stewart (Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning) to move—
S5M-18218—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.
4. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Graham Sharp, Chair, Accounts Commission;
Cllr Gail Macgregor, Spokesperson for Resources, and Vicki Bibby, Head of Resources, COSLA;
Jim Boyle, Chair, CIPFA Scottish Directors of Finance Section;
David Robertson, Chief Financial Officer Scottish Borders Council, Solace Scotland.
5. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Finance and Constitution Committee 20th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Penny Curtis, Head of Elections and Freedom of Information Division, and Graham Fisher, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 26th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Plant Health (Forestry) (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2019.

3. **Pre-Budget/Financial scrutiny on roads maintenance in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - David Giles, Director, Asphalt Industry Alliance;
 - Neil Johnstone, Vice President, Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation;
 - Derek Halden, Fellow, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport;
 - Angus Carmichael, Scottish Road Works Commissioner;
 - Cara Hilton, Policy & Public Affairs Manager, Civil Engineering Contractors Association.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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