

Tuesday 21 April 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 2:15pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Louis Reddick, Minister, Shettleston Church of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus: Justice Sector response

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy (COVID-19)

followed by Topical Questions

4:15 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

12:30pm Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Louis Reddick, Minister, Shettleston New Church of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-21449](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 21 April 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by First Minister's Questions

followed by Topical Questions

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus: Justice Sector response

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy (COVID-19)

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4.15 pm First Minister's Questions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 22 April 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus: Justice Sector response

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy (COVID-19)

followed by Topical Questions

1. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of press reports of consideration being given to partially reopening schools in mid-May, what plans it has to do so in Scotland. ([S5T-02101](#))

2. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government, with the school term resuming, whether it will provide an update on how it is ensuring equal access to learning, including for those with additional support needs and from disadvantaged backgrounds. ([S5T-02102](#))

3. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to support young people's mental wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak. ([S5T-02103](#))

4:15 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Jackson Carlaw: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04087](#))

2. Richard Leonard: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04088](#))

3. Patrick Harvie: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04089](#))

4. Willie Rennie: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04090](#))

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-21505](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 April 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Reporting on Emergency Legislation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (Covid-19)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transport (Covid-19)

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4.15 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4.30 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 6 May 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-21506](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Establishment of Committee—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: COVID-19 Committee

Remit: To consider and report on the Scottish Government's response to COVID-19 including the operation of powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19 and any secondary legislation arising from the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19.

Duration: For the duration of the operation of the powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19.

Number of members: 9

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

Membership: Willie Coffey, Annabelle Ewing, Shona Robison, Stewart Stevenson, Murdo Fraser, Adam Tomkins, Monica Lennon, Ross Greer, Beatrice Wishart.

[S5M-21507](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, as appropriate, for meetings of the Parliament including meetings of committees or sub-committees established by the Parliament, for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19, this being the period up to and including 26 June 2020, and such further period or periods as are determined by the Presiding Officer from time to time following consultation with the Bureau and notified to the Parliament in the Business Bulletin—

(a) Rule 2.7.1 be suspended and replaced with –

“1. Subject to Rule 2.7.2 and 2.7.3, meetings of the Parliament shall be held either in the Debating Chamber of the Parliament, Holyrood, or remotely, by video conference in a virtual Debating Chamber hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation; and references in the Rules to ‘the Chamber’ are to be interpreted accordingly.”

(b) In Rule 11.7.1 the words “the electronic voting system” be suspended and replaced with the words “an electronic voting system”.

(c) Rule 12.3.2 be suspended and replaced with –

“2. A committee shall meet--

(a) in Scotland at such place as it may decide, with the approval of the Parliamentary Bureau and the Conveners Group, or

(b) remotely by video conference hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation.

2A. A decision under Rule 12.3.2 shall, in the event of any disagreement between the Parliamentary Bureau and the Conveners Group, be referred to the Parliamentary corporation for a determination. The Parliamentary Bureau may require the Conveners Group to make a decision under Rule 12.3.2 within a specified period. If the Conveners Group does not make a decision within that period, the decision on the approval shall be made by the Parliamentary Bureau.”

S5M-21508 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that in regard to motions S5M-21283, S5M-21284, S5M-21285 and S5M-21286—

(1) the references to “the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19” be read as references to (a) the period from 17 March 2020 up to and including 26 June 2020 and (b) such further period or periods as are determined by the Presiding Officer from time to time following consultation with the Bureau and notified to the Parliament in the Business Bulletin, and

(2) they shall apply, as appropriate, to meetings of the Parliament, including meetings of committees or sub-committees established by the Parliament taking place during those periods.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 13th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 12.30 pm 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. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/108\);](#)
[Carer's Allowance \(Coronavirus\) \(Breaks in Care\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/117\);](#)
[Gender Representation on Public Boards \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Reports\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/120\);](#)
[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/122\);](#)
[Electricity Works \(Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/123\)](#)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1995 Amendment\) \(Miscellaneous\) 2020 \(SSI 2020/93\);](#)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/107 \(C.11\)\);](#)
[Gender Representation on Public Boards \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/119 \(C.12\)\);](#)
[Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 1\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 202/121 \(C.13\)\)](#)
4. **Disclosure (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

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