

Tuesday 1 December 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:15pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-23548, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Fr Kenneth Owens, Parish Priest of St Andrew's, St Philip's and St Theresa's, Livingston and East Calder

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Equalities and Human Rights Committee Debate: Valuing the Third Sector

followed by Public Petitions Committee Debate: Mental Health Support for Young People in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-22523 Mark Griffin: Life After Death, Supporting Carers After Bereavement

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

9:00am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

10:15am Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

11:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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[S5M-23548](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 1 December 2020—

delete

6.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.25 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 2 December 2020—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish National Investment Bank: Mission Oriented Investment in Scotland's Future

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to lengthening the school Christmas holidays, in light of COVID-19 concerns. ([S5T-02555](#))

2. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its involvement with BiFab, following reported comments from the company's owner that ministers' statements had been "inaccurate or untruthful". ([S5T-02565](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Equalities and Human Rights Committee Debate: Valuing the Third Sector

[S5M-23408](#) Ruth Maguire on behalf of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee: Valuing the Third Sector—That the Parliament notes the findings set out in the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's 4th Report, 2019 (Session 5), *Looking ahead to the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21: Valuing the Third Sector* (SP Paper 614), which was published on 7 November 2019, and its letter to the Scottish Government published on 29 October 2020, which includes an update on its views on the impact of the pandemic on the third sector.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-23408.1](#) Rachael Hamilton: Valuing the Third Sector—As an amendment to motion S5M-23408 in the name of Ruth Maguire (Valuing the Third Sector), insert at end ", and asks the Scottish Government to commit to an interim report on its progress in implementing the committee's recommendations."

followed by Public Petitions Committee Debate: Mental Health Support for Young People in Scotland

[S5M-23498](#) Johann Lamont on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee: Inquiry into Mental Health Support for Young People in Scotland—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Petitions Committee's 3rd Report 2020 (Session 5), *Inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland* (SP Paper 776).

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:25 pm Decision Time

**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S5M-22523](#) Mark Griffin: Life After Death, Supporting Carers After Bereavement—That the Parliament welcomes the Marie Curie, Reform Scotland and Sue Ryder report, *Life After Death: supporting carers after bereavement*; notes that it calls for more recognition of the impact of death on the carer and the effect on the carer's physical and mental health, their relationships, ability to work and finances; understands that over 15,000 people have died of all conditions during the COVID-19 epidemic in Scotland, leaving behind a significant number of bereaved people; notes the report's key recommendations for future policy and legislation, including a new Carers (Bereavement Support) (Scotland) Bill early in the next parliamentary session to provide information and a plan to support carers following the end of their caring role, a new fund to support training and education for carers returning to work/seeking employment, a new post-caring support payment to help carers experiencing financial problems following the end of their caring role, and to extend eligibility for the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Allowance Supplement for up to six months after the person's caring role comes to an end from the current eight weeks; recognises that 78,870 people were claiming Carer's Allowance before the pandemic struck, including 12,044 in Central Scotland; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to consider these recommendations, and thanks Scotland's carers for all that they do to support terminally ill people and those at end of life.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 37th Meeting, 2020

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 items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sean Power, Vice President, and Jason Fudge, President, DF Barnes;
Hazel Nolan, Organiser, GMB Scotland.
3. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland’s businesses, workers and the economy:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Stephen Montgomery, Spokesperson, Scottish Hospitality Group;
Graeme Galloway, Programme Director, Developing the Young Workforce, Dumfries and Galloway;
Jackie Brierton, CEO, GrowBiz Scotland.

4. **Trade Bill:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the proposed powers under the Bill in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
The Public Procurement (Government Procurement Agreement) Regulations; and
The Public Procurement (International Agreements) Regulations.
5. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland’s businesses, workers and the economy:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 33rd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Regional Marine Planning inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment, Damon Hewlett, Marine Engagement and Information Manager, and David Pratt, Head of Planning and Strategy, Scottish Government.

3. **UK Common Frameworks: UK Common Framework on Emissions Trading Scheme:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government.

4. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government on the creation of Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS).
5. **Regional Marine Planning inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Health and Sport Committee 32nd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting to be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Professor Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, the University of St. Andrews;
Professor David Maguire, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, the University of Dundee;
Callum George, Deputy Chair, BMA Scottish Medical Students Committee;
Andrew MacFarlane, ScotGEM Student Cohort.
2. **UK Common Frameworks:** The Committee will take evidence on the Provisional UK Common Framework on Nutrition labelling, Composition and Standards from—
David Thomson, Chief Executive Officer, Food and Drink Federation Scotland;
Pete Ritchie, Executive Director, Nourish Scotland;
Professor Paul Haggarty, Deputy Director, The Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health, University of Aberdeen;
Martin Keeley, Environmental Health Manager, West Dunbartonshire Council, representing the Society of Chief officers of Environmental Health in Scotland.
3. **University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **UK Common Frameworks (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Justice Committee 31st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Declaration of interests:** Rhoda Grant will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a proposal for a new member.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Simon Stockwell, Policy Officer, Family Law, Claire Martin, Policy Officer, Family Law, Kieran Burke, Policy Officer, Civil Law, and Emma Thomson, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) to move—
S5M-23183—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

Criminal Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020
(SSI 2020/339)

6. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 November 2020.
7. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

**Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints
16th Meeting, 2020**

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Complaints Handling:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Judith Mackinnon, Head of People Advice, and Gillian Russell, Director, Health Workforce, Scottish Government.
2. **Complaints Handling (not before 3.30pm)** The Committee will take evidence from—

Nicola Richards, Director of People, and John Somers, Principal Private Secretary to the First Minister, Scottish Government.

3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard on the inquiry.

**Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
37th Meeting, 2020**

The Committee will meet at 11:45 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 8, 9 and 10 in private.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instruments have been laid under the appropriate procedure and given the appropriate categorisation—
[Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Animal Health and Welfare and Official Controls \(Agriculture\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/380\);](#)
[Genetically Modified Organisms and Pesticides \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/381\);](#)
[Aquaculture and Fisheries \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/393\);](#)
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instruments have been laid under the appropriate procedure—
[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Rural Development \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#)
4. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/389\);](#)
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 4\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/392\)](#)

5. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Plant Health \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Invasive Non-native Species \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(Tolerable Standard\) \(Extension of Criteria\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(Modification of the Repairing Standard\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Rural Development \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#)

6. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Food and Feed \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/372\);](#)
[Animal Health and Welfare and Official Controls \(Agriculture\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/380\);](#)
[Genetically Modified Organisms and Pesticides \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/381\);](#)
[Valuation Appeal Committee \(Procedure in Civil Penalty Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/382\);](#)
[Criminal Justice and Data Protection \(Protocol No. 36\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/386\);](#)
[Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/387\)](#)

7. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 11\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/383 \(C. 33\)\)](#)

8. **Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
9. **Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the response from the Member in Charge to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
10. **Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

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