

Tuesday 8 December 2020

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-23633, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Robert A Hamilton, Minister, The New Wellwynd Parish Church, Airdrie

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Brexit Readiness

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education COVID-19

followed by Finance and Constitution Committee debate: Parliament's evolving scrutiny function

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-23220 Ruth Maguire: 70th Anniversary of Human Rights Day

Committee Meetings

8:00am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

8:30am Education and Skills Committee

9:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work 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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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Robert A Hamilton, Minister, The New Wellwynd Parish Church, Airdrie

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-23633](#) 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 on—

(a) Tuesday 8 December 2020—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Brexit Readiness

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education COVID-19

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 9 December 2020—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Legislation

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Budget Update

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economy

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus Acts: Fourth Report to the Scottish Parliament

delete

5.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 10 December 2020—

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

and insert

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Topical Questions

1. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that safe care home visiting can take place. ([S5T-02571](#))

2. Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. ([S5T-02576](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Brexit Readiness

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education COVID-19

followed by Finance and Constitution Committee debate: Parliament's evolving scrutiny function

[S5M-23565](#) Bruce Crawford on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee: Parliament's Evolving Scrutiny Function—That the Parliament notes the Finance and Constitution Committee's recent consultation with other committees regarding the impact of Brexit on devolution and how the Parliament's scrutiny role will need to evolve to address this impact.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — [S5M-23220](#) Ruth Maguire: 70th Anniversary of Human Rights Day

[S5M-23220](#) Ruth Maguire: 70th Anniversary of Human Rights Day—That the Parliament acknowledges the 70th anniversary of Human Rights Day; understands that 10 December 2020 marks 70 years since the UN invited states to celebrate an international Human Rights Day marking the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in 1948, and asking states to continue increasing progress in human rights; further understands that the day is an international reminder of what it considers the critically important progress that still needs to be made to protect and realise human rights to their fullest extent; believes that the COVID-19 response has highlighted states' approaches for human rights globally, with governments balancing the need for restrictions with the potential impact on the human rights of their citizens, and has also highlighted that respect for human rights across the spectrum is fundamental to the success of the response to, and recovery from, the pandemic; endeavours to respect, protect and fulfil human rights going beyond the immediate response to COVID-19 through the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill, which it considers demonstrates the Scottish Government's commitment to fully realising children's rights; acknowledges the National Taskforce for Human Rights Leadership, established by the First Minister following the recommendations made in December 2018 by the First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership, which is working to establish a new statutory framework for human rights that can bring internationally recognised human rights into domestic law and protect the human rights of every member of Scottish society, and reaffirms what it sees as Scotland's role in promoting international dialogue and respect for fundamental human rights, and the commitment to ensure that the rights of the people of Scotland are respected, protected and fulfilled.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 34th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 8:00 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 item 6 in private.
2. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Appointments to the interim board of the non-statutory environmental governance body, Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS):** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Jim Martin;
 Paul McAleavey;
 Richard Dixon;
 Marie Fallon;
 Annalisa Savaresi.
 nominees to the interim board of the non-statutory environmental governance body - Environmental Standards Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
 Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment;
 Matthew Bird, Biodiversity Team Leader, and Hazel Reilly, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon (Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment) to move— S5M-23440—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
 The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2020.
6. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Appointments to the interim board of the non-statutory environmental governance body, Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Regional Marine Planning Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
8. **Climate Change Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider an updated approach paper.

Education and Skills Committee 30th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in a virtual meeting

1. **Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 38th 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 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Angela McTeir, Procurement Policy Manager, Edwina Ryan, Procurement Policy Officer, Mark Richards, Solicitor, and Adrienne Forman, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Kate Forbes (Cabinet Secretary for Finance) to move—
S5M-23569—That the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland’s businesses, workers and the economy:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Andrew Burnett, Managing Director, Elevator UK;
Shane Taylor, Research and Policy Manager, Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce;
Jennifer Crow, Chief Executive, Opportunity North East.

5. **BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Simon Hodge, Chief Executive, Crown Estate Scotland;
David Pratt, Head of Planning & Strategy, Marine Scotland;
Andrew Hogg, Deputy Director, Energy Industries Division, Scottish Government.
6. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland’s businesses, workers and the economy:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
7. **BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.

Health and Sport Committee 33rd Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Affirmative subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Feed (Transfer of Functions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020[draft] from—
Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing, and Ivan Boemer, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;
Jacqueline Angus, Work Stream Manager (Feed), Bryan Campbell, Regulatory Strategy Programme Manager, and John Scott, Lead Feed Officer, Food Standards Scotland.
2. **Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing, to move—S5M-23298—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that

the Feed (Transfer of Functions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

3. **UK Common Frameworks:** The Committee will take evidence on the Provisional UK Common Framework on Nutrition labelling, Composition and Standards from—
Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing, and Euan Page, Head of UK Frameworks, Scottish Government;
Sam McKeown, Head of Food and Feed Safety Policy, Food Standards Scotland.
4. **University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Carmen Murray, Bill Team Leader, Stephen Lea-Ross, Head of Workforce Practice, and Magdalene Boyd, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **UK Common Frameworks (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Justice Committee 32nd Meeting, 2020

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

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
Civil, Criminal and Family Justice (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
2. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 17th 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—
Peter Murrell, Chief Executive, Scottish National Party.
2. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard on the inquiry.
3. **Work Programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 38th 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 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 5\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/400\);](#)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 24\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/404\).](#)

3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Carer's Allowance Supplement and Young Carer Grants \(Residence Requirements and Procedural Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Criminal Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Counter-Terrorism and Border Security\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Scottish Child Payment Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2020/draft\).](#)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Restriction of Relief and Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/391\);](#)
[Aquaculture and Fisheries \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/393\).](#)
5. **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

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