

Tuesday 22 December 2020

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 1:25pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Topical Questions

The Presiding Officer has not selected any Topical Questions for Tuesday 22 December.

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-23776, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: The Very Rev Dr Susan M Brown, Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen in Scotland and Minister of Dornoch Cathedral, Church of Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

**followed by** Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**7:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-23242 Keith Brown: The £20 Universal Credit Increase

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Justice Committee

**10:00am** Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

**10:00am** Health and Sport Committee

**11:45am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-23776](#) 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 22 December 2020—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

insert

*followed by* Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 23 December 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

and insert

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

insert

*followed by* Appointments to Environmental Standards Scotland

delete

6.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.20 pm Decision Time

**followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19**

**followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister**

**followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill**

**[S5M-23774](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits 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 4: 1 hour 15 minutes

Groups 5 to 6: 2 hours 10 minutes

Groups 7 to 10: 3 hours 10 minutes.

**[S5M-23761](#) Michael Russell: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**followed by Financial Resolution: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill**

**[S5M-23631](#) Kate Forbes: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-23777](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Angela Constance as a member of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints;

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Angela Constance as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee; and

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

**7:30 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business — [S5M-23242](#) Keith Brown: The £20 Universal Credit Increase**

**[S5M-23242](#) Keith Brown: The £20 Universal Credit Increase**—That the Parliament welcomes the decision that was made at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to temporarily uplift universal credit payments by £20 per week; believes that this has been a lifeline for many people and families over the last few months, including in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency; understands that more than 50 charities and organisations have signed a letter, co-ordinated by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, asking for the Chancellor to make the increase

permanent; notes the view that the increase should also be extended to legacy benefits, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to extend what it sees as this vital safety net for half a million people in Scotland.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Justice Committee 34th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on [www.scottishparliament.tv](http://www.scottishparliament.tv)

- Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Tam Baillie, Vice Chair, CPCScotland;  
Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Women's Aid;  
Lyndsay Monaghan, Solicitor, Scottish Women's Rights Centre;  
and then from—  
Gillian Mawdsley, Secretary to the Criminal law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;  
Detective Chief Superintendent Samantha McCluskey, Head of Public Protection, Specialist Crime Division, Police Scotland;  
Joan Tranent, Vice-chair of the Social Work Scotland Children and Families Standing Committee, Social Work Scotland;  
Professor Mandy Burton, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies, University of Leicester;  
and then from—  
Paul Short, Homelessness Manager, Fife Council, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;  
Callum Chomczuk, Director, Chartered Institute of Housing;  
Garry Burns, Communication and Engagement Manager, Homeless Action Scotland;  
Stacey Dingwall, Senior Policy Manager, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations.
- Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 41st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

- COVID-19 – impact on Scotland's businesses, workers and the economy (in private):** The Committee will consider its next steps in relation to the inquiry.
- BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence received and issues for its draft report.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Health and Sport Committee 35th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting to be held in private

- UK Common Frameworks (in private):** The Committee will consider draft correspondence to the Scottish Government on the provisional UK Common Framework on Nutrition labelling, Composition and Standards.

2. **UK Common Frameworks (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the provisional UK Common Framework for Food and Feed Safety and Hygiene.
3. **COVID-19 impact on sports clubs and other local recreational facilities (in private):** The Committee will consider draft correspondence to the Scottish Government.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 40th 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 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations\) \(Coronavirus\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/421\);](#)  
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel and Public Health Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/431\).](#)
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Agricultural Holdings \(Relinquishment and Assignment\) \(Application to Relevant Partnerships\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI SSI draft/2020\);](#)  
[Town and Country Planning \(Short-term Let Control Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI draft/2020\).](#)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Homeless Persons \(Unsuitable Accommodation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/419\);](#)  
[National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/420\);](#)  
[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers\) \(Hague Service Convention\) \(Amendment\) 2020 \(SSI 2020/423\);](#)  
[Agricultural Holdings \(Relinquishment and Assignment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/430\).](#)
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/422 \(C. 39\)\);](#)  
[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 12\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/428 \(C. 40\)\);](#)  
[Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/429 \(C. 41\)\).](#)
6. **Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the response from the Scottish Government to points raised on the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in this Bill.

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