

Tuesday 18 February 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-20900, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Aftab Gohar, Abbotsgrange Church, Grangemouth, and Wing Chaplain for the West Scotland Wing of the Air Training Corps.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: Social Prescribing: Physical Activity is an Investment, Not a Cost

followed by Ministerial Appointments

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-20588 Alasdair Allan: Gaelic-medium Education in the Western Isles

Committee Meetings

9:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:30am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

11:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

11:00am Justice Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-20900](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 18 February 2020—

after

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: Social Prescribing: Physical Activity is an Investment, Not a Cost

insert

followed by Ministerial Appointments

(b) Thursday 20 February 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill

followed by Topical Questions

1. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what lessons have been learned from the recent closure of the Queensferry Crossing. ([S5T-02006](#))

2. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to communities affected by recent flooding. ([S5T-02011](#))

3. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on elevated flaring at Mossmorran. ([S5T-02004](#))

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: Social Prescribing: Physical Activity is an Investment, Not a Cost

[S5M-20753 Lewis Macdonald: Report on Social Prescribing](#)—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health and Sport Committee's 14th Report 2019 (Session 5), *Social Prescribing: physical activity is an investment, not a cost* (SP Paper 639).

followed by Ministerial Appointments

[S5M-20875 Nicola Sturgeon: Appointment of Minister](#)—That the Parliament agrees that Kate Forbes be appointed as a Minister.

[S5M-20874 Nicola Sturgeon: Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister](#)—That the Parliament agrees that Jenny Gilruth be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — [S5M-20588 Alasdair Allan: Gaelic-medium Education in the Western Isles](#)

[S5M-20588 Alasdair Allan: Gaelic-medium Education in the Western Isles](#)—That the Parliament welcomes Comhairle nan Eilean Siar's decision to enrol pupils entering P1 into Gaelic-medium education (GME) as the default choice; recognises that parents can still choose to put their children into English-medium education (EME); further recognises that this decision was taken as a majority of parents were expected to enrol their children into GME in 2020; notes that the percentage of children entering GME in Na h-Eileanan an Iar has steadily increased over the last decade; further notes that increasing the level of GME enrolment to 55% was an action in the council's statutory Gaelic Language Plan; commends Comhairle nan Eilean Siar for becoming the first council in Scotland to take this policy decision; further commends the council for taking what it sees as this progressive step to consolidate the national language in its heartland communities; understands that there is an overwhelming consensus among academics and researchers in support of the cognitive benefits of bilingual education, and reiterates the findings of the 2010 study by the University of Edinburgh, which it understands outlined evidence that GME pupils, on a whole, outperform their EME peers in English reading by P5.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 5th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- Scottish Government Budget 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2020-21 from—
Kate Forbes, Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy;
David Stevenson, Head of Infrastructure Delivery and Capital Investment, and Dougie McLaren, Deputy Director, Public Spending, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Simon Fuller, Deputy Director, Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services, Graham Black, Director of Marine Scotland, and Helena Gray, Deputy Director, Climate Change (Domestic Policy), Scottish Government.
- Scottish Government Budget 2020-21 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Regional Marine Planning inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health and Sport Committee 4th Meeting, 2020

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

- The supply and demand for medicines inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Adam Stachura, Head of Policy and Communications, Age Scotland;
Claire Fernie, Public Partner Volunteer, NHS Fife;
and then from—
Dr David Shackles, Executive Officer for Interface and Out of Hours, Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland;
Adam Osprey, Policy and Development Pharmacist, Community Pharmacy Scotland;
Jonathan Burton, Chair, Scottish Pharmacy Board, Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland;
Dr Sheuli Porkess, Executive Director of Research, Medical and Innovation, The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry;
Graeme Bryson, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Dumfries and Galloway.
- Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Jeane Freeman MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (LCM (S5) 31).
- The supply and demand for medicines inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 6th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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 affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber \(Procedure and Allocation of Functions\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Energy Efficiency \(Domestic Private Rented Property\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Public Services Reform \(Registers of Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Direct Payments to Farmers \(Legislative Continuity\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/18\);](#)

[Social Security \(Advocacy Service Standards\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Human Tissue \(Authorisation\) \(Specified Type A Procedures\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Tax Rates and Tax Bands\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/24\);](#)

[Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development \(Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#)

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

[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/16\);](#)

[Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development \(Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/21\)](#)

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

[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 10\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/20 \(C.1\);](#)

[Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment \(Fees\) Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/22\)](#)

5. **Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

6. **Scottish Law Commission Bills Working Group:** The Committee will consider a report from the Scottish Law Commission Bills Working Group.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 5th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2020-21 from—
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, Richard Rollison, Deputy Director, Directorate for Economic Development, Dominic Munro, Director for Fair Work, Employability and Skills, and Kathleen Swift, Business Manager, Finance and Planning, Scottish Government.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Justice Committee 6th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S5)33 from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Nicholas Duffy, Branch Head, Criminal Justice, Police and Fire Division, and Philip Lamont, Head of Criminal Law, Practice and Licensing Unit, Scottish Government.
2. **Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) (LCM(S5)33).

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