

Thursday 20 February 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:10pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Portfolio Questions – Pilot Grouping of Questions

The Presiding Officer has grouped questions 5, 6 and 8 at next week's Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Portfolio Questions.

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions – 05 March 2020

Following the Parliament's agreement to Business Motion S5M-20904, SPCB Questions will take place at 2.30 pm on Thursday 05 March.

The deadline for lodging oral questions to the SPCB is 4.30 pm on Wednesday 26 February. Questions will be randomly selected and published in the Business Bulletin on Friday 28 February. Members are reminded that questions to the SPCB can be only on matters concerning the SPCB or the staff of the Parliament.

Change to membership of the Parliamentary Bureau

The Presiding Officer wishes to inform Members that Liz Smith will replace Maurice Golden as the representative for the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party on the Parliamentary Bureau.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11:40 am General Questions
12:00 pm First Minister's Questions
12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-20548
Maurice Golden: Tackling Climate Change, the Role of Scottish Agriculture
2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill
followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee
9:00am Equalities and Human Rights Committee
9:00am Justice Committee
9:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
9:00am Public Petitions Committee
9:30am Social Security Committee
10:15am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
1:00pm Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the UK Government's announcement that universal credit roll-out will be delayed until 2024. ([S5O-04145](#))

2. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to improve employment levels and economic growth. ([S5O-04146](#))

3. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the UK Government's proposed legislation on fishing and farming and the impact of this on Scotland. ([S5O-04147](#))

4. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported extended waiting times for general colorectal surgery in NHS Lothian. ([S5O-04148](#))

5. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will fully fund the recent teachers' pay settlement to be delivered by councils in 2020-21. ([S5O-04149](#))

6. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding the future rebuild of the Edinburgh Cancer Centre. ([S5O-04150](#))

7. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what treatment programmes are available to help people addicted to gambling. ([S5O-04151](#))

8. David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the salmon industry following Brexit. ([S5O-04152](#))

9. Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government when the Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee last met. ([S5O-04153](#))

10. Tom Arthur: To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages and supports participation in local democracy, including membership of community councils. ([S5O-04154](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Jackson Carlaw: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03949](#))

2. Richard Leonard: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03950](#))

3. Willie Rennie: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03951](#))

4. Christine Grahame: To ask the First Minister what concerns the Scottish Government has regarding difficulties that people with visual impairment can have in accessing medical services because a digital by default approach is increasingly being used. ([S5F-03978](#))

5. Jamie Greene: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking in response to reports that the number of people diagnosed with type 2 diabetes has risen by 40% in the last 10 years. ([S5F-03975](#))

6. Jackie Baillie: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to prepare the NHS to deal with coronavirus. ([S5F-03958](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-20548 Maurice Golden: Tackling Climate Change, the Role of Scottish Agriculture

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Agriculture—That the Parliament welcomes the contribution of Scottish agriculture to protecting the environment and being part of the solution to tackling climate change; commends Scottish farmers, including those in the West of Scotland, for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 29.4% since 1990; recognises that Scottish farmers already work hard to preserve the landscape, improve biodiversity, plant and manage woodland, restore peatland, improve water and soil quality and generate renewable energy; acknowledges the view that there is a need to develop a suite of joined-up, practical and progressive policies that allow food producers to continue running their businesses in a more sustainable and efficient manner, and looks forward to the new Agricultural Modernisation Fund assisting industry in this transition.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Government Business and Constitutional Relations

1. **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for a new Constitutional Convention. ([S5O-04137](#))
2. **Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government whether all existing commitments from current and previous ministers to give evidence to parliamentary committees will be met. ([S5O-04138](#))
3. **Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of potential customs checks on the Scotland-England border, in light of comments by the First Minister during an address at the European Policy Centre. ([S5O-04139](#))
4. **Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met UK ministers to discuss post-Brexit international trade policy. ([S5O-04140](#))
5. **Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government on providing young people with clarity regarding whether they will continue to have access to the Erasmus+ programme following Brexit. ([S5O-04141](#))
6. **John Finnie:** To ask the Scottish Government what communication it has had from the UK Government on how it will protect Scotland's crofters in upcoming trade deal talks with the EU. ([S5O-04142](#))
7. **Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that EU powers that related to devolved matters are devolved to the Scottish Parliament. ([S5O-04143](#))
8. **Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it plans to increase spending in the Government Business and Constitutional Relations portfolio by £4 million in 2020-21. ([S5O-04144](#))

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

S5M-20923 Graeme Dey: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) 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 and 2: 45 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour 40 minutes.

[S5M-20922](#) Michael Russell: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill be passed.

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

[S5M-20921](#) Humza Yousaf: Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 February 2020, relating to Scottish Ministers' power to refer prisoners to the Parole Board, Scottish Ministers' power to release prisoners when recommended to do so by the Parole Board and disapplication of certain powers held by Scottish Ministers' in respect of the early release of prisoners, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-20956](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 27 February 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: COP 26 - Our Contribution to Global Climate Action

followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

and insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 6th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Beatrice Wishart will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Article 50 inquiry: Withdrawal Agreement and Negotiation of the Future Relationship:**
The Committee will take evidence from—
Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs,
and David Barnes, Head of EU Exit Strategy and Negotiations, Scottish Government.
3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 3rd 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 item 5 in private.
2. **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Morag Driscoll, Convener of Child and Family Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
Dr Andy Hayward, Associate Professor in Family Law, Durham Law School;
Dr Kelly Kollman, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Glasgow;
Martin Loat, Chair, Equal Civil Partnerships Campaign;
Prof Kenneth Norrie, Professor of Law, University of Strathclyde;
Prof Elaine Sutherland, Professor of Child and Family Law, University of Stirling.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2020-21 from—
Christina McKelvie, Minister for Older People and Equalities, Sean Stronach, Joint Head of the Equality Unit, and Emma Harvey, Equality Unit Performance Manager, Scottish Government.
4. **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 2.
5. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 3.

Justice Committee 7th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
The Honourable Lady Wise;
Sheriff Tait;
Andrew Campbell, Legal Secretary to the Lord President.

2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meetings held on 30 January and 6 February 2020.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 5th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Section 23 report - Privately financed infrastructure investment: The Non-Profit Distributing (NPD) and hub models:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Taylor, Assistant Director, Audit Services, Graeme Greenhill, Senior Manager, and Martin McLauchlan, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
3. **Section 23 report - Privately financed infrastructure investment: The Non-Profit Distributing (NPD) and hub models:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark Taylor, Assistant Director, Audit Services, Graeme Greenhill, Senior Manager, and Martin McLauchlan, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Public Petitions Committee 3rd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1662 on Improve Treatment for Patients with Lyme Disease and Associated Tick-borne Diseases;
PE1688 on Permitted development rights in conservation areas;
PE1710 on Community hospital and council care home services in Scotland;
PE1713 on Ban the use of 'Mosquito Devices' in Scotland;
PE1726 on Primary Hyperparathyroidism;
PE1729 on Legal protection of crofts from local authority care charges;
PE1730 on Registration of home educated children in Scotland;
PE1732 on A toolkit for working with the Pathological Demand Avoidance profile of ASD; and
PE1739 on Improve access to weight loss surgery.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE1776 on Dogs are not inanimate objects;
PE1778 on Review the Scottish Landlords Register scheme;
PE1779 on Reducing the risk of ovarian cancer; and

PE1780 on Consultation on the closure of large shops on New Year's Day.

4. **Review of the Public Petitions system:** The Committee will consider a paper on the Review of the Public Petitions system.

Social Security Committee 5th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2020-21 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Kevin Stevens, Head of Strategic & Programme Finance, Social Security Directorate, and Alison Byrne, Deputy Director Social Security Programme Delivery Support, Scottish Government;
James Wallace, Deputy Director Finance and Corporate Services, Social Security Scotland.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 5th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2 and 3 in private.
2. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 4th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Policing 2020-21 draft budget:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Clare Hicks, Deputy Director Police Division, and Avril Davidson, Head of Finance and Assets Team Police Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Policing 2020-21 draft budget:** The Sub-Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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