

Tuesday 7 January 2020

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 12:50pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev Sarah Nicol, Minister, St Cuthbert's Church, Saltcoats

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Urgent Question: Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of today's announcement that the UK Budget will be published on 11 March, when it expects to publish its own Budget.

**followed by** Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Empty Homes in Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcement: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee - Inquiry into Construction and Procurement of Ferry Vessels in Scotland

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-19268 Tom Arthur: Celebrating the Work of the Lavern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership

### Committee Meetings

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:00am** Justice Committee

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**2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Sarah Nicol, Minister, St Cuthbert's Church, Saltcoats**

### followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S5M-20324](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 8 January 2020—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Travellers

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Short-term Lets

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill

(b) Thursday 9 January 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Enhancing Scotland's Digital Connectivity

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

**[S5M-20325](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Legislation).

### followed by Topical Questions

**1. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that drug-related deaths are continuing to increase. ([S5T-01931](#))

**2. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the ferry cancellations that have led to visitors being stranded on the Isle of Arran. ([S5T-01930](#))

**3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take in response to reports that ATMs are increasingly charging for taking out cash. ([S5T-01934](#))

**followed by Urgent Question: Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of today's announcement that the UK Budget will be published on 11 March, when it expects to publish its own Budget.**

## followed by Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Empty Homes in Scotland

**[S5M-20280](#) James Dornan on behalf of the Local Government and Communities Committee: Empty Homes in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Local Government and Communities Committee's 10th Report 2019 (Session 5), *Empty Homes in Scotland* (SP Paper 618).

## followed by Committee Announcement: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee - Inquiry into Construction and Procurement of Ferry Vessels in Scotland

## followed by Business Motions

## followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

## 5:00 pm Decision Time

## followed by Members' Business — **S5M-19268** Tom Arthur: Celebrating the Work of the Lavern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership

**[S5M-19268](#) Tom Arthur: Celebrating the Work of the Lavern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership**—That the Parliament congratulates the Lavern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership (LVDCP) on its ongoing efforts to install public access defibrillators (PAD) across Barrhead; understands that, after discovering that Barrhead had no PADs in August 2019, Barrhead Rotary Club spearheaded the community partnership and now, thanks to the partnerships forged with local businesses and East Renfrewshire Council, which has invested £25,000 in equipment, 23 devices have been put in place and are now available round the clock; notes that members of LVDCP also offer free Heart Start Defibrillator Awareness courses to anyone in the local area who wishes to learn how to perform CPR and operate a PAD device; recognises that this project feeds into wider local commitments to improve first-aid training, including the recent announcement that every school pupil is set to be taught CPR in the classroom through the British Heart Foundation's Nation of Lifesavers campaign; believes that PADs, as well as first-aid and CPR training, are vital life-saving resources that should be universally accessible, and commends all those involved in promoting their importance in Barrhead and the surrounding area.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 1st 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 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
Environmental Impact Assessment (Transport) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (2019/415)  
Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (2019/421)  
Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (2019/423)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 9) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/420 (C. 24))
5. **Instruments/documents laid for consultation:** The Committee will consider the following—  
Proposed draft order - Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 (SG/2019/248)  
Proposed Explanatory Document – Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 (SG/2019/249)
6. **Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Scottish National Investment Bank Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.
9. **Scottish Law Commission Bills Working Group:** The Committee will consider an update from the Scottish Law Commission Bills working group.

### Justice Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Chloe Riddell, Policy Manager, Children 1st;  
Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;  
Joanna Barrett, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, NSPCC Scotland;

and then from—

Fiona McMullen, Operations Manager, ASSIST;

Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/382)
3. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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