

Tuesday 14 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: Pastor Geoff Findlay, Lifegate Church Dundee and Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

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

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-20270 Richard Lyle: The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

### Committee Meetings

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

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

**10:00am** Justice Committee

**10:30am** Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee

**11:00am** Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

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**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the number of primary schools exceeding their capacity has increased by a third since 2009. ([S5T-01947](#))

**2. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that complaints about Caledonian Sleeper services have increased by 221%. ([S5T-01953](#))

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

**[S5M-20404](#) Christina McKelvie: Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Travellers**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the joint Scottish Government and COSLA action plan, Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers, which aims to deliver better outcomes in the key areas of accommodation, health and education, and incomes; recognises the vital role of local government to transform the life chances of Gypsy/Travellers across the country; commends the Gypsy/Traveller community for the role that it has played in developing the plan, and supports its continued involvement to shape and deliver the actions at the national and local level; welcomes the contribution that Gypsy/Traveller communities have made to Scottish history and continue to make to its culture and heritage, and agrees to actively challenge any form of prejudice or discrimination towards Gypsy/Travellers and work together within a human rights framework to accelerate improvements for this community.

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-20449](#) 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 16 January 2020—

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) 2020 Bill

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business — S5M-20270 Richard Lyle: The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**S5M-20270 Richard Lyle: The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**—That the Parliament joins the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in celebrating its 130th anniversary; understands that the Guild was founded as the United Kingdom Van Dwellers Protection Association in 1889 in Salford; believes that its formation was a key moment in the recognition of showmen having a lifestyle that is a culture rather than an occupation, leading to the idea of travelling showmen being recognised as a cultural group; understands that the principal objective of the Guild has remained the same since its inception, which is to protect the interests of its members, travelling showmen who gain their livelihoods by attending funfairs; notes that it does so both through its code of rules for members and by using the legal and constitutional processes that exist; congratulates Philip Paris, who has become the first Scot to be named as the President of the Guild since Jack Cullis in the 1950s, and thanks showmen across Scotland, including in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency, and the rest of the UK, on their contribution to, and the significant and important part that they play, in public life. **R**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2nd 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 item 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
  
[Fuel Poverty \(Additional Amount in respect of Remote Rural Area, Remote Small Town and Island Area\)\(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(2020/draft\)](#)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
  
[Sea Fish \(Prohibited Methods of Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2019 \(2019/419\);](#)  
[Restriction of Liberty Order etc. \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(2019/423\);](#)  
[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(2019/425\);](#)  
[Conservation of Salmon\(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(2019/426\);](#)  
[Electricity Works\(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(2019/427\)](#)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
  
[Transport \(Scotland\) Act2019 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2019 \(2019/428 \(C.25\)\)](#)
5. **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Scottish National Investment Bank Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Protected Trust Deeds:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Richard Dennis, the Accountant in Bankruptcy and Agency Chief Executive, Kelly Donohoe, Head of Debt Arrangement Scheme and Trust Deeds, and Stacey Dunn, Trust Deed Team Leader, Accountant in Bankruptcy.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure—  
Public Procurement etc. (Scotland) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/414)
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

Public Procurement etc. (Scotland) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/414)

5. **Protected Trust Deeds:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Justice Committee 2nd Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
June Loudoun, Grandparents Apart UK;  
Ian Maxwell, National Manager, Shared Parenting Scotland;  
Dr Sue Whitcombe, Chartered Psychologist;  
and then from—  
Stuart Valentine, Chief Executive, Relationships Scotland;  
Isobel Bilsland, Manager, Relationships Scotland Borders.
3. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Preliminary Stage report.

## Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 1st Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **EU exit and the environment:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable discussion, on environmental principles and governance from—  
Professor James Harrison, University of Edinburgh;  
Vicki Swales, head of land use policy, RSPB Scotland;  
Hatti Owens, lawyer in UK environment team, Client Earth;  
Professor Campbell Gemmill, author of 'Environmental governance: effective approaches for Scotland post-Brexit';

Dr Sheila George, food and environment policy manager, WWF Scotland;  
Nick Halfhide, director of sustainable growth, Scottish Natural Heritage;  
Annalisa Savaresi, senior lecturer in environmental law, University of Stirling;  
Joanna Waddell, senior associate at CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP  
and representative, UK Environmental Law Association;  
Lloyd Austin, convener of governance group, Scottish Environment LINK;  
Bridget Marshall, head of regulatory strategy and government relations, SEPA.

2. **EU exit and the environment (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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