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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

SPCB Question Time - Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at today's SPCB Question Time:

Group 1: Questions 2 and 5

Group 2: 3, 9, 10 and 11

Portfolio Questions - Pilot Groupings

The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions at next week's Portfolio Questions:

Rural Economy and Tourism: Questions 2 and 6

Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity: Questions 1 and 5

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-20457
Neil Findlay: Whitburn Academy's Be Herd Group, Shattering Mental Health Stigma

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: The Presiding has grouped the following questions -

Group 1: Questions 2 and 5

Group 2: Questions 3, 9, 10 and 11

followed by Portfolio Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

8:30am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

9:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

9:00am Public Petitions Committee

9:00am Social Security Committee

9:30am Equalities and Human Rights Committee

10:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Neil Bibby:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-04220](#))
- 2. Margaret Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle fly tipping. ([S5O-04221](#))
- 3. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to secure and develop services at the Vale of Leven Hospital, in light of the announcement that its out-of-hours unit is to temporarily close at evenings and weekends. ([S5O-04222](#))
- 4. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that transport services meet the needs of island communities. ([S5O-04223](#))
- 5. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that all information required and requested by the OECD as part of the review of the curriculum for excellence will be made available. ([S5O-04224](#))
- 6. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to young disabled people in their transition to adulthood. ([S5O-04225](#))
- 7. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting fishermen and women across Dumfries and Galloway in helping to mitigate the climate crisis. ([S5O-04226](#))
- 8. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent action has been taken to secure contracts and future employment at Burntisland Fabrications. ([S5O-04227](#))
- 9. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government when an evaluation will be undertaken of the impact of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 on stalking offences. ([S5O-04228](#))
- 10. Angela Constance:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that young people in the Almond Valley constituency who have an eating disorder receive the right treatment at the right time. ([S5O-04229](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04003](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04004](#))
- 3. Alison Johnstone:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04006](#))
- 4. Gillian Martin:** To ask the First Minister how important the Scottish Government considers the agricultural sector is to the country's economy, society and international reputation. ([S5F-04025](#))
- 5. Graham Simpson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to Citizens Advice Scotland's statement that council tax is the "number one debt issue" it deals with. ([S5F-04011](#))
- 6. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the First Minister for what reason Scottish Enterprise has suspended new grant funding for business. ([S5F-04009](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-20457 Neil Findlay: Whitburn Academy's Be Herd Group, Shattering Mental Health Stigma

S5M-20457 Neil Findlay: Whitburn Academy's Be Herd Group, Shattering Mental Health Stigma—That the Parliament acknowledges the success of Whitburn Academy's pupil-led Be Herd group, which aims to raise awareness of, and remove, stigma regarding mental health issues; understands that it was launched after the opening of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub in the school library, which can be used as a quiet safe place to relax or a place to talk to a mental health ambassador; notes that its work includes presentations at school assemblies, at which pupils, staff and parents can tell their personal stories, support sessions for anyone from the school community affected by mental health problems and events promoting the project; acknowledges that, in September 2019, it was awarded a West Lothian Council Stellar Award, which was followed in October by a COSLA Gold Award for tackling inequalities and improving health; recognises that SAMH has said that 25% of the population will experience a mental health problem; notes the view that it is paramount that early intervention programmes are in place to tackle mental ill health among young people and that schools play a major role in this, and commends the Be Herd group as an excellent initiative by Whitburn Academy's pupils and staff with an ambitious aim to shatter the stigma of mental ill health and offer help and support to their peers and the wider community.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: The Presiding has grouped the following questions -

Group 1: Questions 2 and 5

Group 2: Questions 3, 9, 10 and 11

- 1. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what its position is on facilitating the Eden Project initiative, The Big Lunch, in June 2020 to bring people who work at the Parliament together and help strengthen the sense of community. ([S5O-04233](#))
- 2. Mary Fee:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what assessment has been made of the level of threat to IT systems from international cyberattacks. ([S5O-04192](#))
- 3. Alex Neil:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body when it will make a decision regarding the level of MSP allowances for staff for 2020-21. ([S5O-04190](#))
- 4. Elaine Smith:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what equality monitoring of staff employed by MSPs it undertakes, and what steps it is taking to address any under-representation from any section of society. ([S5O-04195](#))
- 5. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what recent evidence has been received that its IT systems have been subject to cyberattacks from international sources. ([S5O-04194](#))
- 6. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what assessment it makes of the content of Member-sponsored exhibitions in the Parliament. ([S5O-04193](#))
- 7. Stewart Stevenson:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04191](#))

8. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will conduct a feasibility study to investigate extending accessibility arrangements to cross party groups. ([S5O-04234](#))

9. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will uprate Members' staff cost provision in line with the Scottish Government uprating of 3%. ([S5O-04232](#))

10. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what steps it is taking to ensure that Members can appropriately remunerate their staff. ([S5O-04231](#))

11. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what discussions it has had regarding the increase in the MSP staffing budget. ([S5O-04189](#))

12. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what steps it is taking to ensure that Parliament computers that are no longer suitable for corporate use are disposed of in a way that has a positive impact on wider society. ([S5O-04235](#))

13. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what requirements there are for people working in the Parliament to join the Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme administered by Disclosure Scotland. ([S5O-04230](#))

followed by Portfolio Questions

Finance

1. Angus MacDonald: [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04212](#))

2. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to varying landfill tax rates and bands during the extended period before a biodegradable municipal waste to landfill ban. ([S5O-04213](#)) R

3. Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to utilise the Scotland Reserve in its 2020-21 Budget. ([S5O-04214](#))

4. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Treasury ministers regarding the impact of the UK Budget on Scotland's finances. ([S5O-04215](#))

5. Alison Johnstone: [Not Lodged] ([S5O-04216](#))

6. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason East Lothian Council's provisional revenue allocation per head is the fourth lowest in Scotland. ([S5O-04217](#))

7. Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what strategy it has to ensure that local authorities are sufficiently funded. ([S5O-04218](#))

8. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government which measures in the draft Budget aim to boost economic growth, improve productivity and support improvements in innovation. ([S5O-04219](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill

S5M-21113 Kate Forbes: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-21136](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Richard Lyle as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

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 8th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Rachael Hamilton and Gordon Lindhurst will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Screen Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Eric Coulter, Director, Surefire Television Productions Ltd;

Bob Last, Film Producer;

Barbara Orton, Producer, True TV and Film;

Arabella Page-Croft, Producer and Co-Founder, Black Camel Pictures.

3. **Article 50 inquiry: Withdrawal Agreement and Negotiation of the Future Relationship:** The Committee will take evidence from-

The Rt Hon Alister Jack, Secretary of State for Scotland;

Gillian McGregor CBE, Director, and Nick Leake, Deputy Director, Policy, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

4. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 7th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Choice of Acting Convener:** The Committee will choose an Acting Convener.
2. **Key audit themes: Leadership and workforce challenges in the NHS:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—

Professor June Andrews, Independent Health and Social Care Consultant;

Dr David Caesar, Chair, Project Lift;

Angiolina Foster, Chief Executive, NHS 24;

Theresa Fyffe, Director, Royal College of Nursing Scotland;

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Professor Paul Gray, Public Service, ethical leadership and governance, University of Glasgow;

Dr Donald MacAskill, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Care;

Dr Lewis Morrison, Chair, British Medical Association Scotland;

Carol Shepherd, Head of Scotland, Medacs Health Care Services.

3. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Public Petitions Committee 4th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Tom Mason will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1540 on Permanent Solution for A83 and will take evidence from Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Fiona Brown, Head of Strategic Transport Planning and Jonny Moran, Operating Company Manager, Scottish Government;
 - PE1678 on National strategic framework for Countryside Ranger Services in Scotland;
 - PE1733 on Human right to adequate food;
 - PE1734 on Lower the age of hysterectomies;
 - PE1735 on Include Pelvic Floor education in the Baby Box scheme;
 - PE1736 on Vehicle collisions involving cats to be made a reportable offence;
 - PE1737 on Review of hate crime legislation and security funding in Scotland;
 - PE1738 on Student teacher bursaries for full-time placement students; and
 - PE1740 on Improving the handling of complaints about public services.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE1781 on Written constitution for Scotland;
 - PE1782 on Full consultation on stocking of salmon rivers;
 - PE1783 on Public Awareness and funding for childhood cancers with low survival rates;
 - PE1784 on Review of the Sheriff Court Fees 2018;
 - PE1785 on Review and reduce social work powers; and
 - PE1787 on The use of Makaton sign language in the legal system.

Social Security Committee 7th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Benefit Take-up (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Not before 10.45 am

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Allocation of Functions) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
 - Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Ann McVie, Deputy Director Social Security Policy, Social Security Directorate, and Jane McAteer, Cross-Cutting Policy Manager, Social Security Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—
 - S5M-20851—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Allocation of Functions) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Fiona Campbell, Act Implementation Team Leader, Social Security Directorate, and Simon Coote, Legislation and Operational Policy Unit Head, Social Security Directorate, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—
S5M-21021—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 5th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Sarah Meanley, Family Law Unit, Simon Stockwell, Head of Family Law Unit, and John Thomson, Solicitor SGLD, Scottish Government.
2. **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at item 1.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 7th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence.
2. **Commission on parliamentary reform - elected conveners (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

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