

Thursday 19 March 2020

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 4:40pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Royal Assent

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 received Royal Assent on Wednesday 18 March 2020.

## 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

**1:45 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:45 pm** Portfolio Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Education  
– COVID-19

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: UK  
Coronavirus Legislation

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Female  
Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance)  
(Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Social Security Committee

**9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public  
Appointments Committee

**10:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative  
Scrutiny Committee

**10:00am** Public Petitions Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

1. **Mark Griffin:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04294](#))

2. **Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what action NHS Lothian is taking to recruit additional clinical staff, in light of recent ISD figures suggesting that one in three young people in the area are waiting over a year for mental health support. ([S5O-04295](#))

3. **Alison Harris:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04296](#))

4. **Rachael Hamilton:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04297](#))

5. **Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on discussions with Falkirk Council and West Lothian Council regarding upgrading the A801 Avon Gorge crossing. ([S5O-04298](#))

6. **Mike Rumbles:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04299](#))

7. **Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has for addressing potholes on Scotland's roads. ([S5O-04300](#))

8. **Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and what was discussed. ([S5O-04301](#))

9. **Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice is being given to women who are pregnant regarding the coronavirus, COVID-19. ([S5O-04302](#))

10. **James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding is available to local authorities and charities for urban planting programmes. ([S5O-04303](#))

### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. **Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04053](#))

2. **Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04054](#))

3. **Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04055](#))

4. **Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-04056](#))

### 1:45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 1:45 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Economy, Fair Work and Culture

1. **Colin Smyth:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04286](#))

2. **Stewart Stevenson:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04287](#))

**3. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it takes to ensure that its labour market strategy protects the rights and pay of people in sectors perceived as undervalued or insecure. ([S5O-04288](#))

**4. Annie Wells:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04289](#))

**5. Monica Lennon:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04290](#))

**6. Finlay Carson:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-04291](#))

**7. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what role it has in promoting the uptake of UK Government employability services. ([S5O-04292](#))

**8. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns that the suspension of grants by Scottish Enterprise is because of organisational mismanagement and not success in stimulating demand for strategic investment. ([S5O-04293](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Education – COVID-19**

**followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Coronavirus Legislation**

**followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill**

**[S5M-21307](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 to 3: 1 hour.

**[S5M-21279](#) Christina McKelvie: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-21311](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business on Tuesday 24 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

insert

1.30 pm Time for Reflection

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Justice (COVID-19)

and after

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: UK COVID-19 Bill

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Social Security Committee 8th 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 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Veronica Smith, Cross-Cutting Policy Officer, and Niall Wilson, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-21020—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Veronica Smith, Cross-Cutting Policy Officer, and Niall Wilson, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Shirley-Anne Somerville (Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People) to move—S5M-21019—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
  
Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/32)  
  
The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/25)  
  
The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/64)
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a paper from the Fiscal Framework Working Group.

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 9th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—  
Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans;

Sadif Ashraf, Deputy Director, Solicitors: Local Government and Economy Division, Maria McCann, Head of Elections Team, and Kenneth Pentland, Senior Policy Officer, Elections Team, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Graeme Dey to move—S5M-21239 —That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
3. **Committee Bill to amend the process for complaints against MSPs (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft proposal report.
4. **Standing Order Rule changes (in private):** The Committee will consider Standing Order Rule changes.

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 9th 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 3 in private.
2. **Approach to future work programme:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

3. **Approach to future work programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

### Public Petitions Committee 5th 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 item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—  
PE1741 on Human rights, citizenship and legal protection for people with lifelong learning disabilities;  
PE1742 on Amend anti-social behaviour legislation to tackle neighbouring household odours;  
PE1743 on Amend the law to protect the rights of pre-1989 Scottish Secure Tenants;  
PE1744 on Psychiatric service dogs in Scotland;  
PE1745 on Statutory Right for Families to Request a Fatal Accident Inquiry; and  
PE1749 on Financial viability of listed buildings.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—  
PE1786 on Prosecutions under the Mental Health Act 2003; and  
PE1788 on CMV Screening for Pregnant Women.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a Note by the Clerk in connection with its Inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland.

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