

Tuesday 3 November 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:50pm



The Scottish Parliament
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Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-23231, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Martin Thomson, Minister, Dalry Trinity Church
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions
followed by Ministerial Statement: BiFab
followed by Ministerial Statement: Fireworks
followed by Ministerial Statement: Winter Preparedness in Social Care
followed by Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Debate: Arts Funding
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
6:15 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business — S5M-23029 Neil Findlay: Amnesty International Report, As If Expendable

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee
9:00am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
10:00am Health and Sport Committee
10:00am Justice Committee
10:15am Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints
12:00pm Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Martin Thomson, Minister, Dalry Trinity Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-23231](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 3 November 2020—

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Keith Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the conditions under which furlough payments will continue to be paid in Scotland. ([S5T-02490](#))

2. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government whether the new five-tier restrictions come with greater funding for local government in areas where more businesses must close. ([S5T-02504](#))

3. Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the latest guidance on face coverings in school will be implemented. ([S5T-02480](#))

4. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that some NHS boards reduced COVID-19 testing for patients over 70 on the basis of guidance issued by the Chief Nursing Officer. ([S5T-02494](#))

5. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of England entering lockdown and the Scottish Borders being placed at level 2 restrictions, what measures are being considered to ensure that only essential cross-border journeys take place. ([S5T-02484](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: BiFab

followed by Ministerial Statement: Fireworks

followed by Ministerial Statement: Winter Preparedness in Social Care

followed by Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Debate: Arts Funding

[S5M-23194](#) Joan McAlpine on behalf of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: Arts Funding—That the Parliament notes the findings set out in the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee's 5th Report, 2019 (Session 5), *Putting Artists In The Picture: A Sustainable Arts Funding System For Scotland* (SP Paper 647), which was published on 10 December 2019.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-23029](#) Neil Findlay: Amnesty International Report, As If Expendable—That the Parliament notes with concern the Amnesty International report, *As If Expendable*, which explores what it sees as the care home crisis throughout the continuing COVID-19 pandemic; understands that the report, which focuses on care homes in England, makes a series of damning conclusions about deliberate policy decisions by the UK Government, and other bodies, that consequently threatened the human rights of older people, most specifically the right to life, the right to health and the right to non-discrimination; further understands that the report states that the policy failures by the UK Government, and other bodies, were the failure to provide adequate and good quality PPE at the beginning of the crisis, the imposition of blanket DNR orders on care home residents and older people outwith care homes, mass discharges of older people to care homes at the beginning of the crisis, many of whom were either untested or had a positive COVID-19 test result at the time of their transfer, a failure to ensure regular testing for both staff and residents, a lack of transparency around statistics pertaining to care home deaths and a failure to enable care home residents to access NHS services; believes that the policy decisions outlined in the report have caused a significant amount of unnecessary deaths among residents in care homes; considers that the pandemic, and what it sees as the deprivation of visitation, have also detrimentally impacted care home residents who have survived with, it believes, many having lost some cognitive functions and their ability to move, in addition to the impact on their mental health; further believes that, despite Amnesty International's report focusing on the UK Government's approach to care homes, most of the policy failures identified also occurred in Scotland, including in the Lothian region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to implement the recommendations set out in the report, in particular the need for an urgent public inquiry into what it considers the crisis in care homes, at the earliest opportunity.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 33rd Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
2. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.
3. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland’s businesses, workers and the economy (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 29th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Environmental Quality and Circular Economy Division, Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, Environmental Protection, and Emily Freeman, Solicitor, Environmental Protection, Scottish Government.
on proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals: the Detergents (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; the Waste and Environmental Permitting etc (Legislative Functions and Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; the Chemicals (Health and Safety) and Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; and the REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Green recovery inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
4. **Budget Scrutiny 2021-22 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scottish Government's Budget 2021-22.

Health and Sport Committee 28th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting to be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Professor Andrew Watterson, Occupational and Environmental Health Research Group, University of Stirling;

Alan Rogerson, Chair, Forum of Scottish Claims Managers;

David Short, Secretary, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) Scotland;

Laura Blane, Lung Disease Team, Thompsons Solicitors Scotland.

2. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/328) and The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.19) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/330) from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, Population and Migration Division, Jamie MacDougall, Deputy Director, Test and Protect Portfolio, and Laura Duffy, Team Leader, Community Surveillance Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-23120—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/328) be approved.
4. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-23168—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.19) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/330) be approved.
5. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
Alien Species in Aquaculture, Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Seeds and Planting Material (Legislative Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 - zoonotic diseases part only,

and

The Food and Feed Safety and Hygiene (Miscellaneous Amendments)(EU Exit) Regulations 2020.
6. **Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting on The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/328) and The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.19) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/330) and its report to Parliament.
8. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2021-22.
9. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will further consider COVID-19 parliamentary scrutiny.

Justice Committee 26th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Roddy Dunlop QC, Dean, Faculty of Advocates;
 Michael P Clancy OBE, Director, Law Reform, The Law Society of Scotland;
 Dr Andrew Tickell, Lecturer in Law, Glasgow Caledonian University;
 and then from—
 Assistant Chief Constable Gary Ritchie, ACC Partnership, Prevention and Community Wellbeing, Police Scotland;
 Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;
 Anthony McGeehan, Procurator Fiscal, Policy and Engagement, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
 The Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/308)

 The Electronic Monitoring (Relevant Disposals) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/309)
4. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 October 2020.
5. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a call for evidence on the Bill at Stage 1.

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 12th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take its work programme discussion at item 4 in private.
2. **Phase 3 - The Judicial Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Paul Cackette, former Director of Legal Services, Scottish Government;
 and then from—
 Sarah Davidson, former Director General Organisational Development and Operations, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard at agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 33rd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 12 noon in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been given the appropriate categorisation—

- [Insolvency \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/337\)](#)

3. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
- [Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 19\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/330\)](#)

4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
- [Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#)

5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
- [Insolvency \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/337\)](#)

6. **Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

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