

Tuesday 22 September 2020

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
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## Portfolio Questions – Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Thursday 24 September: Communities and Local Government: Questions 4, 7 and 8.

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-22789, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Dr Sohaib Saeed, Honorary Muslim Chaplain, University of Edinburgh

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** First Minister Statement: COVID-19

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Promoting Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-22652 Liz Smith: Residential Outdoor Centres

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

**9:30am** Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

**10:00am** Justice Committee

**10:15am** Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

**10:30am** Health and Sport Committee

**12:00pm** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-22789](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 22 September 2020—

delete

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Complaints Against MSPs – Amendment of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 and insert

*followed by* First Minister Statement: COVID-19

(b) Wednesday 23 September 2020—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans for the 2021 exam diet. ([S5T-02399](#))

**2. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the plan to extend the Emergency Measures Agreement to help rail services deal with the impact of COVID-19. ([S5T-02403](#))

**3. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that no fabrication work for the Seagreen offshore wind farm project has been awarded to BiFab. ([S5T-02400](#))

**followed by First Minister Statement: COVID-19**

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Promoting Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities**

**[S5M-22770 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities](#)**—That the Parliament believes that promoting equality and human rights for minority ethnic communities should be a priority; reiterates the deep belief that there is a responsibility on everyone in society to tackle racism, prejudice and discrimination and take specific action to remove the barriers and injustices still faced by minority ethnic communities; acknowledges the work and advice of the independent Expert Reference Group on COVID-19 and Ethnicity; believes that its recommendations will be invaluable in responding to the inequalities that have been further exposed by COVID-19, and notes that the Scottish Government will present to Parliament the actions it plans to take as soon as practicably possible on the high incidence of COVID-19 among the BAME population and will continue to advance race equality across all spheres of society.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-22770.2 Jeremy Balfour: Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-22770 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities), insert at end “, and that, before reporting any recommendations back, it commences immediate engagement with stakeholders on the review of the Scottish-specific sector equality duties.”

**[S5M-22770.3 Pauline McNeill: Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-22770 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Advancing Equality and Human Rights for Minority Ethnic People and Communities), after "Expert Reference Group on COVID-19 and Ethnicity;" insert "calls on the Scottish Government to respond in full to the Group's recommendations, giving a clear rationale for what aspects it has and has not accepted;".

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**  
**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S5M-22652](#) Liz Smith: Residential Outdoor Centres**—That the Parliament is concerned by the financial plight of Scotland's outdoor centres and the threats of closure; considers that school residential trips enrich the lives of children and young people and that such experiences have been a feature of Scottish education for 80 years: welcomes the current public petition to save Scottish residential outdoor centres, and encourages support for this.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 24th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on [www.scottishparliament.tv](http://www.scottishparliament.tv)

1. **Green recovery inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Hamish Trench, Chief Executive, Scottish Land Commission;  
Joel Evans, Team Leader, Sustainability and Climate Change (Acting), Aberdeenshire Council;  
Professor Colin Campbell, SEFARI Directors Executive Committee;

and then from—

Iain Gulland, Chief Executive Officer, Zero Waste Scotland;  
Kit England, Lead, Climate Ready Clyde (on behalf of Glasgow City Region);

and then from—

Liam Fowley MSYP, Trustee, Scottish Youth Parliament;  
Jess Pepper, on behalf of Climate Café;  
Fabio Villani, Leadership Team, tsiMORAY;

and then from—

Peter Mather, Group Regional President, Europe Head of Country, UK, BP;  
Arne Görtner, Senior Vice President, Equinor UK and Ireland Offshore.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] from—  
Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment;  
Joyce Carr, Head of Water Environment, and Jane Rougvie, Head of Aquaculture, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment to move—S5M-22577—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **Green recovery inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 29th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 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. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22 and impact of COVID-19 on businesses, workers and the economy; Scottish National Investment Bank draft missions:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Jane Martin, Managing Director, Business Services and Advice, and Douglas Colquhoun, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish Enterprise;  
Charlotte Wright, Chief Executive, and Nick Kenton, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;  
Nick Halfhide, Interim CEO, and Anthony Daye, Financial Director, South of Scotland Enterprise;  
Hugh Lightbody, Chief Officer, Business Gateway National Unit, and Sarah Watters, Chief Officer, Local Government Finance, COSLA.

3. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22 and impact of COVID-19 on businesses, workers and the economy; Scottish National Investment Bank draft missions:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture, Kevin Quinlan, Director, Mary MacCallum, Management Accountant, Richard Rollison, Deputy Director, and Kathleen Swift, Business Manager, Scottish Government.

4. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22 and impact of COVID-19 on businesses, workers and the economy; Scottish National Investment Bank draft missions:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Justice Committee 22nd Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Michael Papparakis, Policy Officer, Private Law Unit, and Jo-anne Tinto, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Re-opening of Scotland's courts and tribunals (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

### Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 8th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Health and Sport Committee 24th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in a virtual meeting to be broadcast on [www.scottishparliament.tv](http://www.scottishparliament.tv)

1. **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—
  - The Reciprocal and Cross-Border Healthcare (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
  - The Nutrition (Amendment etc.) EU Exit Regulations 2020;
  - The Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, The Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and The Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;

and

  - The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (EFTA States) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and The Professional Qualifications and Services (Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/274) and The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/280) from—
  - Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, Population and Migration Division, Jamie MacDougall, Deputy Director, Test and Protect Portfolio, and Anita Popplestone, Head of Police Complaints and Scrutiny, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-22634—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/274) be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-22705—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/280) be approved.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
  - Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing, and Richard McCallum, Interim Director of Health Finance and Governance, Scottish Government.
6. **Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and its report to Parliament.
7. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 29th 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 7, 8 and 9 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 14\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/280\);](#)
  - [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/284\)](#)
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Children's Advocacy Services\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
  - [Welfare of Farmed Animals \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Climate Change \(Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/281\)](#)
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Valuation Timetable \(Disposal of Appeals and Complaints\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/277\);](#)
  - [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/278 \(C.23\)\);](#)
  - [Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 5 and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/283 \(C.24\)\)](#)
6. **Instruments/Documents laid for approval:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Code of Practice for the Welfare of Laying Hens \(Revocation\)\(Scotland\) Notice 2020 \(SSI SG/2020/182\)](#)
7. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
8. **Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
9. **Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

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