

Tuesday 23 February 2021

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:45pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Topical Questions

The Presiding Officer has not selected any topical questions.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-24213, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator, General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — John Finnie: Investing in Scotland's Railways

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

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

9:45am Health and Sport Committee

9:45am Justice Committee

11:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-24213](#) 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 on—

(a) Tuesday 23 February 2021—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 25 February 2021—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

insert

followed by Scottish Fiscal Commission (Reappointment)

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-24196](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits 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 5: 30 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 1 hour

Groups 9 to 11: 1 hour and 40 minutes.

S5M-24192 Paul Wheelhouse: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — John Finnie: Investing in Scotland's Railways

S5M-24139 John Finnie: Investing in Scotland's Railways—That the Parliament believes that investing in expanding, upgrading and decarbonising the rail network could play an important role in Scotland's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, creating jobs and reducing emissions from other forms of transport; welcomes the growing debate around future investment plans for rail, including the proposals set out in the *Rail for All* report; notes the view that upgrading and electrifying the Highland Main Line in particular could be of strategic importance, given its importance to Highland communities; understands that transport freight by rail to the Highlands could make a significant contribution to reducing emissions and relieving congestion on roads, and notes calls for the rapid decarbonisation of Scotland's rail network in line with the country's climate targets.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 6th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
3. **Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **EU exit and the environment:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Katriona Carmichael, Deputy Director, Future Environment (Environment and Forestry), Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Environmental Quality and Circular Economy Division, and Euan Page, Head of UK Frameworks, Scottish Government.

2. **Public petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petitions—
PE1490: Control of wild goose numbers;
PE1615: State Regulated Licensing System for Gamebird Hunting;
PE1636: Require single use drinks cups to be biodegradable;
PE1664: Greater protection for mountain hares;
PE1705: Wildlife crime - penalties and investigation;
PE1750: Independent Monitoring of Satellite tags fitted to raptors;
PE1751: Create no wild camp zones in Scotland;
PE1755: Ban all single use plastics across Scotland;
PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland;
PE1762: End the killing of wildlife on grouse moors and elsewhere in Scotland; and
PE1815: Translocate protected beavers to reduce licensed killing.
3. **EU exit and the environment (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Climate Change Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider its response to the Scottish Government.

Health and Sport Committee

7th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in a virtual meeting to be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Affirmative subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons: Timescales for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements etc.) Regulations 2021 [draft] from—
Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Public Health and Sport, John Paterson, Solicitor and Deputy Director, Legal Directorate, Lindsey Henderson, Head of Carers Policy, and Joanne Pierce, Carers Policy Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Public Health and Sport, to move—S5M-24035—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons: Timescales for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements etc.) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
3. **Affirmative subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] from—
Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Public Health and Sport, Marianne Barker, Unit Head, Social Care Policy and Delivery Division, and Ian Golightly, Policy Officer, Social Care Policy and Delivery Division, Scottish Government.
4. **Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Public Health and Sport, to move—S5M-24001—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
5. **Social Care Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Viv Dickenson, Chief Executive Officer, CrossReach;
Susan Dumbleton, Carer;
Eddie Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council;
Annie Gunner Logan, Director, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland;
Cassie Hersee, Manager, Isle View Nursing Home, Aultbea;
Dr Ann Wilson, individual in receipt of care.
6. **University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
7. **Social Care Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Justice Committee

8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 10 in private.
2. **Financial Services Bill and Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandums lodged by Humza Yousaf (LCM(S5)51) and (LCM(S5)52) .
3. **Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (Supplemental Provisions) Order 2021 [draft] from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Zak Tuck, Victims and Witnesses Team Leader, John Wallace, Policy Officer, Victims and Witnesses, and Nicholas Duffy, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—
S5M-23986—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (Supplemental Provisions) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Community Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, David Doris, Community Interventions Team Leader, and Nicholas Duffy, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—
S5M-24033—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Community Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.
8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Restorative Justice (Prescribed Persons) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/40)
9. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 15 February 2021.
10. **Malicious prosecutions and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service:** The Committee will consider a note from the clerk.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 7th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 11:45 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 8 in private.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instruments have been laid under the appropriate procedure and given the appropriate categorisation—
[Food, Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/66\)](#).
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been given the appropriate categorisation—
[Plant Health \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#);
[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#).
4. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following —
[Rural Support \(Controls\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/72\)](#).
5. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Trade in Animals and Related Products \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#);
[Plant Health \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#);
[Disability Assistance for Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#);

[Social Security \(Up-rating\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#);
[Social Security Information-sharing \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#);
[Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Amendment \(Coronavirus\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/draft\)](#).

6. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Food, Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/66\)](#);
[Food Information \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/70\)](#);
[Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Fees\) \(Coronavirus\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/71\)](#);
[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Overseas Production Orders\) Order 2021 \(SI 2021/144\)](#).
7. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment\) \(Miscellaneous\) 2021 \(SSI 2021/75\)](#).
8. **Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the response from the Member in Charge, Pauline McNeill MSP, on points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

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