

Tuesday 23 March 2021

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Royal Assent

The Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Act 2021 received Royal Assent on Monday 22 March 2021.

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-24452, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Dr Richard Holloway

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Reflections and Next Steps

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Motion of No Confidence

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**7:35 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-23618 Jeremy Balfour: Stories of Hope Report, Scottish Churches Provide Support in Lockdown

### Committee Meetings

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

**10:00am** Health and Sport Committee

**11:45am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

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### **2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Dr Richard Holloway**

### **followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-24452](#) 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 March 2021—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Motion of No Confidence

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Implications of the administration of Greensill Capital UK for Businesses in Scotland

(b) Wednesday 24 March 2021—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Implications of the Administration of Greensill Capital UK for Businesses in Scotland

delete

6.20 pm Decision Time

insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

### **followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Reflections and Next Steps**

### **followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding planned industrial action by college staff this week. ([S5T-02721](#))

**2. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government how the regulation of Mossmorran ethylene plant will change following the independent review. ([S5T-02719](#))

### **followed by Motion of No Confidence**

**[S5M-24292 Ruth Davidson: Motion of No Confidence](#)**—That the Parliament has no confidence in the First Minister, in light of confirmation that the Scottish Government ignored legal advice on its prospects of success in Alex Salmond's judicial review case, and multiple credible witnesses indicating that the First Minister misled the Parliament.

**followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill**

**[S5M-24238 Andy Wightman: European Charter of Local Self-Government \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill**

**[S5M-24441 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Tied Pubs (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 3: 40 minutes

Group 4 to 6: 1 hour and 15 minutes

**[S5M-24271 Neil Bibby: Tied Pubs \(Scotland\) Bill](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S5M-24453 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/117) be approved.

**7:35 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S5M-23618](#) Jeremy Balfour: Stories of Hope Report, Scottish Churches Provide Support in Lockdown**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *Stories of Hope*, produced by the Evangelical Alliance and Serve Scotland, which has calculated that churches across Scotland have provided 212,214 acts of support during lockdown; understands that these acts were delivered by over 3,000 volunteers and impacted over 55,000 beneficiaries; acknowledges that churches in 180 locations across Scotland worked in partnership with key stakeholders, including supermarkets, community councils, NHS boards, food banks, voluntary support groups and charities, to deliver services to support vulnerable groups, including older, homeless and young people; recognises the important role that it considers churches and charities play in communities across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, and praises all those involved in delivering these services during the pandemic.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 10th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on [www.scottishparliament.tv](http://www.scottishparliament.tv)

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal 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 proposal—  
Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Motor Fuel Emissions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

### Health and Sport Committee 11th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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 take evidence on The Health Security (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 from—  
Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Public Health and Sport, Laura McGlynn, Interim Head of Health Protection and Screening, Health Protection Unit, Erin McCreadie, Team Leader, Environmental Health and Infectious Disease, Health Protection Unit, and Ruth Foulis, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee will consider a proposal 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 Health Security (EU Exit) Regulations 2021
3. **Annual Report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2020 to 24 March 2021.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 11th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 11:45 am in a virtual meeting that will be broadcast on [www.Scottishparliament.tv](http://www.Scottishparliament.tv)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—  
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 17\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/136\)](#).
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee agreed to draw to the attention of the Parliament the following—  
[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources and Sums for Personal Requirements\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/115\)](#);  
[Red Rocks and Longay Urgent Marine Conservation Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/131\)](#);

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) \(Coronavirus\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/137\);](#)

[Carer's Allowance \(Coronavirus\) \(Breaks in Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/140\);](#)

[Town and Country Planning \(Emergency Period and Extended Period\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/142\);](#)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Restriction of Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/145\);](#)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Coronavirus Reliefs\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/151\).](#)

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee agreed that no points arose on the following—

[Animal Health \(Notification and Control Measures\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/130\);](#)

[Scottish Fire and Rescue Service \(Appointment of Chief Inspector\) Order 2021 \(SSI 2021/132\);](#)

[UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2021 \(SSI 2021/141 \(C.11\);](#)

[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(Court Sittings\) 2021 \(SSI 2021/153\).](#)

5. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee noted responses from the Scottish Government and the Member in Charge, Neil Bibby MSP to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill ahead of Stage 3.
6. **Handover Report** The Committee agreed to publish a handover report for its successor Committee in Session 6.

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