

Wednesday 27 October 2021

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: OECD Education - Next Steps

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Global Ambitions for COP26

followed by Urgent Question: Sue Webber - To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the statement that NHS Lothian's services are under extreme pressure and that patients should not attend the emergency department unless it is life threatening.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-01137 Jamie Halcro Johnston: Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services

Committee Meetings

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

10:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policies and actions across government will ensure that those hit hardest by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic are prioritised during the recovery. ([S6O-00269](#))
- 2. Neil Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its policies and actions across government to support the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and how these have been impacted by the reported cross-sector labour shortages. ([S6O-00270](#))
- 3. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to introduce a Young Citizens' Assembly. ([S6O-00271](#))
- 4. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policies and actions across government will take account of the key findings and recommendations of the Royal Society of Edinburgh's Post-Covid-19 Futures Commission published earlier this week. ([S6O-00272](#))
- 5. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the number of people who have downloaded the NHS Scotland COVID Status app. ([S6O-00273](#))
- 6. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring engagement across government with the public, private and third sectors to ensure that the experiences of people providing frontline support to the most vulnerable help shape the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00274](#))
- 7. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its policies and actions across government will help support local authorities to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00275](#))
- 8. Joe FitzPatrick:** To ask the Scottish Government what cross-government support and funding it is providing to local authorities to aid the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00276](#))

Net Zero, Energy and Transport

- 1. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with the Danish Government regarding the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance. ([S6O-00277](#))
- 2. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is involving young people in COP26. ([S6O-00278](#))
- 3. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the anticipated final cost and delivery date of vessels 801 and 802 for the CalMac fleet. ([S6O-00279](#))
- 4. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with trade unions representing ScotRail staff. ([S6O-00280](#))
- 5. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding it has allocated for the upgrade of the A77 in its Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-22 to 2025-2026. ([S6O-00281](#))
- 6. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government when work will commence to address congestion at the Sheriffhall roundabout. ([S6O-00282](#))

7. Oliver Mundell: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the net zero secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding reports that wind farm developers are offering payments to local residents in return for signing non-disclosure agreements and not objecting to planning applications. ([S6O-00283](#))

8. Gillian Martin: To ask the Scottish Government what role the Acorn project could play in achieving Scotland's net zero and just transition ambitions. ([S6O-00284](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: OECD Education - Next Steps

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Global Ambitions for COP26

[S6M-01769](#) Michael Matheson: Global Ambitions for COP26—That the Parliament welcomes the world to Glasgow for the COP26 summit and thanks all those who have contributed to enabling the summit to take place; considers this to be humanity's last opportunity to limit global warming and deliver on the ambitions set at the Paris Climate summit in 2015 and calls on world leaders gathering in Glasgow to make the necessary changes in their own countries to keep the target of 1.5 degrees alive and ensure it is achieved, and also deliver on the funding commitments made in Paris to support countries in the Global South in tackling climate change and its impacts; further calls on world leaders to take immediate and rapid action on emissions reduction and investment in low-emission and zero-carbon technology on a global scale, and to recognise the loss and damage already occurring as a result of climate change, recognising that those suffering most from these changes are those least responsible for it, and to support those countries already living with such loss; notes the commitments recently set out through the Programme for Government, the Cooperation Agreement between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party Parliamentary Group, and other documents that build upon the updated Climate Change Plan and increase the steps being taken in Scotland to address the climate crisis; looks forward to the publication, starting from next year, of sectoral just transition plans, and welcomes the undertaking, in support of this, of further analysis of Scotland's North Sea oil and gas production to assess the compatibility of current and future field development with the Paris Agreement, and to Scotland's economy, security and wellbeing.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-01769.4](#) Liam Kerr: Global Ambitions for COP26—As an amendment to motion [S6M-01769](#) in the name of Michael Matheson (Global Ambitions for COP26), leave out from “the commitments” to end and insert “that the Scottish Government has missed its legal emissions target three times and that, according to the Climate Emergency Response Group, over two thirds of key climate policies are not on track; considers that the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council have failed to properly prepare Glasgow and Scotland's national transport infrastructure for hosting this global event, and calls upon the Scottish Government to urgently step up its support for making homes more energy efficient, bring forward a Circular Economy Bill, accelerate the roll-out of Scotland's electric vehicle charging network, and invest as a full partner in the North Sea Transition Deal.”

[S6M-01769.1](#) Monica Lennon: Global Ambitions for COP26—As an amendment to motion [S6M-01769](#) in the name of Michael Matheson (Global Ambitions for COP26), insert at end “; notes that the Scottish Government has not met the annual target for emissions in 2017, 2018 and 2019; agrees that it is important for Scotland to provide leadership through action and delivery; understands that having better, regular, interconnected and affordable public transport run in the

interest of passengers will be essential to achieving the modal shift from cars that will be necessary to meet Scotland's climate ambitions, and calls on the Scottish Government to use all the powers available to it to realise Scotland's full potential in the renewable energy sector, create local green jobs in communities across Scotland, implement a bold industrial strategy to invest in and grow domestic supply chains, and take all necessary steps to secure a just transition to net zero in Scotland, ensuring that no individual, family or community is left behind."

[S6M-01769.3](#) Liam McArthur: Global Ambitions for COP26—As an amendment to motion S6M-01769 in the name of Michael Matheson (Global Ambitions for COP26), insert at end “; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to develop an aviation strategy, and believes that, as part of this work, the Scottish Government should withdraw from its written agreement with Heathrow Airport to support the building of a third runway.”

followed by Urgent Question: Sue Webber - To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the statement that NHS Lothian's services are under extreme pressure and that patients should not attend the emergency department unless it is life threatening.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-01797](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 November 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Progressive approach to Sustainable Procurement and Fair Work Practices

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 November 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Early Learning and Childcare-1140 Hours and Beyond

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 November 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Accessing Scottish Social Security Benefits

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 November 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 November 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 November 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 1 November 2021, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-01798](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of Code of Conduct for Councillors—That the Parliament agrees that the Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2021/229) be approved.

[S6M-01799](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies—That the Parliament agrees that the Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (SG/2021/230) be approved.

[S6M-01800](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Forestry (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-01801](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-01137](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of lifeline ferry links to Scotland's island communities; acknowledges what it sees as the severe problems that have affected Clyde and Hebridean routes, particularly in the Highlands and Islands region, over the summer of 2021; notes the impact on residents, potential visitors, businesses and public services of a service that is unreliable; recalls the conclusions of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee in its inquiry into the construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland, and notes the view that there is an urgent need for a Scotland-wide ferries strategy that ensures the resilience of the network into the future.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 6th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 11 in private.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 9.
3. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence on the 2021 Alternative Certification Model.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021 from—
John Swinney, and Paul Beaton, Scottish Government;
Barry McCaffrey, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister to move—S6M-01080—
That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021 be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 from—
John Swinney, and Paul Beaton, Scottish Government;
Barry McCaffrey, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister to move—S6M-01400—
That the Education, Children and Young People Committee recommends that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 be approved.
8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
SSI 2021/312 [Redress for Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse in Care\) \(Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#)
9. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
SSI 2021/313 [Redress for Survivors Historical Child Abuse in Care\) \(Payment of Legal Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#)
10. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
SSI 2021/333 [Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021](#)
11. **Advance Research and Invention Agency (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6) Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill from—
Jamie Hepburn, Donald Cameron, Roddy MacDonald, and Magdalene Boyd, Scottish Government.

Criminal Justice Committee 8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **The misuse of drugs and the criminal justice system:** The Committee will take evidence in a round-table discussion from—
Anthony McGeehan, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
Peter Krykant;
Natalie Logan MacLean, Sustainable Interventions Supporting Change Outside (SISCO);
Norman Conway, Superintendent, Police Scotland;
Leeanne Hughes, and Louise Stevenson, Sacro;
Neil Richardson OBE, Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce;
David Liddell, Scottish Drugs Forum;
Becky Wood, Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
4. **The misuse of drugs and the criminal justice system:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2022-2023 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 8th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2022/23 (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft budget letter for the 2022/23 Scottish Budget.

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