

Tuesday 21 September 2021

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Portfolio Questions - Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 22 September: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business – Questions 3, 4 and 7; and the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Thursday 23 September: Rural Affairs and Islands – Questions 3 and 5.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-01312, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Prof Sir Geoff Palmer, Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Ambulance Service

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Net Zero Nation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-01042 Michael Marra: Action on Brain Injury in Football

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:00am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

10:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-01312, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Prof Sir Geoff Palmer, Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-01312](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 September 2021—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Ambulance Service

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has assessed the impact of the increase in wholesale gas prices on food and energy availability in Scotland, particularly ahead of winter. ([S6T-00160](#))

2. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to research stating that no recommendations to improve practice are made in nine out of 10 fatal accident inquiries into deaths in prison. ([S6T-00179](#))

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Ambulance Service

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Net Zero Nation

S6M-01293 Michael Matheson: A Net Zero Nation—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Government must do everything in its power to tackle the escalating climate and nature emergencies and deliver a just transition for all; notes the recent UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need for Scotland to advance determinedly to decarbonise homes, buildings, energy, industry and transport, and to restore, protect and enhance the natural environment and its assets; welcomes, therefore, the Scottish Government's commitments in this area, which include investing at least £1.8 billion in zero carbon buildings during the current parliamentary session, achieving a 20% reduction in car kilometres by 2030 and setting targets for species protection in a nature recovery bill; agrees that the transition to a low-carbon economy and a climate resilient Scotland requires urgent transformational action and must be done in a fair and just way that leaves no one, and no community, behind, and recognises that there are also significant opportunities for Scotland to lead the way globally in finding solutions.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-01293.1 Liam Kerr: A Net Zero Nation—As an amendment to motion S6M-01293 in the name of Michael Matheson (A Net Zero Nation), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “expresses concern at the lack of detail and planning on how the Scottish Government will achieve its climate change targets, including delivering a net zero economy by 2045; notes the Scottish Government’s failure to achieve its own climate change targets for the last three years; calls upon the Scottish Government to increase investment in making homes more energy efficient, particularly in supporting homeowners through a Help to Renovate Fund; notes the failure to deliver green manufacturing jobs, and calls upon the Scottish Government to link the transition to increased opportunities for workers in Scotland; calls for the Scottish Government to introduce a Circular Economy Bill; further calls for the Scottish Government to focus on a transition that reduces emissions through rolling out electric and hydrogen vehicles rather than abandoning key road upgrades; calls upon the Scottish Government to introduce a Nature Bill to strengthen environmental protections for land and species, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the costs of the transition to net zero do not fall upon individuals, families and communities.”

S6M-01293.3 Monica Lennon: A Net Zero Nation—As an amendment to motion S6M-01293 in the name of Michael Matheson (A Net Zero Nation), insert at end ", and agrees that the Scottish Government should act with urgency to introduce plans for a publicly-owned, not-for-profit energy company, to provide direction and large-scale investment into Scotland’s low-carbon energy sector, which will help create high-skilled, green jobs for workers in Scotland, tackle fuel poverty and reduce costs for consumers in Scotland."

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-01042 Michael Marra: Action on Brain Injury in Football

[S6M-01042 Michael Marra: Action on Brain Injury in Football](#)—That the Parliament understands that an increasing number of ex-footballers in the North East Scotland region and across the country are making public a diagnosis regarding brain injury, and that a growing research base highlights the increased risk of such injury that professional players face; notes the view that the sport's governing bodies must take swift action to support former players and protect those currently involved in the game; further notes calls for such conditions among footballers to be considered as an industrial injury; recognises the campaigning by PFA Scotland, the GMB and other organisations regarding this, and notes calls for a working group to be established to consider these issues, which should also focus on the grassroots game.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Sue Webber will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
3. **Public Health Stakeholder Session** The Committee will take evidence from—
Harry Burns, Professor, Strathclyde University;
Sir Michael Marmot, Professor, University College London;
Katherine Smith, Professor, Strathclyde University.
4. **NHS Stakeholder Session** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sue Robertson, Dr, British Medical Association;
Donald Morrison, British Dental Association;
Ross Barrow, Allied Health Professions Federation Scotland;
Graeme Henderson, SAMH;
Kate Seymour, MacMillan Cancer Support;
Colin Poolman, Royal College of Nursing;
Vipin Zamvar, Dr, British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[National Health Service \(General Medical Services and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#)
6. **Public Health Stakeholder Session** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
7. **NHS Stakeholder Session** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
8. **Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, Kate Forbes.
9. **Health and Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Humza Yousaf.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 6th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Determination of Committee priorities for this Session:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Willie Watt, and Eilidh Mactaggart, Scottish National Investment Bank;
and then from—
Audrey Maclver, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
Martin Valenti, and Claire Renton, South of Scotland Enterprise;
Andy McDonald, and Ewan Mearns, Scottish Enterprise.

3. **Determination of Committee priorities for this Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Local Government, Housing and Planning:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Allan, Scottish Community Development Centre;
Paul Bradley, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;
Kim Fellows, Local Government Information Unit;
Sarah Gadsen, Improvement Service;
Angus Hardie, Scottish Community Alliance;
Paul O'Brien, Association for Public Service Excellence.
3. **Electoral Arrangements Regulations:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ronnie Hinds, Ailsa Henderson, and Colin Wilson, Boundaries Scotland.
4. **Local Government, Housing and Planning:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Electoral Arrangements Regulations:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

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 instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure and given the appropriate categorisation—
Official Controls (Transitional Staging Period) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/297)
3. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 18\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/307);
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 19\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/319)
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Disability Assistance for Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/draft);
[Representation of the People \(Postal Voting for Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/draft);
[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2021](#) (SSI 2021/draft)
5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Official Controls \(Transitional Staging Period\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/297);

[Social Security \(Claims and Payments\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/305);

[Representation of the People \(Variation of Limits of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses\) \(Scotland\) Order 2021](#) (SSI 2021/310);

[Redress for Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse in Care\) \(Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/312);

[Redress for Survivors Historical Child Abuse in Care\) \(Payment of Legal Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/313);

[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/318)

6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Animals and Wildlife \(Penalties, Protections and Powers\) \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/303 (C.17));

[UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/304 (C.18));

[Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/308 (C.19));

[Act of Sederunt \(Registration Appeal Court\) 2020](#) (SSI 2021/309);

[Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/311 (C.20));

[Coronavirus Act 2020 \(Suspension: Children and Young Persons Social Care\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/315)

7. **Instruments / Documents subject to approval** The Committee will consider the following—

[Code of Conduct for Councillors](#) (SG/2021/229);

[Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies](#) (SG/2021/230)

8. **Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Parliament legislation).

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 4th Meeting, 2021

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 from—
Ash Denham, Jill Stephen Poller, and Martin Brown, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) to move—S6M-00998—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 be approved.
- Petition PE1817 End Conversion Therapy:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Wilkes, Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland;
Barbara Bolton, and Luis Felipe Yanes, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
and then from—

Igi Moon, Dr, Memorandum of Understanding Coalition Against Conversion Therapy (MOU);

Jen Ang, JustRight Scotland.

5. **Petition PE1817 End Conversion Therapy** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
6. **Petition PE1817 End Conversion Therapy:** The Committee will consider its approach to future engagement, evidence and a draft report on the petition.

Finance and Public Administration Committee

5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Tess White will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **National performance framework:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Swinney, Barry Stalker, and Tim Ellis, Scottish Government.

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