

Tuesday 6 December 2022

Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:50pm



Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Gareth Edwards, Perth Gospel Hall

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: COP27 Outcomes

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Orders Temporary Rule Change – Proxy Voting Pilot

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Urgent Question: Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported claims that there was a cover up in relation to the publication of the Royal College of Physicians report into breast cancer care in NHS Tayside.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-06783 Paul O'Kane: Carers Rights Day 2022

Committee Meetings

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:45am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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

10:15am Finance and Public Administration Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Gareth Edwards, Perth Gospel Hall

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

- 1. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Strep A cases in Scotland, including what it is doing to mitigate any risks. ([S6T-01020](#)) **R**
- 2. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that local government directors of finance have written to the finance secretary regarding an unprecedented £1 billion budget gap, and of COSLA stating that the current spending plans will lead to job losses. ([S6T-01023](#))
- 3. Murdo Fraser:** To ask Scottish Government what its response is to comments from the Auditor General that it underspent its budget by £2 billion in the financial year 2021-22. ([S6T-01018](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: COP27 Outcomes

[S6M-07093](#) **Màiri McAllan: COP27 Outcomes**—That the Parliament notes the outcome of COP27; recognises the ground-breaking global agreement to give formal recognition to the fact of loss and damage as a result of the climate crisis and to establish a fund under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), alongside other financial mechanisms, to provide support to those countries suffering loss and damage; commends the commitment of the Global South and campaigners over 30 years in arguing for such a fund; notes that the agreement at COP27 follows the commitment by the Scottish Government at COP26 of £2 million for loss and damage, making Scotland the first developed nation to recognise its obligations in this area; is disappointed that COP27 was unable to build on the progress made in Glasgow towards keeping 1.5 degrees alive, and failed to extend the language of the Glasgow pact on a phasedown of unabated coal-use to include other fossil fuels, despite support from the EU, USA, UK and others for doing so, and calls for a coalition of action to be built ahead of COP28 to secure greater progress in global efforts to tackle the climate crisis; welcomes the focus on human rights during COP27 and urges the Egyptian government to take firm action to ensure that human rights in Egypt are fully respected, protected and fulfilled; notes that COP15, the biodiversity COP, begins on 7 December 2022 in Montreal and that it is vitally important that nations reach an ambitious global agreement on the protection and restoration of nature, including reaching agreement on protecting 30% of land and seas by 2030, and welcomes the conclusion of the Edinburgh Process, which collated views from over 400 subnational governments, cities and local authorities, and resulted in nearly 300 signatories to the Edinburgh Declaration committed to take action for biodiversity.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-07093.2](#) **Liam Kerr: COP27 Outcomes**—As an amendment to motion S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan (COP27 Outcomes), leave out from ", and failed" to "Egypt" and insert "; recognises that the Scottish Government has failed to meet a host of climate change targets and is on track to miss future targets; acknowledges that the ethos of COP27 was around working

together and collaboratively across borders, and sees, therefore, that working with the UK Government as part of the UK is the best way to move Scotland towards net zero and meet future targets; calls for a coalition of action to be built ahead of COP28 to secure greater progress in global efforts to tackle the climate crisis; welcomes the focus on human rights during COP27 and urges all governments to take firm action to ensure that human rights across the world".

[S6M-07093.1](#) Colin Smyth: COP27 Outcomes—As an amendment to motion S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan (COP27 Outcomes), insert at end "; notes that the Scottish Government has repeatedly not met its own annual target for emissions; agrees that it is important for Scotland to lead by example through action and delivery, 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, including consideration of establishing a publicly-owned energy company, to improve public transport, including by providing adequate funding for councils to establish municipal bus companies, to implement a bold industrial strategy to grow domestic supply chains and create local green jobs in communities across Scotland, and to take all necessary steps to secure a just transition to net zero."

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Orders Temporary Rule Change – Proxy Voting Pilot

[S6M-07078](#) Martin Whitfield on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Standing Orders Temporary Rule Change – Proxy Voting Pilot—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6), *Report on a Proxy Voting pilot* (SP Paper 270), and agrees that the temporary rule change to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 4 January 2023.

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followed by Urgent Question: Michael Marra: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported claims that there was a cover up in relation to the publication of the Royal College of Physicians report into breast cancer care in NHS Tayside.

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5:10 pm Decision Time

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

[S6M-06783](#) Paul O'Kane: Carers Rights Day 2022—That the Parliament recognises that Carers Rights Day 2022 takes place on 24 November 2022; understands that Carers Rights Day is about

raising the awareness of the rights that carers have, but also of what carers still lack in rights and representation; notes the view that amplifying the voice of carers has become even more vital; believes that they have been demonstrably impacted by particular pressures, from the COVID-19 pandemic to the rise in the cost of living; notes the view that, as the cost of living crisis continues, carers must be listened to and their concerns taken seriously and acted upon by the Scottish and UK governments; notes that the State of Caring in Scotland 2022 survey, conducted by Carers Scotland, found that 40% of carers on carers allowance are cutting back on food and heat to make ends meet; celebrates what it sees as the immense contribution that carers make, firstly to their own families and loved ones, who they take care of and support, but also to their wider communities, and believes that their efforts, in turn, prevent added pressures being put onto health and social care services.

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 31st Meeting, 2022

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, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report 2021-22:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Rosemary Agnew, Ombudsman, Niki Maclean, Director, and Andrew Sheridan, Head of Improvement, Standards and Engagement, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.
3. **Understanding Barriers to Local Elected Office:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Arfan Iqbal, Principal Researcher, Constitution, International and Migration Analysis, and Maria McCann, Head of Elections Team, Scottish Government.
4. **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report 2021-22:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Understanding Barriers to Local Elected Office:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft response to the lead committee on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-23.
7. **Proposed Housing Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to pre-legislative scrutiny of the proposed Housing Bill.
8. **Community Empowerment Act:** The Committee will further consider its approach to the inquiry.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 32nd Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Public Water Supplies \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2022 \[draft\]](#) from—
Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment and Land Reform, Rosemary Greenhill, Regulatory Team Leader, Luigi Pedreschi, Solicitor, and Claire Phelan, Policy Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Màiri McAllan (Minister for Environment and Land Reform) to move—[S6M-06537](#)—that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2022 \(SI 2022/1173\)](#)
[Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022 \(SSI 2022/330\)](#)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 32nd Meeting, 2022

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 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products \(Poultrymeat\) \(Miscellaneous Temporary Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/352)
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Bankruptcy and Debt Arrangement Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2022/Draft)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/340)
[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/341)
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/349)
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2022](#) (SSI 2022/355)
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider an approach for a draft protocol for an expedited timetable for certain instruments under the affirmative procedure which may also be made under the "made affirmative" procedure.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 31st Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Duddy, Chair, Eilidh Dickson, Policy and International Officer, and Jim Farish, Commissioner, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 32nd Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2023-24: UK context:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Phillips, Associate Director, and Ben Zaranko, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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