

Wednesday 21 December 2022

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 10:40am



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

3:15 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-07192 Douglas Ross: Maternity Services at Dr Gray's

Committee Meetings

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

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Rural Affairs and Islands

- 1. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact that proposed Highly Protected Marine Areas will have on the fishing industry. ([S6O-01708](#))
- 2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what its most recent assessment is of the impact of Brexit on Scotland's food and drink sector. ([S6O-01709](#))
- 3. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to introduce legislation to support the edible insect sector in Scotland. ([S6O-01710](#))
- 4. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is addressing any impact of the EU Withdrawal Agreement on the seed potato sector. ([S6O-01711](#))
- 5. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to prepare for any potential surge in avian flu cases over the winter. ([S6O-01712](#))
- 6. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the current and potential future impacts of post-Brexit free trade agreements on Scotland's agricultural sector and rural economy. ([S6O-01713](#))
- 7. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last engaged with the UK Government on the subject of EU replacement funding with respect to the rural affairs portfolio. ([S6O-01714](#))
- 8. Michael Marra:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-01715](#))

Health and Social Care

- 1. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the letter it received from the Grampian Local Medical Committee stating that "General Practice continues to be scapegoated as a profession in order to mask the failings of the Scottish Government". ([S6O-01716](#))
- 2. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on BMA Scotland's reported estimate that Scotland is approximately 1,000 short of the required number of whole time equivalent GPs. ([S6O-01717](#))
- 3. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact of air pollution is on mental health. ([S6O-01718](#))
- 4. Elena Whitham:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-01719](#))
- 5. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what help it is providing to suicide support services, including SAMH and its recently launched campaign, Ask Them About Suicide, ahead of the festive season. ([S6O-01720](#))

6. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the actions taken in Forth Valley Royal Hospital following its escalation to stage 4 of the NHS Scotland National Performance Framework for Governance, Leadership and Culture. ([S6O-01721](#))

7. Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what specific measures are being taken to support social care workers during the cost of living crisis. ([S6O-01722](#))

8. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the new North East Hub Health and Care Centre in Parkhead, Glasgow. ([S6O-01723](#))

Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

1. Stephanie Callaghan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Child Poverty Action Group report, *The Cost of a Child in Scotland in 2022 - update*. ([S6O-01724](#))

2. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what guidance is in place for local authorities commissioning domestic abuse services. ([S6O-01725](#))

3. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to review the legislation on licensing of short-term let accommodation, in light of the reported unintended consequences for existing providers that have emerged. ([S6O-01726](#))

4. Maggie Chapman: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-01727](#))

5. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the Scottish Housing Regulator regarding the future of community housing associations. ([S6O-01728](#))

6. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported warnings from COSLA that local government job losses are "inevitable" and that services will have to be reduced. ([S6O-01729](#))

7. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that children and young people in families experiencing poverty are supported throughout the Christmas holiday period. ([S6O-01730](#))

8. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the social justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the support available to families experiencing poverty, including as a result of rising energy costs, where a seriously ill child relies on life-sustaining equipment at home. ([S6O-01731](#))

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-07312](#) **Shona Robison: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-07367](#) **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—

(a) Wednesday 21 December 2022—

delete

3:15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

delete

followed by Members' Business — S6M-07192 Douglas Ross: Maternity Services at Dr Gray's

(b) Thursday 22 December 2022—

after

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

delete

1.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-07192 Douglas Ross: Maternity Services at Dr Gray's

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-07367.1](#) Alexander Burnett: Revision to Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-07367 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after

"12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert"

leave out—

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill"

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Strikes

followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics".

[S6M-07367.2](#) Neil Bibby: Revision to Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-07367 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out "4.30 pm Decision Time" and insert—

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Strikes

followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics

5.30 pm Decision Time".

[S6M-07332](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Ministerial Statement: Proposed Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Fourth National Planning Framework

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act

followed by Scottish Government Debate: National Drugs Mission: Our Cross Government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report - Changing Lives

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 17 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Committee Debate

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 January 2023

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: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 January 2023, 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-07333](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-07334](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Poultrymeat) (Miscellaneous Temporary Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/352) be approved.

[S6M-07335](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (UK Legislation).

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-07192](#) Douglas Ross: Maternity Services at Dr Gray's—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that Moray women and families are now in the fifth winter of living with what it considers downgraded maternity services; believes that this is unacceptable and notes the view that the full focus of the Scottish Government and NHS Grampian should be on delivering on model six, which is a return to a consultant-led maternity unit in Elgin; acknowledges the reported

significant objections from campaigners and clinicians to model four, which is a community maternity unit linked mainly to Raigmore; understands that clinicians have stated that plans for model four are "predicated on a transparently and wildly inaccurate underestimate of the number of Moray patients who would deliver at Raigmore Hospital", and that they are "fundamentally flawed"; believes that NHS Grampian will detail its plan for model six at a meeting of its board on 15 December 2022, and notes the view that the Parliament should have an early opportunity to debate this plan and hear the Scottish Government's response to it.

Committee Meetings

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

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 19th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1859: Retain falconers rights to practice upland falconry in Scotland and will take evidence from the Minister for Environment, Hugh Dignon - Head of Wildlife Management Unit, Scottish Government and Land Reform and Stan Whitaker - Wildlife Management Manager, NatureScot;
 - PE1856: Support the taxi trade;
 - PE1909: Remove the "gender-based crime" domestic abuse narrative and make it gender neutral and equal;
 - PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems; and
 - PE1928: Provide free rail travel for disabled people who meet the qualifications for free bus travel.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE1965: Limit estranged couples' claim on an estate after 7 years of non-medical separation;
 - PE1966: Formally recognise and incorporate local knowledge in Scottish Government policy;
 - PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan;
 - PE1970: Create an online account for parents to manage the 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare funding;
 - PE1971: Take Robust Action to Stop Motorcycle Theft;
 - PE1972: Allow Assisted Dying for people with long-term mental illness and consenting capacity; and
 - PE1973: End the use of Sheriffs Discretion when ruling on civil cases and provide clear legal guidance on division of assets.
4. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider correspondence to the Scottish Government on the following continued petitions —
 - PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act; and
 - PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme.
5. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—
 - PE1871: Full review of mental health services and will take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Hugh McAloon - Director of Mental Health, Scottish Government, Gavin Gray - Deputy Director, Improving Mental Health Services, Scottish Government and Dr Alastair Cook - Principal Medical Officer, Scottish Government.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 31st Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bankruptcy and Debt Arrangement Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendment) Scotland Regulations 2023 from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, Suzanne Houston, Solicitor, and Alex Reid, Head of Policy Development, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth) to move—
S6M-06962—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Bankruptcy and Debt Arrangement Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 be approved.
4. **The outlook for business investment :** The Committee will take evidence from—
Carolyn Currie, Chief Executive, Women's Enterprise Scotland;
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy, Federation of Small Businesses;
Fergus Mutch, Policy Adviser , Scottish Chambers of Commerce;
Clare Reid, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Scottish Council for Development and Industry.
5. **The outlook for business investment:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Criminal Justice Committee 33rd Meeting, 2022

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

1. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, Anna Kynaston, Deputy Director, National Care Service, and Catriona Dalrymple, Deputy Director, Community Justice, Scottish Government.
2. **Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (LCM(S6)27).
3. **Priorities in the Justice Sector and an Action Plan:** The Committee will consider progress made on implementing the recommendations in the Committee's report on the priorities for the criminal justice sector in Scotland.
4. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

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