

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-05166, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deaths in Custody

followed by Ministerial Statement: Retained EU Law

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Cost of Living Support

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs

6:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-04950 Ross Greer: Save Loch Lomond

Committee Meetings

9:15am Education, Children and Young People Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

11:30am Scottish Commission for Public Audit

3:00pm Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-05166, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-05171 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

S6M-05166 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 22 June 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill - UK Legislation

delete

6.10 pm Decision Time

insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 23 June 2022—

delete

7.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.45 pm Decision Time

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and Veterans

1. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions justice ministers have had with ministerial colleagues regarding using antisocial behaviour laws to prevent people carrying out intimidating protests outside abortion clinics. ([S6O-01252](#))

2. Ariane Burgess: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal's recent report on hate crime in Scotland, particularly the findings that in 2021-22 disability aggravated charges increased by 44% and transgender identity aggravated charges by 87% compared with 2020-21. ([S6O-01253](#))

3. Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the review by the Police Service of Northern Ireland into findings by a tribunal of a "sexist culture" in Police Scotland. ([S6O-01254](#))

4. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what support and advice is available to veterans in appealing to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland regarding war pensions. ([S6O-01255](#))

5. Foyso Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure fair access to justice in light of its recent Resource Spending Review reportedly freezing legal aid spending for the next five years. ([S6O-01256](#))

6. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on police pay negotiations. ([S6O-01257](#))

7. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government how it will raise awareness of the Water Safety Action Plan ahead of the summer to ensure people stay safe in and around Scotland's waters. ([S6O-01258](#))

8. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government when it last discussed the international transfer of prisoners to Scotland with the UK Government. ([S6O-01259](#))

Finance and the Economy

1. Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government what its latest assessment is of the impact of Brexit on Scotland's economy. ([S6O-01260](#))

2. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the economy in Fife. ([S6O-01261](#))

3. Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve pay levels in the Scottish economy in light of the reported findings of the Office for National Statistics that UK annual growth in regular pay, excluding bonuses, fell by 4.5% after adjusting for inflation. ([S6O-01262](#))

4. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how much it is allocating in its Budget for infrastructure plans. ([S6O-01263](#))

5. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government how its Resource Spending Review publication, *Investing in Scotland's Future*, will ensure that children and young people's rights to food, education and fun will be met. ([S6O-01264](#))

6. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government how the reported proposed real-terms cuts to the budget of Audit Scotland could impact on its work. ([S6O-01265](#))

7. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report published by Reform Scotland describing the Scottish National Investment Bank as "unfocused and ill-conceived", having a "strategic deficiency" and recommending that the Bank be "reset". ([S6O-01266](#))

8. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that any real-terms cuts in its Budget may impact most on the courts and prosecution service. ([S6O-01267](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deaths in Custody

followed by Ministerial Statement: Retained EU Law

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Cost of Living Support

[S6M-05106](#) Mark Griffin: Cost of Living Support—That the Parliament notes that, under the UK Government's Energy Bills Support Scheme, second home owners across Scotland will receive a double payment of the £400 credit for their energy bills; considers that this funding would be better used to support low-income households struggling with the cost of living crisis, and calls on the Scottish Government to allow local authorities to recover this money through a one-off increase to the council tax levied on second homes in order to support local cost of living responses.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-05106.2](#) Tom Arthur: Cost of Living Support—As an amendment to motion S6M-05106 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living Support), leave out from "calls on" to end and insert "agrees that the Scottish Government, in consultation with COSLA, should examine all options to recover this money through a council tax levy on second homes and long-term empty homes in order to support local cost-of-living responses on a fair and equitable basis."

[S6M-05106.1](#) Miles Briggs: Cost of Living Support—As an amendment to motion S6M-05106 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living Support), leave out from "second home" to end and insert "every household in Scotland will receive £400 off their energy bills, with additional funding being provided to those on benefits, people with disabilities and pensioners; further notes that raising the National Insurance threshold and cutting the Universal Credit taper rate will allow people to keep more of the money they make; agrees that cutting fuel duty will help tackle this crisis by lowering fuel costs; notes that the £243 billion that the UK Government spends on welfare will support some of the most vulnerable families in Scotland; believes that the huge £251 million cut to Scottish local authorities has resulted in higher council tax rates across the country, and supports increasing the single person discount on council tax from 25% to 35%."

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care

[S6M-05111](#) Jackie Baillie: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should end all non-residential social care charges in the current financial year given the growing pressure that the cost of living crisis is putting on the most vulnerable in society, and the level of reserves sitting with health and social care partnerships.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-05111.2](#) Kevin Stewart: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges—As an amendment to motion S6M-05111 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges), leave out from "financial year" to end and insert "parliamentary session; welcomes the recent introduction of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, in line with the Bute House Agreement, and supports the creation of this new service, which will end the postcode lottery in adult social care in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government's welfare cuts, and retention of 85% of spending on social security benefits, including low-income benefits, and employment powers, including the minimum wage remaining with the UK Government, is letting down the most vulnerable in society by failing to properly address the cost of living crisis and its causes; notes that the Scottish Government has increased eight Scottish social security benefits at double the rate that the UK Government uprated benefits within its control; understands that the overall budget available in Scotland is largely determined by the spending decisions of the UK Government, and considers that the Scottish Government is

already investing in mitigating the impact of UK Government control, tackling the cost of living, and tackling poverty.”

[S6M-05111.1 Sandesh Gulhane: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-05111 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “calls on the Scottish Government to properly fund local authorities so that they have more freedom when it comes to non-residential social care charges; regrets that the Scottish Government’s proposals for a National Care Service could cost up to £1.3 billion to deliver, and that much of this will be spent on establishing structures and administration when what the care sector needs right now is stability to get back on its feet; understands that the Scottish Government’s proposals will leech funding away from the frontline; regrets that the National Care Service represents a direct attack on the competence of local authorities, and calls on the Scottish Government to scrap these plans and introduce a local care guarantee that would ensure that care is delivered as close as possible to those who need it.”

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill

[S6M-05155 Ben Macpherson: Social Security \(Additional Payments\) Bill - UK Legislation](#)—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions of the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 June 2022, so far as they relate to matters that fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-05144 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme](#)—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Independence Referendum

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 29 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 September 2022

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 Business

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 8 September 2022

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 Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 June 2022, 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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

S6M-05144.1 Stephen Kerr: Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-05144 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from "*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Independence Referendum" to "*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill" and insert—

"followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Project Neptune

followed by Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill Introduction".

S6M-05145 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 October 2022.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-05146](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-05147](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-05148](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Sue Webber as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

followed by Approval of SSIs

6:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-04950](#) Ross Greer: Save Loch Lomond—That the Parliament notes the reported application lodged by the Yorkshire-based theme park operator, Flamingo Land, for the development of a so-called "luxury resort" on the banks of Loch Lomond at Balloch; understands that this is Flamingo Land's second application for a development on the site, with the first application reportedly having been withdrawn following a record 60,000 objections being lodged with the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park authority; congratulates local residents and the Save Loch Lomond campaign for, it believes, having protected the ancient woodland at Drumkinnon Woods, which it understands is no longer the proposed location for dozens of guest lodges, but remains concerned about a number of reported issues with the current application, including its overall scale, public access to Drumkinnon Woods and the wider site, pressure on local roads and the principle of selling public land at one of Scotland's most famous locations to a private developer.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 19th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Scottish Attainment Challenge Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 17th 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 3 in private and whether consideration of the Committee's work programme should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Broadband connectivity:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, Clive Downing, R100 Programme Director, and Robert McGhee, Deputy Director for Digital Connectivity, Scottish Government.
3. **Broadband connectivity:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 21st Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Michael Clancy OBE, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;
William Telford, Detective Sergeant, Police Scotland;
Sara Shaw, Principal Procurator Fiscal Depute, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
Robbie Kernahan, Director of Green Economy, NatureScot.
3. **Aquaculture regulatory review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Russel Griggs OBE.
4. **Impact of EU exit on the rural affairs and islands remit:** The Committee will consider a list of candidates for the post of agriculture policy adviser.

Criminal Justice Committee 21st Meeting, 2022

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 item 3 in private and any subsequent consideration of progress made on implementing the

Committee's recommendations in its report on the priorities for the criminal justice sector in Scotland, in private, at future meetings.

2. **Police numbers and the potential impact of new pension arrangements:** The Committee will consider correspondence received from Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Federation.
3. **Priorities in the Justice Sector and an Action Plan:** The Committee will consider progress on implementing the recommendations in the Committee's report on the priorities for the criminal justice sector in Scotland.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 20th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 3.00 pm in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Senator Regina Doherty, Leader, Seanad Éireann.
2. **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

Scottish Commission for Public Audit 1st Meeting, 2022

The Commission will meet at 11:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022 and Auditor's Report on the Accounts:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Professor Alan Alexander, Chair of the Board, Martin Walker, Acting Director of Corporate Services, and Stuart Dennis, Corporate Finance Manager, Audit Scotland;
and then from—
David Jeffcoat, Partner, Alexander Sloan.

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