

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

1. Collette Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government how the expansion of the Scottish Child Payment will impact on the delivery of its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01573](#))

2. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry to conclude. ([S6O-01574](#))

3. Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Information Commissioner's section 46 report for 2021-22, which reported a 29% increase in Freedom of Information appeals. ([S6O-01575](#))

4. Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Government what the reduction in funding for Covid Recovery will be as part of the Emergency Budget Review. ([S6O-01576](#))

5. Pam Duncan-Glancy: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-01577](#))

6. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made on implementing the recommendations of the Institutionalising Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Working Group published in March. ([S6O-01578](#))

7. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recently reported warnings by the Bank of England that the UK is about to enter the longest recession since the 1930s, what assessment it has made of the impact that this could have on its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01579](#))

8. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that the increase in inflation will have on the ability of the public sector to deliver on its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01580](#))

Finance and the Economy

1. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Orkney Islands Council regarding the Scottish Budget 2022-23. ([S6O-01581](#))

2. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions finance ministers have had with the Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training to assess the number of construction apprentices and construction workers needed to support the recovery of Scotland's economy and meet its net zero targets. ([S6O-01582](#)) **R**

3. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential economic benefit to Scotland of moving to a low-carbon economy and achieving net zero. ([S6O-01583](#))

- 4. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is investing to support the economy across the West Scotland and Greater Glasgow areas. ([S6O-01584](#))
- 5. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is investing in rural broadband. ([S6O-01585](#))
- 6. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance ministers have had with ministerial colleagues regarding any plans to investigate the feasibility of a land value tax. ([S6O-01586](#))
- 7. Jenni Minto:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment has been made of the impact that the UK Government's Autumn Statement will have on Scotland's public finances. ([S6O-01587](#))
- 8. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what assets currently in public ownership it plans to privatise. ([S6O-01588](#))

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Protecting Primary Care

[S6M-06899 Jackie Baillie: Protecting Primary Care](#)—That the Parliament notes the recent warnings by BMA Scotland about the pressures on general practice, with 81% of practices surveyed reporting that demand was exceeding capacity and it estimating that an extra 1,000 whole time equivalent (WTE) GPs are needed now; understands that not all practices have access to full multi-disciplinary teams, limiting GPs' ability to focus on the patients that need them most, and therefore regrets the Scottish Government's decision to cut £65 million from primary care services and £5 million from the Sustainability Payment to practices; considers that this diminishes the ability of GPs to respond to winter pressures and will exacerbate the crisis in primary care, with serious consequences for staff and patients and the wider NHS this winter; is alarmed by reports that NHS board chief executives are considering the implementation of a two-tier system of access within the NHS, and considers this to be privatisation through the back door; remains committed to the founding principle of the NHS of being freely available at the point of need; calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider the cuts to primary care and to give an urgent update on where the 800 additional GPs it pledged in 2017 will be located, and regrets that the Scottish National Party administration is considering the privatisation of the NHS in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-06899.2 Humza Yousaf: Protecting Primary Care](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-06899 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Protecting Primary Care), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises the pressures on primary care and right across the NHS and social care due to the effects of Brexit, the global pandemic and the cost of living crisis; notes that the overriding priority for the delivery of healthcare must be to deliver the best outcomes for patients; supports the actions of the Scottish Government to abolish prescription charges and recognises that, under the current administration, they will remain free for all; believes that prescription charges are a tax on illness and that healthcare must be based on the clinical needs of patients and not their ability to pay; recognises that primary care provision extends beyond the work of general practice and welcomes that free eye care tests continue to be protected, that dental charges have been abolished for young people, and that, through NHS Pharmacy First, more first-line care is being provided for free through community pharmacies; recognises, in general practice, that Scotland currently has a record high level of GPs and that Scotland has proportionately more GPs than any other nation in the UK; welcomes that efforts to recruit 800 additional GPs by 2027 are on track,

with 277 already in post by 2021; understands that, to support GP practices, over 3,220 multidisciplinary healthcare professionals have been recruited since 2018; acknowledges that primary care funding has increased again in the current financial year and understands that integration joint board reserves provided for primary care are to be utilised for primary care; recalls that it was the current administration that took the legislative steps necessary to stop the privatisation and commercialisation of GP services that was permitted by the previous Labour-led administration; further recalls that it was the current administration that brought Stracathro back into the NHS after its work was put into private hands by the previous Labour-led administration, and shares the Scottish Government's unswerving commitment to the founding principles of the NHS to be publicly owned, publicly operated and free at the point of need."

[S6M-06899.1 Sandesh Gulhane: Protecting Primary Care](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-06899 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Protecting Primary Care), insert at end “, and finds it extremely concerning that there are siloed conversations within the Scottish Government occurring without the Chief Medical Officer or Chief Nursing Officer, and that there is a lack of clinical input into political decision-making, leading to Scottish Government announcements being divorced from the reality of life and purpose of the service.”

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme

[S6M-06898 Mark Griffin: Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme](#)—That the Parliament notes the increase in mortgage costs due to the sharp rise in interest rates following the UK Government's disastrous mini-budget; believes that, combined with wider cost of living pressures, higher mortgage repayments will push some households into poverty and that action is needed to prevent a spike in arrears and homelessness; recognises that the Scottish Government's Mortgage to Shared Equity scheme has not had a successful application since 2015-16, and calls for the Scottish Government to relaunch and revamp the scheme so that it is not limited to only those with existing high levels of equity, that eligibility thresholds reflect true house price values and that there is a maximum application turnaround time of two months.

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[S6M-06898.2 Shona Robison: Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-06898 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme), leave out from "Scottish Government's" to end and insert "Home Owners' Support Fund is a demand-led mortgage rescue programme to support low-income homeowners facing difficulty meeting payments to stay in their property through moving to either a rent or shared-equity scheme; notes that the Scottish Government is already reviewing the eligibility criteria of the Fund in light of the cost of living crisis; acknowledges the actions taken by the Scottish Government to also support people in the rented sector during the current cost crisis through the actions in the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 and through up to £86.6 million in Discretionary Housing Support; calls on the UK Government to ensure that there is an adequate social security net to support people in time of hardship, including homeowners with mortgages; believes that the current nine-month wait for loan-only support with mortgages within Universal Credit is too long, and agrees that this is one of the many areas where Universal Credit is not fit for purpose."

[S6M-06898.1 Miles Briggs: Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-06898 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme), leave out from "following" to end and insert "due to Vladimir Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine and the

recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the billions of pounds in cost of living support packages announced by the UK Government to support the most vulnerable households during this difficult period; recognises that Scottish Government decisions have contributed to the cost of living crisis by failing to address the housing crisis that exists in Scotland; condemns the Scottish Government for scrapping the Help to Buy scheme that helped prospective homeowners to get on the property ladder, and calls on the Scottish Government to reintroduce a Help to Buy scheme and develop a Rent to Buy scheme."

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Forth Valley Update

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-06914](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: EU Retained Law

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls

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 1 December 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: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: World Aids Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 December 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 Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Proxy Voting

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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 8 December 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: Education and Skills

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 28 November 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.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-06299](#) Pam Gosal: Recognising the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women—That the Parliament recognises the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November, and the 16 Days of Activism following this, which run from 25 November to 10 December 2022, Human Rights Day; recognises that the 2022 global theme is “UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls”; notes the view that this is an opportunity to come together with the global women’s movement to call for an end to gender-based violence; further notes reports that the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG); believes that VAWG remains the most pervasive human rights violation worldwide; understands that it affects more than an estimated 1 in 3 women; notes that it is estimated that on average a woman or girl is killed by someone in her own family every 11 minutes across the globe; welcomes that, during the pandemic, UN Women, women’s rights organisations and others acted with urgency to secure policy changes aimed at eradicating VAWG; believes that there is growing evidence that VAWG is preventable; commends the hard work of organisations and individuals that aim to eradicate any and all forms of violence against women, and notes the view that Parliament should do everything in its power to contribute to the work to stop violence against women and girls.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 31st Meeting, 2022

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

- Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence, in a round-table discussion, to inform its consideration of Stage 2 amendments from—
Peter Clark, Public Affairs Manager, British Association for Shooting and Conservation;
Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;
Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn, Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
Alex Hogg MBE, Chairman, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;
Kirsty Jenkins, Policy Officer, OneKind;
Robbie Marsland, Director of Scotland and Northern Ireland, League Against Cruel Sports;
Jake Swindells, Director, Scottish Countryside Alliance;
Detective Sergeant William Telford, Police Scotland.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 29th Meeting, 2022

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

- National Care Service (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Clare Haughey, Minister for Children and Young People, Kevin Stewart, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, Paul Beaton, Children's Services - Unit Head, Iona Colvin, Chief Social Work Adviser, and Donna Bell, Director of Social Care and National Care Service Development, Scottish Government.
- Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee 29th Meeting, 2022

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
- Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, Neil Rennick, Director of Justice, and Donald McGillivray, Director of Safer Communities, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] from—
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, Walter Drummond-Murray, Head of Civil Courts, Inquiries, Private & International Law, and Emma Thomson, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Keith Brown (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans) to move—
S6M-06291—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.
5. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Claire Wilson, Lead Social Worker, Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership;
Anil Gupta, Chief Officer, Communities, COSLA;
Lynsey Smith, Chair of the Justice Standing Committee, Social Work Scotland;
Kate Ramsden, National Executive Member, UNISON Scotland.
6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
7. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 27th 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.
2. **Just Transition Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Jim Skea, Chair, Just Transition Commission;
Elliot Ross, Head of Just Transition Commission Secretariat, Scottish Government.
3. **Just Transition Commission:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme for the remainder of the year.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 16th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody and will take evidence from David Strang, former chair and Dr Carole Hunter, former member, Scottish Drug Deaths Task Force;
PE1855: Pardon and memorialise those convicted under the Witchcraft Act 1563;
PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act;
PE1896: Provide every primary school child in Scotland with a reusable water bottle;
PE1906: Investigate options for removing and reducing the impact of the central Glasgow section of the M8;
PE1930: Ensure customers are always given information on cheapest possible fare in new Scotrail contract; and
PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

PE1954: End the installation of new telegraph poles for broadband provision;
PE1955: Make the provision of public toilets a statutory duty;
PE1956: Increase the provision of wheelchair accessible homes; and
PE1962: Stop motorhomes parking overnight out with formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires.

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