

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Royal Assent

The Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 received Royal Assent on 13 June 2023

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions:

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business:
Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business:
A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption

followed by Urgent Question: Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement that Scottish junior doctors have voted overwhelmingly to reject the pay offer made by the Scottish Government and plan to take strike action.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-08629 Stuart McMillan: Scotland's Liver Cancer Crisis

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions:

Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- 1. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the reportedly rising number of people of working age who are economically inactive are inactive as a result of NHS waiting lists or long COVID. ([S6O-02357](#))
- 2. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on what impact poor infrastructure has on the ability of Scottish businesses to succeed. ([S6O-02358](#))
- 3. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding Levelling Up funding for Scotland's islands. ([S6O-02359](#))
- 4. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its vision for solar energy. ([S6O-02360](#))
- 5. Karen Adam:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02361](#))
- 6. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to tourism and other businesses within island communities to mitigate the impact of any connectivity issues affecting them. ([S6O-02362](#))
- 7. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is ensuring that rural communities, including Dumfries and Galloway, benefit from current and future renewable energy projects. ([S6O-02363](#))
- 8. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the uptake in the Western Isles of R100 Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme vouchers, worth up to £5,000, for properties for which there is no roll-out of superfast broadband planned. ([S6O-02364](#))

Finance and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the 2023-24 Budget on the ability of local authorities to keep sport and leisure facilities open to the public. ([S6O-02365](#))
- 2. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has conducted any modelling on the potential behavioural impact of the Scottish Green Party's proposal to introduce a new increased tax rate for those earning between £75,000 and £125,000. ([S6O-02366](#))
- 3. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been allocated in the Scottish Budget 2023-24 to tackle child poverty. ([S6O-02367](#))
- 4. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to propose a parliamentary debate on sewage. ([S6O-02368](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to address the negative revenue reconciliation of £687 million for 2024-25 that is currently forecast by the Scottish Fiscal Commission. ([S6O-02369](#))
- 6. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government how the planning system can help to create a strong, prosperous and vibrant retail sector, including through business support. ([S6O-02370](#))

7. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any impact that its fiscal policy platform will have on Scottish businesses, including tourism and hospitality businesses. ([S6O-02371](#))

8. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent Accounts Commission report, *Local government in Scotland: Overview 2023*. ([S6O-02372](#))

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business: Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times

[S6M-09462 Jackie Baillie: Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times](#)—That the Parliament is deeply concerned that NHS waiting lists continue to increase to record levels, with over 779,000 patients awaiting treatment; regrets that over 18,300 patients died on NHS waiting lists in 2022, whilst the number of people in Scotland paying for private treatment has increased by 73% since before the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that the Scottish Government has failed to meet its revised national targets for tackling long waits for planned care; is concerned about the delay in rolling out the network of National Treatment Centres; recognises that the NHS is facing a workforce crisis, with over 7,000 vacancies unfilled, and agency costs spiralling to £567 million in 2022-23, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to bring forward a revised NHS Recovery Plan, in consultation with key stakeholders, to reduce long waits as a matter of urgency.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-09462.2 Michael Matheson: Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-09462 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times), leave out from "is deeply" to end and insert "recognises the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on both the people of Scotland directly, and on the operation of the health service; further recognises that too many people are waiting too long for treatment, and welcomes the reductions in the longest waits recently; notes that health services across the four nations are dealing with the effects of the pandemic on waiting times, and recognises that use of the independent sector by individuals is proportionately lower than that in England or Wales; supports the twin approach of investment and reform of the NHS so that delivery continues to be enhanced, backed by investment founded in progressive taxation; appreciates that the workforce is at the heart of all that the NHS does, and thanks everyone working in the NHS for their dedication, expertise and commitment; believes that the NHS must be kept true to its founding principles of being publicly owned, publicly operated, and free at the point of need, and further believes that the only way to protect the NHS from the threat posed by the UK Government is to realise independence for Scotland."

[S6M-09462.1 Sandesh Gulhane: Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-09462 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on NHS Waiting Times), after "2022-23" insert "; notes with concern that long waits are an issue throughout all aspects of the health service, with cancer waiting times at their worst ever level, A&E targets not being met in three years, and the Scottish Government failing to clear the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) backlog".

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business: A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption

[S6M-09463 Michael Marra: A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption](#)—That the Parliament instructs the Scottish Government to establish a resilience fund for businesses adversely affected by Caledonian MacBrayne disruption and withdrawal of services, utilising funds obtained from penalties imposed on Caledonian MacBrayne for breaches of its contract with Transport Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-09463.2](#) Màiri McAllan: A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption—As an amendment to motion S6M-09463 in the name of Michael Marra (A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption), leave out from “instructs” to end and insert “recognises the significant impact that delays and disruption to ferry services have regrettably had on Scotland’s island communities and businesses; acknowledges that some island communities have been particularly badly affected, and also acknowledges the frustration felt by island communities; believes that the Scottish Government must continue to explore all practicable options to support island communities; agrees that the Scottish Government should redouble its efforts to work with operators and CMAL to improve reliability, resilience and confidence across networks and services, and address concerns that have been raised around CalMac’s route prioritisation matrix to ensure that it is reviewed, with input from communities, and that it considers the economic impact to fragile island communities; notes that all penalty deductions from CalMac made in relation to failures on the network are used to support resilience and help reduce disruption, for example, by helping to partly fund the cost of the charter of MV Alfred, and believes that accelerating the replacement of major vessels in the ferry fleet must be the priority in order to provide the ferry services that island communities need.”

[S6M-09463.1](#) Graham Simpson: A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption—As an amendment to motion S6M-09463 in the name of Michael Marra (A Resilience Fund for CalMac Disruption), insert at end “; notes the anger expressed by islanders at repeated disruption, which is impacting on business and day-to-day life; calls on the Scottish Government to establish the fund, which should be permanent, without delay, and welcomes the commitment by CalMac to review its route scoring matrix.”

followed by Urgent Question: Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement that Scottish junior doctors have voted overwhelmingly to reject the pay offer made by the Scottish Government and plan to take strike action.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-09501](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards Implementation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Innovation Strategy

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 June 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: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 June 2023

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

5.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 June 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.

[S6M-09502](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 December 2023.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-09503](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Application to Civil Partnerships and Consequential Provision) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-09504](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Negotiating Board for Scotland (Constitution, Arbitration and Qualifying Cases) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-09505](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Online Safety Bill.

[S6M-09524](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

[S6M-09538](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—

That the Parliament agrees that Kenneth Gibson be appointed to replace Keith Brown as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-08629](#) Stuart McMillan: Scotland's Liver Cancer Crisis—That the Parliament understands that 90% of liver disease is preventable, but that rising alcohol misuse, obesity and viral hepatitis are reportedly contributing to a liver disease and liver cancer crisis in Scotland; notes reports that liver disease burden is highest in deprived areas, such as those within the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, which, it understands, had the highest rate of alcohol-specific deaths in 2017-2021, the majority of which were caused by alcohol-related liver disease; highlights what it sees as the importance of prevention and earlier detection of liver cancer, as one of the less survivable cancers, which, it understands, has seen the highest increase in mortality rates of all cancer types in Scotland over the last decade, and commends the work of the British Liver Trust and other charities in promoting the use of intelligent liver function tests and non-invasive liver scans in primary and community care to accelerate earlier detection of liver disease and liver cancer in order to save lives and reduce long-term pressures on the NHS.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 18th Meeting, 2023

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

- Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Professor Alan Werritty, Chair, Professor Ian Newton, Member, and Professor Colin Reid, Member, Grouse Moor Management Review Group;
and then from—
Libby Anderson, Member, Scottish Animal Welfare Commission;
Ian Andrew, Chief Executive Officer, British Pest Control Association;
Ross Ewing, Director of Moorland, Scottish Land and Estates;
Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn, Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
Alex Hogg, Chairman, Scottish Gamekeepers Association;
Liz McLachlan, Licensing Manager, Wildlife Management Team, NatureScot.
- Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 10th Meeting, 2023

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

- Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider petition PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems, taking evidence from —
Rt Hon. Dorothy Bain KC, Lord Advocate, and Andy Shanks, Head of the Scottish Fatalities Investigation Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
and then consider PE1992: Dual the A9 and improve road safety, taking evidence from —
Laura Hansler, Petitioner
Grahame Barn, Chief Executive, Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Scotland Ltd
and then from —
Lawrence Shackman, Director, Major Projects, Robert Galbraith, Head of Construction, and Morag MacKay, Development Management and Trunk Road Casualty Reduction Manager, Transport Scotland
and then consider —
PE1862: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities;
PE1865: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices; and
PE1962: Stop motorhomes parking overnight outwith formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires.
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- Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2016: Raise awareness of Thrombosis in Scotland; and

PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open.

3. **Public Participation Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report and a summary version.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 19th Meeting, 2023

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 items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Electronic Trade Documents Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6-37) from—
Richard Lochhead, Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade, Chris Nicholson, Solicitor and Head of the Constitutional Reform and External Affairs Branch, and David Barnes, Deputy Director Trade Policy Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Registers of Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jennifer Henderson, Keeper of the Registers of Scotland, and Chris Kerr, Interim Accountable Officer and Registration and Policy Director, Registers of Scotland.
4. **Electronic Trade Documents Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Registers of Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (in private):** The Committee will consider an approach paper.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 19th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Violence in schools:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Anne Keenan, Assistant Secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS);
Mike Corbett, National Official (Scotland), NASUWT;
Carrie Lindsay, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, Fife Council, representing the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES);
Dr Colin Morrison, Co-Director, Children's Parliament;
Nick Smiley, Chair, Association of Scottish Principal Educational Psychologists (ASPEP);
Dr Joan Mowat, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, Strathclyde University;
Cheryl Burnett, Chair, National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFSS);
Beau Johnston, MSYP for Edinburgh Central and SYP Trustee, Scottish Youth Parliament.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

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