

Tuesday 20 June 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:40pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-09618, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Tetiana Balanova, Community Coordinator, Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) in Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

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 Motion of No Confidence

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-09435 Alexander Burnett: Ensuring a Just Transition for Rural Communities

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:30am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:45am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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[S6M-09618](#) 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) Tuesday 20 June 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Innovation Strategy

insert

followed by Motion of No Confidence

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 21 June 2023—

delete

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

9.50 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what work is being done to support local communities that have recently been affected by water shortages.

([S6T-01462](#))

2. Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any implications for its Deposit Return Scheme, when it and its agencies were informed of Circularity Scotland's financial position, including the company's reported need to send staff home. ([S6T-01459](#))

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

[S6M-09594](#) Richard Lochhead: Scottish Innovation Strategy—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Scotland's National Innovation Strategy; recognises its vision for Scotland to become one of the most innovative small nations in the world over the next decade as a key part of delivering a greener, fairer, wellbeing economy; recognises Scotland's potential to become a world leader in four key areas of the economy, which are energy to address the climate emergency, health and life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and data and digital technologies; welcomes the strategy's four programmes, which are a national network of clusters in key sectors, a renewed investment and support offer for businesses, a new framework for realising the commercial and community benefits of research, and a new programme focused on supporting businesses to become active in innovation and improve their productivity; recognises that the Scottish Government will measure and evaluate Scotland's innovation performance and compare this to similar nations on an annual basis; welcomes the extensive engagement, consultation and joint working with industry, academia, entrepreneurs, investors and the public sector that helped develop the strategy; notes the successful examples of innovation taking place across the country; recognises the important role of enhanced employee engagement and alternative ownership models in fostering innovation, and understands the significant opportunities for Scotland, and its businesses, entrepreneurs, workers, communities and universities, to grow and scale its excellence in innovation and technology to become recognised globally as a world-leading innovation nation.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-09594.2](#) Jamie Halcro Johnston: Scottish Innovation Strategy—As an amendment to motion S6M-09594 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Scottish Innovation Strategy), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises the importance of driving innovation in Scotland, both within the public and private sectors, but believes that the current direction of the Scottish Government is creating barriers to growth and inhibiting innovation; further recognises that high taxes on individuals and businesses risk impacting on growth; regrets the reduction in the 2023-24 budget settlement to the enterprise agencies, which will reduce their ability to support Scottish businesses; acknowledges the challenges faced in the university sector for Scottish students due to high levels of competition and the resulting impact that has on the ability to train, in the numbers required, sufficiently skilled workers to drive and support innovation; believes that leaving the United Kingdom would severely damage Scotland's ability to succeed by creating a border across the vital UK single market, creating significant challenges for businesses to trade and operate across the United Kingdom, and would cost the Scottish economy billions of pounds, reducing the ability to foster a strong, vibrant and innovative economy, and believes that Scotland's success lies in cooperation across the United Kingdom, economic policies which provide Scotland with a competitive advantage, proper investment in infrastructure to benefit businesses and communities, and a Scottish Government with a firm grasp on public finances to build business confidence and drive innovation."

[S6M-09594.1](#) Daniel Johnson: Scottish Innovation Strategy—As an amendment to motion S6M-09594 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Scottish Innovation Strategy), insert at end "; recognises that ambition alone will not be enough to realise the potential of Scotland's people, businesses and communities; believes that a genuine coordinated industrial strategy, built on investment, skills and infrastructure, will be central to driving innovation; welcomes the identification of the energy sector as a sector with high potential, and believes that the best chance

of realising the potential in Scotland's energy sector is through the Labour Party's plan to create a new publicly-owned energy company, which will be headquartered in Scotland and will deliver lower bills, energy security and good jobs for Scotland."

followed by Motion of No Confidence

[S6M-09607](#) **Liam Kerr: Motion of No Confidence**—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, in light of the failure of the proposed Scottish Deposit Return Scheme.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-09435](#) **Alexander Burnett: Ensuring a Just Transition for Rural Communities**—That the Parliament believes that what it sees as the Scottish Government's failure to listen to local communities has resulted in an unjust transition to net zero taking place in rural communities across Scotland, including those in the Aberdeenshire West constituency; recognises what it sees as the vital importance of an energy strategy that uses a mix of energy sources to achieve a just transition and protect the livelihood and character of rural communities; acknowledges what it sees as the significant concerns of local communities and local authorities, which, it believes, have overwhelmingly opposed industrial sized onshore windfarm proposals, but have then been overruled by the Energy Consents Unit * *; notes the view that the Scottish Government should ensure that local community objections to renewable energy developments are a key factor in considering when approval should be granted; further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to introduce legislation for a mandatory minimum megawatt-hour community benefit contribution rate from renewable energy developments, which would increase in line with inflation; recognises the role that it believes that community benefit should play in ensuring that communities receive fair compensation as part of a real just transition in areas where renewable energy developments are being considered, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to implement the recommendations of the joint review by the UK and Scottish governments of ETSU-R-97 on all new onshore windfarm developments, in particular, the recommendation that controlling values for noise during the night should not be higher for night-time than during the day.

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Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 22nd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 to 6 in private.
2. **NHS Boards scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jim Miller, Chief Executive, NHS24;
and then from—
Pauline Howie, Chief Executive, Scottish Ambulance Service.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Food \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Compliance Notices\) Regulations 2023](#)
[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#)
4. **NHS Boards scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Experiences of the Complex Mesh Surgical Service:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health.
6. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will consider its approach to pre-budget scrutiny for the budget period 2024-25.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 19th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
2. **Scottish Government's public service reform programme:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sarah Watters, Director of Membership and Resources, COSLA;
Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council, representing SOLACE Scotland;
Kirsty Flanagan, Director of Finance, Argyll and Bute Council, representing CIPFA Local Government Directors of Finance (Scotland).
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
4. **Public administration - effective Scottish Government decision-making (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 18th Meeting, 2023

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 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ninian Christie, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Philip Duffy, Economic Adviser, Local Government and Analytical Services Division, Ben Haynes,

Bill Manager, Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill, Robin Haynes, Head of Council Tax & Alternative local tax policy, and John St Clair, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Community Planning Inquiry: Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment Act 2015:** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 22nd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Scotland's electricity infrastructure: inhibitor or enabler of our energy ambitions? (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 15th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Lisa Davidson, Senior Policy Officer, Civil Courts and Tribunals, and Leanna Maclarty, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—S6M-09108—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court and Sheriff Court\) \(Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules\) \(Amendment\) 2023](#)
5. **Asylum Seekers in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, Asylum Inquiry Scotland;
and then from—
Emma Roddick, Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees, Alison Byrne, Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights (Interim), and Aileen Harding, Policy Manager, Asylum and Refugee Integration, Scottish Government.
6. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 5.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 21st Meeting, 2023

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 items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Feed Additives \(Form of Provisional Authorisations\) \(Cobalt\(II\) Compounds\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/170)
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/177)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/176 (C.17))
4. **Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
5. **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Electronic Trade Documents Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the supplementary legislative consent memorandum and the responses received from the Scottish Government and the UK Government on the Bill.
7. **Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the themes arising from evidence heard during its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

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