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Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

followed by Urgent Question: Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to restore ferry services between Mallaig, Oban and Lochboisdale in South Uist, in light of the announcement that the services are to be withdrawn from 5 April to 13 May.

followed by Urgent Question: Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Police Scotland call handlers used a fake system for eight years.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:15am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

10:30am COVID-19 Recovery Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

1. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission's recommendation that no further new greyhound tracks be permitted in Scotland.

([S6O-02087](#))

2. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government how many affordable homes are required to be built to meet the needs of rural communities in the Highland and Islands. ([S6O-02088](#))

3. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government how many GP surgeries are not currently accepting new patients. ([S6O-02089](#))

4. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address any poverty-related issues in schools. ([S6O-02090](#))

5. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent reported comments by the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland regarding children and families with no recourse to public funds being unable to access frontline services in Scotland, what action it can take within devolved powers to monitor the situation of any such children and families, including any support that can be provided. ([S6O-02091](#))

6. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on investment in research and coordinated care services to support those living with long Covid. ([S6O-02092](#))

7. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Learning for Sustainability Action Plan in educational settings in the north east. ([S6O-02093](#))

8. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Bute House Agreement with the Scottish Green Party. ([S6O-02094](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Douglas Ross: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-01962](#))

2. Anas Sarwar: Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-01963](#))

3. Liz Smith: To ask the First Minister, in light of last week's *Fiscal Sustainability Report* published by the Scottish Fiscal Commission, what the Scottish Government's economic priorities are. ([S6F-01965](#))

4. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the potential impact of the anticipated 1 April rise in energy bills on household finances in Scotland. ([S6F-01996](#))

5. Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the poverty statistics published last week in the report, *Poverty and Income Inequality in Scotland 2019-22*. ([S6F-01981](#))

6. Ariane Burgess: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government will take to tackle the climate and nature emergencies. ([S6F-01967](#))

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

- 1. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body when it will next meet with representatives from the GMB trade union MSP staff branch. ([S6O-02095](#)) R
- 2. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what discussions it has had in relation to access to translation services for cross-party groups. ([S6O-02098](#))
- 3. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will provide an update on pay negotiations with trade unions representing Scottish Parliament staff. ([S6O-02099](#))
- 4. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will provide an update on what preparations it has made for the launch of the Deposit Return Scheme. ([S6O-02028](#))
- 5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will provide an update on what progress it has made in preparing for the operation of the Deposit Return Scheme. ([S6O-02061](#))
- 6. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what steps it will take to create a more family-friendly environment. ([S6O-02062](#))
- 7. Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what benefits are available for SPCB and MSP staff. ([S6O-02096](#))
- 8. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what feedback it has received from MSPs and their staff regarding the roll-out of Webex. ([S6O-02097](#))

followed by Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

[S6M-08469](#) **Humza Yousaf: First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers**—That the Parliament agrees that Jenny Gilruth, Màiri McAllan, Neil Gray and Angela Constance be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

[S6M-08470](#) **Humza Yousaf: First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers**—That the Parliament agrees that Joe FitzPatrick, Jenni Minto, Natalie Don, Graeme Dey, Gillian Martin, Emma Roddick, Paul McLennan and Siobhian Brown be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

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followed by **Business Motions**

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[S6M-08474](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of committee meetings taking place on Tuesday 18 April—

- (a) in Rule 6.3A.1 after “member” the words “or members” be inserted;
- (b) Rule 6.3A.2 be suspended;
- (c) in Rule 6.3A.4 the first sentence be suspended.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit Committee 11th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- The 2021/22 audit of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on the section 22 report from—
Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner, Ethical Standards Commissioner.
- The Auditor General for Scotland's Work Programme:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gemma Diamond, Director, and Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
- The Auditor General for Scotland's Work Programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gemma Diamond, Director, and Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Scotland.
- The 2021/22 audit of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland.
- The 2021/22 audit of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 5 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
- The Auditor General for Scotland's Work Programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 3 and 6 and agree any further action it wishes to take.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 11th Meeting, 2023

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

- Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Sturla Sigurjónsson, Ambassador of Iceland to the United Kingdom.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

COVID-19 Recovery Committee 8th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- Recovery of NHS dentistry services (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

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