

Tuesday 2 May 2023

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:20pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-08792, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Megan Laird, NDCS Young Changemaker

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

**followed by** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-08651 Beatrice Wishart: Highly Protected Marine Areas

### 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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**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-08792](#) 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 2 May 2023—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

insert

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes

(b) Thursday 4 May 2023—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

and insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

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**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in light of the grounding of MV Pentalina and any impact on ferry services to and from Orkney. ([S6T-01340](#))

**2. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported comments from the Scottish Solicitors Bar Association that its plans for juryless trials would be an affront to justice and that any proposed pilot could result in boycott action. ([S6T-01344](#))

## followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

**[S6M-08758](#) Emma Roddick: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness**—That the Parliament recognises that social isolation and loneliness can affect anyone at any age or stage of life, but that not everyone is affected equally; acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic meant that more people experienced social isolation, and that this was disproportionately felt by disabled people, younger people and single-person households; recognises the action taken by the Scottish Government since its strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness was published in 2018, including working with young families that are facing adversity, stigma and exclusion, supporting disabled people, carers and grassroots projects to ensure that communities can make a difference on their own terms; believes that preventative action is vital to ensure that the negative mental health consequences are addressed; welcomes the investment that the Scottish Government is making through the three-year, £3.8 million Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund, which will create opportunities for people to connect with one another in Scotland's communities; commends the work of organisations and communities to tackle this issue, and recognises that tackling this public health issue is a collective responsibility and requires a shared commitment across the public, private and third sectors.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-08758.1](#) Alexander Stewart: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness**—As an amendment to motion S6M-08758 in the name of Emma Roddick (Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that its strategy for tackling isolation focusses on increasing awareness of loneliness, particularly among young people and older people, connecting communities, implementing a national awareness campaign on loneliness and isolation, and supporting innovation."

**[S6M-08758.2](#) Paul O'Kane: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness**—As an amendment to motion S6M-08758 in the name of Emma Roddick (Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "acknowledges the investment that the Scottish Government is making through the three-year, £3.8 million Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund, which will create opportunities for people to connect with one another in Scotland's communities; commends the work of organisations and communities to tackle this issue; recognises that tackling this public health issue is a collective responsibility and requires a shared commitment across the public, private and third sectors; notes that precarious funding risks the third sector's contribution and ability to deliver vital services for people and communities across Scotland; further notes that this can lead to disconnects between national policy and the implementation of policy at the local level, and understands that a long-term, flexible, sustainable, and accessible approach to funding is central to a sustainable voluntary sector, which can deliver measurable impacts on loneliness and isolation in Scotland."

## followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes

**[S6M-08720](#) Martin Whitfield on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Standing Order Rule Changes**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *Standing Order Rule changes - minor amendments* (SP Paper 352), and agrees that the rule changes to Standing Orders set out in the annexe of the report be made with effect from 4 May 2023.

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business  
Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-08651](#) Beatrice Wishart: Highly Protected Marine Areas**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of Scotland's fishing and aquaculture industries to coastal and island communities such as Shetland, as well as the wider Scottish economy; notes that the Scottish Government consultation on Highly Protected Marine Areas, a policy that forms part of the Bute House Agreement, closed on 17 April 2023; further notes that there are different views on Highly Protected Marine Areas and the contribution that they can make to protecting the marine environment; understands that many, including the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, have concerns about these areas and the impact that they will have on the fishing and aquaculture industries, as well as other activity of importance to coastal and island communities and the wider economy; notes the view that work should be done to ensure that all stakeholders are fully engaged with the process and that local community perspectives are taken into account; further notes stakeholders' reported suggestions that scientific studies and pilot schemes should be considered and evaluated before any Highly Protected Marine Areas are formally designated; notes the view that this work should be carried out as soon as feasible and that any findings from studies or pilot schemes should be shared with all relevant stakeholders, and further notes the view that any work that directly affects coastal and island communities should always be undertaken in partnership with them to ensure that livelihoods are protected.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 15th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose its Deputy Convener.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **NHS Boards scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jeff Ace, Chief Executive, NHS Dumfries and Galloway;  
Professor Grant Archibald, Chief Executive, NHS Tayside;  
Professor Jann Gardner, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire.
4. **Follow-up scrutiny: Complex Mesh Surgical Service:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Wael Agur, Lead Urogynaecologist and member of the Scottish Government's transvaginal mesh short-life working group, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;  
Dr Anna Lamont, Medical Director, Procurement Commissioning and Facilities, NHS National Services Scotland;  
Dr Alan Mathers, Chief of Medicine for Women and Children's Services, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;  
Terry O'Kelly, Senior Medical Advisor, Scottish Government.
5. **NHS Boards scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **Follow-up scrutiny: Complex Mesh Surgical Service:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee 12th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Michael Marra will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Public administration - effective Scottish Government decision-making:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Judith Turbyne, Chief Executive, Children In Scotland;  
Lucy Hughes, Policy and Parliamentary Manager, Engender;  
Craig McLaren, Director of Scotland, Ireland and English Regions, Royal Town Planning Institute Scotland;  
Rachel Le Noan, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 13th 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 item 4 in private.
2. **Damp and Mould in Social and Private Rented Housing:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Aoife Deery, Senior Social Justice Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;  
Ruth Gilbert, Member, Living Rent;  
Shona Gorman, Chair, Central Scotland Regional Network of Tenants and Residents;  
Debbie King, Head of Advocacy, Shelter Scotland;  
Emma Saunders, National Organiser, Living Rent;  
and then from—  
John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords;  
Timothy Douglas, Head of Policy and Campaigns, PropertyMark;  
John Kerr, Co-Chair, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO);  
Carolyn Lochhead, Director of External Affairs, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA).
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Town and Country Planning \(Play Sufficiency Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/97)  
[Town and Country Planning \(Development Planning\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/101)
4. **Damp and Mould in Social and Private Rented Housing:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 15th Meeting, 2023

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 5 in private.  
The Committee will also decide whether its consideration of a draft report on A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board \(Gender Representation on Public Boards\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) [draft] from—  
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Transport, Scottish Government;  
Natalie Barton, Solicitor, and George Beale-Pratt, Smart Policy Manager, Transport Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Kevin Stewart (Minister for Transport) to move—[S6M-08262](#)—  
That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Gender Representation on Public Boards) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/080)
5. **A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 10th 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 3 in private.
2. **Asylum Seekers in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Pinar Aksu, Human Rights and Advocacy Coordinator, Maryhill Integration Network;  
Selina Hales, Founder and Director, Refuweegee;  
Nick Hobbs, Head of Advice and Investigations, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;  
María José Pavez, Policy Officer, Grampian Regional Equality Council;  
Savan Qadir, Project Manager, Refugees for Justice;  
Dr Sarah Stewart, Volunteer and Partnership Manager, Friends of Scottish Settlers.
3. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 14th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Mercedes Villalba will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Lady Ann Paton, Chair, and Lord Drummond Young, Lead Commissioner and Former Chair, Scottish Law Commission.
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Heat Networks \(Heat Network Zones and Building Assessment Reports\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/123)  
[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/124)  
[National Health Service \(Optical Charges and Payments\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/125)
5. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

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