

Wednesday 31 May 2023

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Let's Talk Education – The National
Discussion

followed by Urgent Question: Rachael
Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government
what action it is taking to reduce the risk of
wildfire in Scotland, in light of reports that an
ongoing wildfire in Cannich is estimated to
become the largest by area on record and
that two firefighters were injured while
responding to the blaze.

followed by Scottish Parliamentary
Corporate Body Motion: Reimbursement of
Members' Expenses Scheme

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 — S6M-
08199 Murdo Fraser: Dewars Centre in Perth

Committee Meetings

8:45am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

10:00am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care - Questions 3 and 8.

Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions have taken place with Forestry and Land Scotland regarding the upcoming 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships. ([S6O-02292](#))
- 2. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to boost the Scottish salmon industry. ([S6O-02293](#))
- 3. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the letter from the Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation, offering to assist with progressing fisheries management issues, including Highly Protected Marine Areas. ([S6O-02294](#))
- 4. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how many farmers and crofters it has supported this year through the Single Application Form. ([S6O-02295](#))
- 5. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its cross-government co-ordination on island connectivity, what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any impact of the continued delay of vessels 801 and 802 on island communities. ([S6O-02296](#))
- 6. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to mitigate any negative effects of commercial forestry on farming. ([S6O-02297](#))
- 7. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether agricultural support is delivering value for money. ([S6O-02298](#))
- 8. Marie McNair:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02299](#))

NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

- 1. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government how many mothers from Moray it anticipates will give birth at Raigmore each year until the new service at Dr Gray's is up and running, in light of its decision in December 2022 not to continue with model 4. ([S6O-02300](#))
- 2. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the continuation of the independent contractor model in general practice. ([S6O-02301](#))
- 3. Jim Fairlie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it is doing to tackle any challenges faced by NHS dentistry. ([S6O-02302](#))
- 4. Meghan Gallacher:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02303](#))
- 5. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide an update on any recent engagement with health and social care ministers from the other UK administrations regarding a coordinated approach to dentistry. ([S6O-02304](#))
- 6. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met with NHS Lanarkshire and what was discussed. ([S6O-02305](#))
- 7. Katy Clark:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will initiate an independent review into the use of surgical mesh products within NHS Scotland. ([S6O-02306](#))

8. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it will take to reverse the reported decline of NHS dentistry. ([S6O-02307](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Let's Talk Education – The National Discussion

[S6M-09213](#) Jenny Gilruth: Let's Talk Education – The National Discussion—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *All Learners in Scotland Matter: Our National Discussion on Education*; acknowledges the significant levels of engagement that the National Discussion generated, with events and discussions taking place in every part of Scotland, led by schools, community groups and third sector organisations, and reaching more than 38,000 people; thanks the independent academic facilitators, Prof Carol Campbell and Prof Alma Harris, for overseeing this work; supports the guiding values of the report to ensure that all learners in Scotland experience an education system that is ambitious, inclusive and supportive; recognises the diversity of all learners and endorses the vision, which will safeguard the learning and the life chances of all children and young people in Scotland, and agrees to work with the Scottish Government and COSLA to turn this vision into a reality for Scotland's children and young people, and the educators, parents and carers who support them.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-09213.3](#) Stephen Kerr: Let's Talk Education – The National Discussion—As an amendment to motion S6M-09213 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Let's Talk Education – The National Discussion), leave out from “, Prof” to end and insert “and all those who participated; notes the report's conclusion that 'there is an overwhelming appetite for change' and urges the Scottish Government to view this as a call for urgent steps to ensure real reform; further notes the concerns raised in the national discussion over the lack of support and respect given to teachers and pupil support assistants, as well as the issues experienced by teachers, pupils, parents and carers in relation to young people with additional support needs and the need to ensure a better approach to play-based learning and early years; believes that a new deal for teachers would address issues in professional development and teacher recruitment; further believes that debates should be held on the level to which teachers and school leaders should be able to be more autonomous in their decision making, the presumption against specialist schooling for young people with additional support needs and the age at which children start formal schooling, and acknowledges the frustration, cynicism and anger at previous unmet promises of reform and the resultant doubts expressed in the report over whether genuine reform would take place.”

[S6M-09213.1](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Let's Talk Education – The National Discussion—As an amendment to motion S6M-09213 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Let's Talk Education – The National Discussion), insert at end “; recognises that the implementation of the existing Scottish Government commitment to increase non-contact time is necessary, and calls on the Scottish Government to reiterate this commitment and set out when it intends to fulfil it.”

followed by Urgent Question: Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the risk of wildfire in Scotland, in light of reports that an ongoing wildfire in Cannich is estimated to become the largest by area on record and that two firefighters were injured while responding to the blaze.

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme

[S6M-09249](#) Jackson Carlaw on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2), 81(5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 2 March 2021, be amended to—

(a) insert, in paragraph 1.2.4, after “considers appropriate.” and before “Such increases”—

“Any such uprating shall also be applied to the limit on the amount by which Members may vary their office cost and engagement provisions up or down subject to the overall agreed combined annual limit, as set out in paragraph 4.3.1 and 5.1.3.”

(b) insert, in the second sentence of paragraph 4.3.1 after “financial year,” and before “subject to”—

“or by such sum as determined following the uprating of the variation limit applied under paragraph 1.2.4,”

(c) insert, in the second sentence of paragraph 5.1.3 after “financial year,” and before “subject to”—

“or by such sum as determined following the uprating of the variation limit applied under paragraph 1.2.4,”.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-09251](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Active Travel Transformation

followed by Appointment of Board Members to Environmental Standards Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 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: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: New Vessels for the Clyde and the Hebrides – Arrangements to Deliver Vessels 801 and 802

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: College Regionalisation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Labour 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 15 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 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn

followed by Debate on the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit

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 5 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.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-09252](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

[S6M-09253](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill.

[S6M-09254](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Electronic Trade Documents Bill.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-08199](#) Murdo Fraser: Dewars Centre in Perth—That the Parliament notes the concerns raised by Scottish Curling that the potential closure of the Dewars Centre, in Perth, would be the death knell of a legacy of curling in Perthshire dating back decades; notes the belief that, if this proposal goes ahead, it would mean that the town and county with which curling is most closely associated has made a choice to de-prioritise the success of legends such as Rhona Howie, Eve Muirhead, David Murdoch and numerous others, all of whom have a strong connection between Perth and the Dewars Centre and their Olympic and World Championships successes; further notes that the Dewars Centre has a history of supporting grassroots curling, and the potential to enable critical growth and to play a central role in tackling isolation, reducing barriers to inequality, and ensuring that inclusion and a sense of community are at the heart of sport in Perth, and notes the calls for Live Active Leisure and Perth and Kinross Council to reach a decision that would enable the Dewars Centre to be retained.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 17th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
2. **Rural Affairs and Islands remit:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, George Burgess, Director of Agriculture and Rural Economy, and Annabel Turpie, Director of Marine Scotland, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Animal By-Products and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Alastair Douglas, Head of Disease Control branch, Animal Health and Welfare Division, and Keith White, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands to move—S6M-08906—That the Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands Committee recommends that the Animal By-Products and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Animal Health \(Miscellaneous Fees\) \(Amendment and Revocation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#)
6. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Hugh Dignon, Head of Wildlife Management Unit, Leia Fitzgerald, Team Leader, Wildlife Legislation Team, Norman Munro, Solicitor, and Sam Turner, Team Leader, Wildlife Management Team, Scottish Government.
7. **Rural Affairs and Islands remit:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 17th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Just Transition for the Grangemouth area (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill and Electronic Trade Documents Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny the legislative consent memorandums lodged by Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (LCM(S6) 36) and (LCM(S6) 37).

Education, Children and Young People Committee 17th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 9th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1864: Increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms;
 - PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody;
 - PE1906: Investigate options for removing and reducing the impact of the central Glasgow section of the M8;
 - PE1953: Review Education Support staff roles;
 - PE1958: Extend aftercare for previously looked after young people, and remove the continuing care age cap;
 - PE1960: Formally recognise private hire cars and taxis as modes of public transport; and
 - PE1961: Make it a specific offence to assault, threaten or abuse a private hire or taxi driver while at work.
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE2012: Remove need for follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) blood tests before prescribing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT);
 - PE2014: Revert to the appeals system used in 2022 for SQA exams; and
 - PE2015: Extend the right to vote in Scottish local government and Scottish Parliament elections to all prisoners.
4. **Decisions on publication of submission:** The Committee will decide whether to accept an unsolicited submission on petition PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer to investigate concerns about the alleged mishandling of child safeguarding enquiries by public bodies, and, if so, whether to publish the submission anonymously.
5. **Decision on sharing private papers:** The Committee will be invited to agree that any private briefing material prepared by SPICe for the Committee's future consideration of petition PE1992 (Dual the A9 and improve road safety), and any confidential submissions received on the petition, be shared with Edward Mountain, reporter on the petition for the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.
6. **Public Participation Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Criminal Justice Committee 17th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone 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 International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Walter Drummond-Murray, Head of Civil Courts Unit, Conor Samson, Justice Cooperation Policy Manager, and Emma Thomson, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—
S6M-08712—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.
4. **Tackling online child abuse, grooming and exploitation:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Daljeet Dagon, Programme Manager, Barnardo's Scotland;
Stuart Allardyce, Director, Stop it Now! Scotland, Lucy Faithfull Foundation;
Wendy Hart, Deputy Director, Threat Leadership Child Sexual Abuse, National Crime Agency;
Joanne Smith, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, NSPCC Scotland;
Detective Superintendent Martin MacLean, Head of National Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Specialist Crime Division, Police Scotland;
Alison Penman, Senior Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Depute Chair, Child Protection Group, Social Work Scotland.
5. **Access to court transcripts:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government and Rape Crisis Scotland.
6. **Tackling online child abuse, grooming and exploitation:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

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