

Wednesday 27 March 2024

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

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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: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy – Questions 3 and 7

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Urgent Question: Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Chief Executive of Ferguson Marine had his contract of employment terminated yesterday.

**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-12237 Audrey Nicoll: The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Criminal Justice Committee

**10:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

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#### Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy

- 1. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken to measure the extent of economic inactivity in Scotland post-COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-03260](#))
- 2. Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support the creation of new jobs at the Chapelcross site near Annan. ([S6O-03261](#))
- 3. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the importance of Prestwick Airport as a strategic asset for Ayrshire and Scotland. ([S6O-03262](#))
- 4. Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will undertake an evaluation of the potential benefits of small modular nuclear reactors within Scotland's energy provision. ([S6O-03263](#))
- 5. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact of UK Government policies on its vision for a wellbeing economy in Scotland. ([S6O-03264](#))
- 6. Mark Griffin:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03265](#))
- 7. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the former chairman of Prestwick Airport resigned his post to lead a bid to purchase the airport. ([S6O-03266](#))
- 8. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any progress towards meeting its target of reducing food waste by 33% by 2025. ([S6O-03267](#))

#### Finance and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact that stagnation has had on Scotland's public finances, in light of the final report of the Resolution Foundation's The Economy 2030 Inquiry, which found that the UK is a decade and a half into a period of stagnation. ([S6O-03268](#))
- 2. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government how it has allocated the funding raised through ScotWind option fees in the 2024-25 Scottish Budget. ([S6O-03269](#))
- 3. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it has made towards the goals of the Freedom of Information Improvement Plan 2024. ([S6O-03270](#))
- 4. Sue Webber:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03271](#))
- 5. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government how many premises in South Lanarkshire currently receive rates relief through the Small Business Bonus Scheme. ([S6O-03272](#))
- 6. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government at what specific annual income any individual would start to pay more income tax in Scotland than they would elsewhere in the UK under its new Scottish income tax levels. ([S6O-03273](#))
- 7. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government when its review of capital spending will be complete. ([S6O-03274](#))

**8. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of the impact of its 2024-25 Budget on the Highlands and Islands region. ([S6O-03275](#))

**followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill**

[S6M-12640](#) **Mairi Gougeon: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill.

**followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill**

[S6M-12111](#) **Shona Robison: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

**followed by Urgent Question: Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Chief Executive of Ferguson Marine had his contract of employment terminated yesterday.**

**followed by Business Motions**

[S6M-12669](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's International Culture Strategy

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 April 2024

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* 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 18 April 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 April 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

*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 15 April 2024, 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-12670](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 31 May 2024.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-12671](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament after Portfolio Questions on Thursday 28 March 2024.

**followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**5:10 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-12237](#) Audrey Nicoll: The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Fraser of Allander Institute report, *The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update*, commissioned by Scottish Renewables, which, it understands, provides the latest estimates of economic output and job figures for Scotland's renewable energy industry; understands that the report demonstrates that Scotland's renewable energy industry and its supply chain supported more than 42,000 full-time equivalent jobs in 2021, with offshore wind supporting the most employment across Scotland's economy from the renewable energy sector for the first time, with 15,005 full-time equivalent roles, while onshore wind supported 12,030 full-time equivalent roles

and renewable heat supported 7,220 full-time equivalent roles; recognises the report's estimate that Scotland's renewable energy industry supported over £10.1 billion of output in 2021, with offshore wind contributing, it understands, the largest estimated economic output of £4 billion, followed by onshore wind and hydropower, generating £3.4 billion and £1.2 billion respectively, and welcomes the continued growth of Scotland's renewable energy industry, which, it believes, is critical not only for achieving Scotland's energy security and net zero ambitions, but also for building a greener, growing economy that benefits communities across Scotland, including in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Criminal Justice Committee 13th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/70) from—  
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, and Jim Wilson, Licensing Team Leader, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Christine Grahame to move—  
S6M-12516—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/70) be annulled.
3. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 11th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence and a note by the clerk.

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