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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Dr Yahya Barry, Imam, Shah Jalal Mosque

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Growing Community Owned Energy in Scotland

followed by Urgent Question: Patrick Harvie: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what its response is to the open letter to the Presiding Officer, signed by cross-party MSPs and staff, regarding the interim position on the use of facilities in the Parliament building.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-16194 Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer

Committee Meetings

8:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether its current investment in youth work is sufficient, in light of reports of an increase in youth violence and the loss of local youth services in recent years. ([S6T-02550](#))

2. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that violence against teachers in schools in Aberdeen has risen by 25% in the last year. ([S6T-02545](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Growing Community Owned Energy in Scotland

[S6M-17648 Gillian Martin: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland](#)—That the Parliament believes that Scotland must increase community-owned energy production, and supports communities being aided to achieve this; welcomes that, since its inception, the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) has advised over 1,300 organisations and provided over £67 million in funding to support over 990 projects; notes that the new Community Energy Generation Growth Fund will provide up to £8 million to boost community energy in Scotland, and believes that the development of renewables at all scales in Scotland should benefit consumers, communities and the economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-17648.3 Douglas Lumsden: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises that community consent needs to be at the heart of energy production; notes with concern that pylons and other electricity infrastructure are increasingly being built without the support of residents, and calls on the Scottish Government to give these communities more say over local energy production.”

[S6M-17648.1 Sarah Boyack: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end “; welcomes the £4 million in funding from Great British Energy to fund half of the Community Energy Generation Growth Fund; believes that, as well as community groups, councils and public sector organisations are well placed to host, or collaborate on, community renewables projects, community heat projects, municipal ownership and co-operative models; further believes that land reform should mean the chance for communities to be able to have priority access to land when it becomes available; notes that there are a range of different technologies that could be utilised for community-owned energy projects, including wind, solar and hydro schemes among others, in both urban and rural Scotland; acknowledges that the Scottish Government could help to grow the sector by opening up the government electricity supply contract to community generators, which are currently denied access to the market, whether directly through conditions of tender or indirectly through procurement; calls on public

bodies to create space for community ownership where possible by making public land and buildings available to community energy groups, and calls on the Scottish Government to work productively with the UK Government to create further opportunities for communities to own a meaningful stake in energy infrastructure through partnering with Great British Energy."

[S6M-17648.2](#) Patrick Harvie: Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end "; acknowledges that any significant increase in public, community and shared ownership of energy infrastructure will require new and increased forms of support from the Scottish Government, including making public land available for energy projects and diversifying the ownership of existing energy assets; considers that community ownership of heat networks offers further opportunities to maximise the social, economic and environmental benefit of heat decarbonisation, and calls on the Scottish Government to build on its relationship with Denmark to draw on its experience of both shared ownership of renewables and developing heat networks built and operated on a not-for-profit basis."

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

[S6M-16194](#) Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer—That the Parliament recognises the recent Nature of Scotland Award for Innovation to the Common Ground Forum for its work addressing challenging conflicts and relationships in the deer management sector; welcomes that the forum has brought together stakeholders, including land managers and conservationists, to build consensus and common understanding; notes what it sees as the importance of effective deer management, both in achieving nature restoration and the viability of rural businesses in many parts of the country, including in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, and notes the view that all sides of the deer sector should continue to embed the Common Ground Forum's approach.

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 16th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/124) and the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/126) from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Thomas Barratt, Head of Development Management, Scott Ferrie, Deputy Director, Chief Report Planning Environmental Appeals, Andy Kinnaird, Head of Transforming Planning, and Chris Sinclair, Policy Manager, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/124)
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Local Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/126)
4. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 5).
5. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2024 to 13 May 2025.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 18th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Care Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Summary:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, John Paul Liddle, Deputy Director for the National Care Service, Ryan Anderson, Head of Digital Health and Care Policy and Strategy Unit, and Lee Flannigan, Head of National Care Service Finance, Scottish Government.
2. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Rt Hon. Lord Hardie, Former Chair, Edinburgh Tram Inquiry;
Rebecca McKee, Senior Researcher, Institute for Government;
Dr Emma Ireton, Associate Professor, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University;
and then from—
Michael Clancy, Director of Law Reform, Law Society of Scotland;
Laura Dunlop KC, Convener, Law Reform Committee, Faculty of Advocates;
Richard Pugh KC, Compass Chambers.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 16th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Patrick Harvie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Douglas Ross, Member in Charge of the Bill, Alison Fraser, Solicitor, Legal Services, and Neil Stewart, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.
4. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-53a](#) from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Stephen Garland, Unit Head, Fair Work Division, Lucy McMichael, Head of Branch, Social Care Legal Services Unit, and Martin Reid, Unit Head, Adult Social Care Workforce and Fair Work, Scottish Government.
5. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3 and the evidence heard at its last meeting.
6. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4, the evidence heard at its last meeting and a draft report on supplementary legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-53a](#).
7. **Annual Report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 19th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 9 in private.
2. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6)56 from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Alan Brogan, Head of Operational Delivery, Energy Consents Unit, and Robert Martin, Policy and Administration Team Leader, Energy Consents Unit, Scottish Government;
Nick Gosling, Head of Maritime Policy, Transport Scotland;
Anne Cairns, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025](#) and the [Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland \(Designation of Scheme Administrator\) Order 2025](#) from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Giles Hendry, Policy Officer, Deposit Return Scheme, Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, and Haydn Thomas, Producer Responsibility Unit Head, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-17469—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-17470—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Alex Brown, Packaging Senior Policy adviser, Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, and Haydn Thomas, Producer Responsibility Unit Head, Scottish Government.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy) to move—S6M-17471—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—[Public Service Vehicles \(Registration of Local Services\) \(Local Services Franchises Transitional Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/137)
9. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 18th Meeting, 2025

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 and 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—[Home Detention Curfew \(Amendment of Specified Time Periods\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Bankruptcy and Diligence \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Consequential Amendments and Forms\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/145)
[Health Boards \(Membership and Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/147)
[Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Highland Council\) Designation Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/148)
[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 3\) Regulations 2025](#)(SSI 2025/150)
[St Mary's Music School \(Aided Places\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/151)
[Seed \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/154)
[Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/155)
[Scotland Act 1998 \(Agency Arrangements\) \(Specification\) \(Recognition of Qualifications\) Order 2025](#) (SI 2025/555)
4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.
5. **Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the themes arising from evidence heard during its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Colin Lancaster, Chief Executive, and Marie-Louise Fox, Director of Strategic Development, Scottish Legal Aid Board;
and then from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Martin Brown, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Simon Stockwell, Family Law Unit Head, and Susan Young, Access to Justice Unit Head, Scottish Government.
3. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.
4. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

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