Summary of Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

9.45 am  Health and Sport Committee  Committee Room 6
10.00 am  Education and Culture Committee  Committee Room 1
10.00 am  Justice Committee  Committee Room 4
10.00 am  Public Petitions Committee  Committee Room 2
10.00 am  Subordinate Legislation Committee  Committee Room 3
10.00 am  Welfare Reform Committee  Committee Room 5

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection – Professor A C Grayling, philosopher, writer and broadcaster, Master of the New College of Humanities, Vice President of the British Humanist Association and an Honorary Associate of the National Secular Society
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Universal Services
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business – S4M-05710 David Torrance: Congratulating Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society

For full details of today’s business, see Section A. For full details of the future business, see sections B and C.
Business Bulletin: Tuesday 16 April 2013
Section A – Today's Business
Meetings of Committees

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified. Contact details for Committee Clerks are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Health and Sport Committee
11th Meeting, 2013

The Committee will meet at 9.45 am in Committee Room 6

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
   - The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/96)

3. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1, in round-table format, from—
   - Tam Baillie, Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People;
   - Professor Alan Miller, Chair, and Duncan Wilson, Head of Strategy and Legal, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
   - Kathleen Marshall, Former Commissioner on the Time To Be Heard Pilot, Time to be Heard;
   - Jennifer Davidson, Director, and Moyra Hawthorn, Research Lecturer, Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland;
   - Donald Lyons, Chief Executive, and Lucy Finn, HR Manager (MWC Project Manager for NCF set-up), Mental Welfare Commission;
   - and then from—
     - Lorna Patterson, Project Manager, In Care Survivors Service Scotland;
     - Joan Johnson, Head of Regulated Services, Health in Mind;
     - Alan McCloskey, Head of Victim and Witness Service, Victim Support Scotland;
     - Linda Watters, Team Leader, Survivor Scotland;
     - Jean Maclellan, Head of Adult Care and Support Division, Scottish Government.

4. **Public petitions:PE1434:** The Committee will consider the following petition-PE1434 by Nairn McDonald, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make sure every school can provide adequate sports facilities and resources for their students and to create a minimum level of facilities available.

5. **NHS Boards Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider its approach
Education and Culture Committee
11th Meeting, 2013

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.

2. **Inquiry into decision making on whether to take children into care:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Annette Bruton, Chief Executive, and Lawrie Davidson, Head of Inspection (Criminal Justice and Young People’s Services), Care Inspectorate;
   Stella Everingham, Head of Integrated Children’s Services, Scottish Borders Council, Association of Directors of Social Work;
   Anna Fowlie, Chief Executive, Scottish Social Services Council.

3. **The Royal Charter - the implications for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
   Rt. Hon Lord McCluskey;
   Campbell Deane, Partner, Bannatyne Kirkwood France & Co.;
   David Sinclair, Head of Communications, Victim Support Scotland;
   and then from—
   Pete Murray, Journalist, NUJ Scotland;
   Dr Eamonn O’Neill, Lecturer in Investigative Journalism, Strathclyde University.

4. **Children and Families Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People (LCM(S4)21.1).

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
   Individual Learning Account (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/75).

6. **Finance Committee Budget Strategy Phase:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Budget Strategy Phase.

Justice Committee
11th Meeting, 2013

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.

2. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
   David McKenna, Chief Executive, Victim Support Scotland;
   Cliff Binning, Executive Director Field Services, Scottish Court Service;
   David Harvie, Director of Serious Casework, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;
   Superintendent Grahame Clarke, Safer Communities, Police Scotland;
   and then from—
   Sandy Brindley, National Co-ordinator, Rape Crisis Scotland;
   Louise Johnson, National Worker - Legal Issues, Scottish Women’s Aid;
   Peter Morris, petitioner and campaigner.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
   - Police Pensions (Contributions) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/89);
   - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework and Appointed Day for Strategic Plan) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/97);
   - Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2013 (SSI 2013/100).

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following instrument which is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—
   - Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules) (Lay Representation) 2013 (SSI 2013/91).

5. **Budget Strategy Phase:** The Committee will consider its response to the Finance Committee on the Budget Strategy Phase.

6. **Scottish Court Service:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Scottish Court Service report ‘Shaping Scotland’s Court Service’.

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**Public Petitions Committee**

**8th Meeting, 2013**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Declaration of interests:** Maureen Watt will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.

3. **Consideration of a current petition:** The Committee will consider—
   - PE1383 by Helen McDade, on behalf of the John Muir Trust, on better protection for wild land and take evidence from—Andrew Thin, Chairman, and Ian Jardine, Chief Executive, Scottish Natural Heritage.

4. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider—
   - PE1469 by Aileen Jackson on neighbour notification distances for wind turbine applications and take evidence from—Aileen Jackson; Graham Lang, Chairman, Scotland Against Spin and will then consider—PE1468 by Mike Dailly, on behalf of Govan Law Centre Trust, on evictions due to under occupation deductions.

5. **Consideration of current petitions:** The Committee will consider—
   - PE1395 by Jan Culik on targeted funding for lesser taught languages and cultures at universities;
   - PE1441 by David Crichton on flood insurance problems;
   - PE1443 by Maureen Sharkey, on behalf of Scottish Care and Information on Miscarriage, on investigating the cause of miscarriage;
   - PE1446 by Dr Liza Morton, on behalf of Scottish adult congenital heart patients, on Scottish standards for the care of adult congenital heart patients;
PE1448 by Grant Thomson on improving awareness of the cancer risks in organ transplantation;
PE1454 by Natalie Robb on hyperemesis specialist nurses;
PE1458 by Peter Cherbi on a register of interests for members of Scotland’s judiciary;
PE1459 by James A Mackie on a total review of coastal erosion protocols and responsibilities;
PE1460 by Susan Archibald, on behalf of the Scottish Parliament Cross-Party Group on Chronic Pain, on improvement of services and resources to tackle chronic pain;
PE1463 by Sandra Whyte, Lorraine Cleaver and Marian Dyer on effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment.

6. **School bus safety:** The Committee will consider a paper by the clerk.
7. **Tackling child sexual exploitation in Scotland:** The Committee will consider a paper by the adviser.
8. **Committee time in the Chamber:** The Committee will consider a paper by the clerk.

**Subordinate Legislation Committee**  
**12th Meeting, 2013**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 3

1. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
   - National Health Service Superannuation Scheme etc. (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/109);
   - Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2013 (SSI 2013/112);
   - Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/122).

2. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
   - Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No 2) (Fees of Shorthand Writers) 2013 (SSI 2013/111);
   - Aberdeen City (Electoral Arrangements) Variation Order 2013 (SSI 2013/115);
   - Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 3) (Miscellaneous) 2013 (SSI 2013/120).

3. **Scottish Independence Referendum Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

4. **Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government’s response to its Stage 1 report.
Welfare Reform Committee
8th Meeting, 2013

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 5

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.

2. **The Impact of Welfare Reform on Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on research that it commissioned on the impact of welfare reform on Scotland from—
   Professor Steve Fothergill, Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research, Sheffield Hallam University.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 [draft] and the Education (Free School Lunches) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/64) from—
   Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Ann McVie, Team Leader, Welfare Division, Stuart Foubister, Directorate for Legal Services, and Mr Colin Spivey, Learning Directorate Team Leader, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Margaret Burgess (Minister for Housing and Welfare) to move—S4M-06208—That the Welfare Reform Committee recommends that the Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 [draft] be approved.

5. **Debate:** The Committee will consider a draft motion for a forthcoming debate.

6. **Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the draft Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 and the Education (Free School Lunches) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/64).
Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Time for Reflection – Professor A C Grayling, philosopher, writer and broadcaster, Master of the New College of Humanities, Vice President of the British Humanist Association and an Honorary Associate of the National Secular Society

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S4M-06235 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion— That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 17 April and Thursday 18 April 2013—

Wednesday 17 April

delete

followed by Scottish Green Party and Independent Group Debate: There is Still Such a Thing as Society

and insert

followed by Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Public Procurement Reform

Thursday 18 April

delete

2.30 pm Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Public Procurement Reform

and insert

2.30 pm Scottish Green Party and Independent Group Debate: There is Still Such a Thing as Society

followed by Topical Questions

1. Sandra White: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will update legislation and guidance to ensure that ashes are always treated appropriately following cremation. (S4T-00311)

2. John Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, Shaping Scotland’s Court Services. (S4T-00304)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Universal Services

S4M-06225 John Swinney: Universal Services—That the Parliament confirms its opposition to the further reductions that have been made to the Scottish budget as a result of the UK budget on 20 March 2013 and the damaging impact that the UK
Government’s approach to public spending is having on the economy, public services and households, including the most vulnerable in society, and supports the Scottish Government’s continued commitment to both the social wage, including the universal benefits of free personal care, free prescriptions, concessionary travel, free eye tests and free tuition, and to the four pillars of public service reform, which together will help to ensure that the totality of public spending provides value for money, is sustainable and delivers the outcomes that matter most to Scotland’s people and businesses.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S4M-06225.3 Ken Macintosh: Universal Services—Leave out from “and supports” to end and insert “; notes the conclusions of the Independent Budget Review Panel and the Christie Commission on the Future Delivery of Public Services and several comments by John Swinney in a Scottish Government Cabinet paper, including recognising that ‘there are also inherent real terms cost pressures within public sector budgets’; considers that the Scottish Government has presided over a postcode lottery in care services, a rise in care charges and cuts to local bus services, decisions that have had a severe impact on people across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to engage in an honest and constructive debate about the future of public services to ensure that Scotland’s future public spending is both fair and sustainable.”

S4M-06225.2 Gavin Brown: Universal Services—Leave out from “confirms” to end and insert “notes that many of the measures contained in the UK Government budget on 20 March 2013 have been welcomed across Scotland; is disappointed that the Scottish Government has failed to engage seriously in the debate on universal services, particularly in its refusal to publish longer-term forecasts for spending on universal services, and calls on the Scottish Government again to publish, as soon as possible, the most accurate available forecasts for spending on universal services in Scotland for each of the next 10 years.”

S4M-06225.1 Willie Rennie: Universal Services—Leave out from “confirms” to end and insert “recognises the progress being made on cutting the deficit and placing the public finances on a sustainable footing; welcomes help for households in the UK budget, including the biggest ever rise in the income tax threshold, taking 186,000
Scots out of income tax altogether and cutting it by £600 for over two million more, and help with childcare costs for around 210,000 families in Scotland; further recognises the fiscal and demographic challenges facing governments and parliaments across the world and the importance of public service reform; believes that a multidimensional approach is required whereby the wider social, economic and environmental benefits from spending on universal services are always taken into account in decision-making, and supports the extension of free childcare to two-year-olds in Scotland to match proposals in the rest of the UK.”

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Debate on the subject of—

S4M-05710 David Torrance: Congratulating Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society—That the Parliament congratulates the Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society on its efforts to preserve the caves for future generations; understands that the caves are of significant historical value and that further study of the symbols and carvings, which include an unusually high quantity of Pictish art work, could progress understanding of Scottish cultural history, and believes that the caves have the potential to be a major tourist attraction in the Wemyss area and Fife.