

Thursday 1 December 2016

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 2:30pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

- 11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11:40 am** General Questions
- 12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions
- 12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-02359  
Ash Denham: Small Business Saturday
- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Recognising 16 Days of Action to End  
Violence Against Women and Girls
- followed by** Business Motions
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

- 9:00am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and  
External Relations Committee
- 9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative  
Scrutiny Committee
- 9:30am** Equalities and Human Rights  
Committee
- 10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public  
Appointments Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Minister for Transport and the Islands last met ScotRail and what issues were discussed. ([S5O-00416](#))
- 2. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to improve the performance of ScotRail. ([S5O-00417](#))
- 3. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its priorities are for public transport. ([S5O-00418](#))
- 4. John Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish details of the proposed single national board to oversee economic development and skills funding. ([S5O-00419](#))
- 5. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when construction will start on the A90 grade-separated junction at Laurencekirk. ([S5O-00420](#))
- 6. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government when ministers last met the president of COSLA to discuss the spending review and the local government settlement. ([S5O-00421](#)) **R**
- 7. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of the US Presidential election on Scotland. ([S5O-00422](#))
- 8. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what guidance is being developed for schools in light of the additional £100 million from 2017-18 for the Scottish Attainment Challenge. ([S5O-00423](#))
- 9. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide additional support to help develop innovation in the tidal and wave energy sectors. ([S5O-00424](#))
- 10. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what legislation it plans to amend or introduce to prevent cases of alleged domestic abuse being treated as family matters within the civil courts. ([S5O-00425](#))

### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. ([S5F-00561](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00565](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-00558](#))
- 4. John Mason:** To ask the First Minister, in light of comments by the Secretary of State for Scotland, what commitments the Scottish Government has received from the UK Government regarding the devolution of further powers. ([S5F-00569](#))
- 5. Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is on the ability of the education agencies to deliver the curriculum for excellence. ([S5F-00563](#))

**6. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to address workforce issues in the NHS. ([S5F-00580](#))

**7. Emma Harper:** To ask the First Minister whether she will provide an update following her visit to Dublin. ([S5F-00581](#))

## 12:45 pm Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**[S5M-02359](#) Ash Denham: Small Business Saturday**—That the Parliament recognises 3 December 2016 as Small Business Saturday; acknowledges that Small Business Saturday UK is a grassroots, non-commercial campaign, which highlights small business success and encourages consumers to "shop local" and support small businesses in communities in the Lothian region and across Scotland and the UK; understands that, in 2015, customers spent £623 million with small businesses on Small Business Saturday, which was a 24% increase from 2014, and notes the calls on Members to encourage local businesses to get involved and register on the website for promotion, to share their support on social media in the lead up to the day, and to arrange visits to small businesses in their constituencies and request media engagement with these visits in order to raise consumer awareness locally.

## 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility

#### followed by Scottish Government Debate: Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls

**[S5M-02820](#) Angela Constance: Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls**—That the Parliament recognises and welcomes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which marks the start of the UN's 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls; commends the ongoing contribution of people and organisations across Scotland and the wider world toward providing front-line support for survivors, raising awareness of the problem and changing the outdated attitudes that still persist in society in relation to violence against women and girls; reaffirms the cross-party support for *Equally Safe*, Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls; welcomes the work of justice agencies in pursuing a zero tolerance approach to gender-based violence; commends the invaluable work of local women's aid organisations and rape crisis centres that support survivors on the front line; calls on everyone in Scotland to play their part in creating a strong and flourishing country where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse and the attitudes that help perpetuate them; supports the principles of the Istanbul Convention on violence against women, and calls on the UK Government to set out a clear timetable for ratification.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-02820.1](#) Douglas Ross: Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02820 in the name of Angela Constance (Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls), leave out from “, and

calls on” to end and insert “; notes that measures are already in place to protect women and girls from violence, which comply with or go further than the requirements of the convention; welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to ratify the convention, and further welcomes the parliamentary time secured in the House of Commons by SNP MP, Dr Eilidh Whiteford, to debate this important issue in December 2016.”

**[S5M-02820.2](#) Kezia Dugdale: Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls**—As an amendment to motion S5M-02820 in the name of Angela Constance (Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls), insert at end “; welcomes the forthcoming Domestic Abuse Bill, which will create a new offence of domestic abuse to further tackle violence against women and girls, and agrees that the introduction of three-year rolling funding for local women’s aid organisations and rape crisis centres must be prioritised to help secure these support services and deliver on the 2016 campaign theme of sustainable financing for initiatives that tackle violence towards women and girls in Scotland.”

### followed by Business Motions

**[S5M-02898](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 6 December 2016

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education

(b) Thursday 8 December 2016—

delete

2.30 pm Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Written Agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Creating a Fairer Scotland: Our Disability Delivery

and insert

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### followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 5:00 pm Decision Time

## Committee Meetings

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

### Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 13th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland: future trade relationships:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, George Burgess, Deputy Director- EU and International Trade and Investment Policy, and Russell Bain, Team Leader - Analysis and Policy, Scottish Government.
- The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence (via video conference) from—  
Ian Duncan MEP.
- The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 11th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- Section 23 report - Audit of higher education in Scottish universities:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Audit of higher education in Scottish universities" from—  
Paul Johnston, Director-General Learning & Justice, and Stephen White, Strategic Policy Lead (HE Funding, Governance and Student Support), Scottish Government;  
Dr John Kemp, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council;  
Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland.
- The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on the Audit Scotland report entitled "The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland" from—  
Russell Frith, Assistant Auditor General, and Owen Smith, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Section 23 report - Audit of higher education in Scottish universities:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Antony Clark, Assistant Director, and Kirsty Whyte, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
- The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—  
Russell Frith, Assistant Auditor General, and Owen Smith, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Equalities and Human Rights Committee 10th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18 from—  
Mark McMillan, Employability Advisor, Deaf Action;  
Dr. Iain Hutchison, Board Member, Disability History Scotland;  
Professor Graham Turner, Director, Centre for Translation & Interpreting Studies in Scotland, Heriot-Watt University;  
Lauren McDougall, Students with Disabilities Officer, Glasgow University Students' Representative Council;  
Rebecca Scarlett, Senior Policy and Information Officer, LEAD Scotland;  
Christopher Wilde, Widening Access and Participation Officer, St Andrew's University Student Association.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

### **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 9th Meeting, 2016**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Bill Thomson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;  
Ian Bruce, Public Appointments Manager, and Ruth Hogg, Investigations Manager, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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