

Wednesday 28 September 2016

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
Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Labour Debate: Protect
Local NHS Services

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-
01541 Mark Ruskell: Action on Residential
Road Safety

Committee Meetings

9:45am Education and Skills Committee

10:00am Finance Committee

10:00am Local Government and
Communities Committee

10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity
Committee

1:00pm Scottish Commission for Public Audit

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

- 1. Mairi Evans:** To ask the Scottish Government how its reforms of school governance will contribute to closing the attainment gap between pupils from the poorest and wealthiest backgrounds. ([S5O-00181](#))
- 2. Gil Paterson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the Attainment Scotland Fund. ([S5O-00182](#))
- 3. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on making it mandatory to train teachers about inclusive education. ([S5O-00183](#))
- 4. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to help and support students from Scotland who want to study elsewhere in the EU. ([S5O-00184](#))
- 5. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to ensure that there is equality in admissions to university places for people who meet the entrance requirements. ([S5O-00185](#))
- 6. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the implications of Brexit for the college sector. ([S5O-00186](#))
- 7. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the provision of physical education and extra-curricular activity in schools is encouraging children to lead active and healthy lifestyles. ([S5O-00187](#))
- 8. Ross Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the mechanism will be for distributing monies from the Attainment Scotland Fund to schools. ([S5O-00188](#))
- 9. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what contribution improving support at school for young children with autism will make towards meeting its ambition to close the educational attainment gap. ([S5O-00189](#))
- 10. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will provide an update on the progress of its education governance review. ([S5O-00190](#))
- 11. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent assessment it has made of the condition of college buildings. ([S5O-00191](#))
- 12. Peter Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the SQA regarding the future of the Scottish Baccalaureate. ([S5O-00192](#))
- 13. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will implement the recommendations arising from its consultation on the Apprenticeship Levy. ([S5O-00193](#))
- 14. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage universities to increase the number of Scotland-domiciled medicine undergraduates. ([S5O-00194](#))
- 15. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that schools have enough teachers. ([S5O-00195](#))
- 16. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to upgrade primary school buildings in the Highlands. ([S5O-00196](#))

17. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to widen university access. ([S5O-00197](#))

18. Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government what action Skills Development Scotland is taking to tackle the reported digital skills gap. ([S5O-00198](#))

19. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the number of people that choose teaching as a career. ([S5O-00199](#))

20. Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government what investment it is making, and plans to make, in school infrastructure in Edinburgh Northern and Leith. ([S5O-00200](#))

followed by **Scottish Labour Debate: Protect Local NHS Services**

[S5M-01677](#) **Anas Sarwar: Protect Local NHS Services**—That the Parliament notes the widespread public concern over proposals to downgrade valued local services, including maternity services at the Vale of Leven Hospital, paediatric services at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, maternity services at Inverclyde Hospital, trauma orthopaedics at Monklands Hospital, inpatient services at the Centre for Integrative Care, cleft palate services at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and the closure of the Lightburn Hospital; believes that all these proposals constitute major changes in service provision, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to call in these proposals, as set out by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Lanarkshire and NHS Lothian, for ministerial decision.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-01677.1](#) **Shona Robison: Protect Local NHS Services**—As an amendment to motion S5M-01677 in the name of Anas Sarwar on Protect Local NHS Services, leave out from “the widespread public concern” to end and insert “that no decisions have been made in respect of current service change proposals from NHS boards; welcomes the Scottish Government’s record of protecting local services, including saving the A&E departments in Monklands and Ayr, ending a decade of damaging uncertainty in 2009 by approving the Vision for the Vale of Leven Hospital, and securing inpatient paediatric services at St John’s Hospital in line with the independent report from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; recognises that there is an established process around service change in the NHS, and that the decision about whether a particular service change is deemed major is one that is taken in consultation with the independent Scottish Health Council, which was established in statute in 2005 to support and advise NHS boards and to quality-assure the public involvement process; endorses the National Clinical Strategy, which was published in February 2016, with its aim to provide more care where people need it and with as much care as possible delivered locally, and remains committed to maintaining and improving safe and effective local services across Scotland.”

followed by **Business Motions**

[S5M-01737](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 October 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

- followed by* Finance Committee Debate: Timetable for the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18
- followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Implications of the EU Referendum on Higher and Further Education
- followed by* Business Motions
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.30 pm Decision Time
- followed by* Members' Business
- Wednesday 5 October 2016
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
- Health and Sport
- followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Devolution of Employment Services
- followed by* Business Motions
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by* Members' Business
- Thursday 6 October 2016
- 11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11.40 am General Questions
- 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
- 12.45 pm Members' Business
- 2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Draft BBC Charter
- followed by* Business Motions
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- Tuesday 25 October 2016
- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by* Scottish Government Business
- followed by* Business Motions
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by* Members' Business
- Wednesday 26 October 2016
- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
- Communities, Social Security and Equalities
- followed by* Scottish Government Business
- followed by* Business Motions
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 October 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-01691](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Variation of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 6 October—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 "30 minutes" be replaced with "45 minutes";

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 "6" be replaced with "8".

[S5M-01694](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Part 4 and Part 5 Complaints) Revocation Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-01695](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-01696](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-01541](#) Mark Ruskell: Action on Residential Road Safety—That the Parliament welcomes the efforts of communities across Scotland, including in Mid-Scotland and Fife, who are working to improve safety on residential roads through schemes such as 20's Plenty; understands that there has been a welcome and significant drop in casualties on the country's roads over the last decade but recognises that every death or serious injury is a tragedy, and supports further action to make roads safer for all, especially people who are considered the most vulnerable.

Committee Meetings

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

Education and Skills Committee 6th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Overview of Curriculum for Excellence:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Keir Bloomer, Convener of the Education Committee, Royal Society of Edinburgh;
Dr Janet Brown, Chief Executive, Scottish Qualifications Authority;
Ann Grant, Headteacher, Shawlands Academy;
Susan Quinn, Education Committee Convener, Educational Institute of Scotland.
3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will discuss the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Higher Education and Research Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (LCM(S5)4).

Finance Committee 6th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT):** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Melhuish, Director, Scottish Property Federation;
Karen Campbell, Director of Policy & Operations, Homes for Scotland;
Jonathan Gordon, Member of the RICS Scotland Board, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors;
Professor Mark Stephens, Institute for Social Policy, Housing, Equalities Research, Heriot Watt University.
3. **Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Parliamentary Bureau.

Local Government and Communities Committee 6th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016 from—
Cllr Kevin Keenan, Spokesperson for Resources and Capacity, and Jonathan Sharma, Policy Manager, COSLA;
Paul Manning, Scottish Local Government Partnership (and Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council);
Derek Yule, Director of Finance, Highland Council (and current Chair, CIPFA Directors of Finance);
Dave Watson, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, UNISON Scotland.

2. **The Draft Second Climate Change Report on Proposals and Policies (RPP2):** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
 Cllr Harry McGuigan, Spokesperson for Community Well-being, and Silke Isbrand, Policy Manager - Communities, COSLA;
 Craig McLaren, Director, RTPi Scotland;
 Chris Wood-Gee, Steering Group Vice Chairperson, Sustainable Scotland Network;
 Fabrice Leveque, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland;
 Mike Thornton, Director, Scotland, Energy Saving Trust.
3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 1 and 2.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 5th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Proposed Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a statement of reasons.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
 The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Highland Council) Designation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/245);
 The Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Highland Council Parking Area) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/246);
 The Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (Highland Council) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/247).
3. **OFCOM:** The Committee will consider a draft Memorandum of Understanding.
4. **Appointment of EU Reporter:** The Committee will appoint a Member to serve as EU Reporter.
5. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at future meetings.

Scottish Commission for Public Audit 1st Meeting, 2016

The Commission will meet at 1.00 pm in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Commission will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Commission will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
3. **Choice of Chair:** The Commission will choose a Chair.
4. **Choice of Deputy Chair:** The Commission will choose a Deputy Chair.
5. **Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2016 and Auditor's Report on the Accounts:** The Commission will take evidence from—
 Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
 Ian Leitch, Chair of the Board, Diane McGiffen, Chief Operating Officer, and Russell Frith, Assistant Auditor General, Audit Scotland.
6. **Auditors of Audit Scotland:** The Commission will consider a paper from the Secretary.

7. **Work programme:** The Commission will consider its work programme.

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