

Thursday 12 January 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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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-02197
Colin Smyth: Marie Curie Report on
Challenging Inequities in Palliative Care
- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Education and Skills Committee
Debate: SQA, Education Scotland, SDS and
SFC – performance and role
- 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
- 1:00pm** Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what further consideration it has given to how it will address the affordability and accessibility of sanitary products. ([S5O-00539](#))
- 2. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it encourages the enterprise agencies to consider alternative routes to superfast broadband in rural areas. ([S5O-00540](#))
- 3. Maree Todd:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will take forward the recommendations of the *Review of Access to New Medicines*. ([S5O-00541](#))
- 4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of its Equally Safe strategy. ([S5O-00542](#))
- 5. Jenny Gilruth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet Fife Council. ([S5O-00543](#))
- 6. Gil Paterson:** To ask the Scottish Government what allocation of its budget has been given to local government for capital spending. ([S5O-00544](#))
- 7. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the steps that it is taking to tackle diabetes. ([S5O-00545](#))
- 8. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports public transport in Glasgow. ([S5O-00546](#))
- 9. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the potential impact on vulnerable people in Scotland, what its position is on the UK Government's decision to abolish the Child Poverty Unit. ([S5O-00547](#))
- 10. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the reported real-terms reduction in revenue allocations for local authorities in the draft budget will have on the provision of services. ([S5O-00548](#))

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-00712](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00732](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-00736](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-00725](#))
- 5. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is on reports that there has been a record number of drink drivers stopped over the festive period. ([S5F-00740](#))

6. Brian Whittle: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recent BBC report suggesting that 90% of performance athletes supported by sportscotland come from a middle class background. ([S5F-00718](#))

7. Monica Lennon: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that hundreds of children with mental health problems have waited more than a year for treatment. ([S5F-00727](#))

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

S5M-02197 Colin Smyth: Marie Curie Report on Challenging Inequities in Palliative Care—That the Parliament welcomes the Marie Curie report, *Enough for everyone – Challenging inequities in palliative care*, which highlights the findings of a seminar held on 15 September 2016; notes that the seminar focused on examining some of the barriers certain groups face in accessing palliative care; understands that 11,000 people who need palliative care in Scotland each year are not accessing it, meaning that one in four people who die in Scotland miss out on the palliative care they need; further understands that certain groups of people receive less palliative care than others with a comparable need and that this is now the responsibility of health and social care partnerships; considers that more effort should be made to identify triggers for palliative care in older people, particularly those with frailty; further considers the need for planning, developing and commissioning services to identify and reflect the palliative and end of life care needs of black and Asian people and other ethnic minorities; understands that there is still a lack of data on the level of need for palliative care for LGBT people in Scotland; further understands that people living in socially deprived areas are much less likely to access health and social care services; considers that more research must be done to understand the obstacles to palliative care in socially deprived areas; notes the report's finding of the need for greater recognition of the issues relating to isolation, loneliness and spiritual needs in the delivery of palliative and end of life care; notes the view that more research needs to be done around certain groups who are less likely to access palliative care, and further notes the vision set out in the Scottish Government's Strategic Framework for Action Palliative and End of Life Care that everyone who needs palliative care in the South Scotland region and across the country has access to it by 2021.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Education and Skills Committee Debate: SQA, Education Scotland, SDS and SFC – performance and role

S5M-03298 James Dornan on behalf of the Education and Skills Committee : SQA, Education Scotland, SDS and SFC – performance and role—That the Parliament notes the evidence received by the Education and Skills Committee in relation to the performance of the Scottish Qualifications Authority, Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council, and particularly concerns raised by teachers, the importance of parliamentary scrutiny of these organisations and of the Scottish Government's Enterprise and Skills Review and Education Governance Review which, combined, will impact on the role of all of these organisations.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-03385](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 19 January 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Funding for Rural Development

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Draft Climate Change Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Funding for Rural Development

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 1st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 1st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Financial overview 2015-16:** The Committee will take evidence on the Accounts Commission's Report entitled "Financial overview 2015-16" from
Ronnie Hinds, Deputy Chair, Accounts Commission;
Fraser McKinlay, Controller of Audit, and Martin McLauchlan, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 1st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18.
2. **Commission on Parliamentary Reform (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Chair of the Commission on Parliamentary Reform in terms of its remit and work programme.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will review its work programme.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 1st Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from three Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—
Tavish Scott, Deputy-Convener of the proposed CPG on Brexit;
Kenneth Gibson, Co-Convener of the proposed CPG on Improving Scotland's Health: 2021 and Beyond;
Bill Kidd, Convener of the proposed CPG on Nuclear Disarmament.
3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Brexit, the proposed Cross-Party Group on Improving Scotland's Health: 2021 and Beyond and the proposed CPG on Nuclear Disarmament.
4. **Gender Balance:** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order rule changes.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 1st Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.
2. **Work programme:** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

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