

Tuesday 24 January 2017

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-03602, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Jessica Reid and Callum Docherty, pupils at Braes High School, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Draft Scottish Energy Strategy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Developing Forestry in Scotland

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on ScotRail Performance Improvement Plan

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-03275 Donald Cameron: World Cancer Day, an Opportunity to Tackle Obesity

Committee Meetings

9:45am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-03602](#) 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 24 January 2017—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Developing Forestry in Scotland

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on ScotRail Performance Improvement Plan

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 January 2017—

after

followed by Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Supreme Court Judgement on Triggering of Article 50

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Mike Rumbles: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to increase the eligibility age for the concessionary travel scheme. ([S5T-00336](#))

2. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to help victims of rape. ([S5T-00340](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Draft Scottish Energy Strategy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Developing Forestry in Scotland

[S5M-03573 Fergus Ewing: Developing Forestry in Scotland](#)—That the Parliament acknowledges the contribution that woods and forests make to Scotland's people, communities, economy and environment; notes ministers' intention to complete the devolution of forestry so that its management in Scotland is fully accountable to ministers and to the Parliament; welcomes the future increase in the Scottish Government's annual target to create 15,000 hectares of woodland per year; recognises that forestry has an important role to play in achieving Scotland's climate targets, and calls on the Scottish Government to take effective action in order to deliver the target and maintain the National Forest Estate as an asset for the nation.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-03573.1 Peter Chapman: Developing Forestry in Scotland](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-03573 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Developing Forestry in Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises the importance of retaining local expertise and cross-border joint working and urges that the end result of this process is not needless centralisation; welcomes the future increase in the Scottish Government's annual target to create 15,000 hectares of woodland per year, but notes that it is not meeting current, lower targets; recognises that forestry has an important role to play in achieving Scotland's climate targets; calls on the Scottish Government to take effective action in order to deliver the target and maintain the National Forest Estate as an asset for the nation, and recognises that forestry is a long-term project that requires a long-term vision for a thriving sector."

[S5M-03573.2 Rhoda Grant: Developing Forestry in Scotland](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-03573 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Developing Forestry in Scotland), insert at end "; recognises the opportunities that forestry provides for community action and in tackling climate change; notes the importance of cross-border working to tackle issues of research and development and disease prevention in any proposed structure; welcomes the recommendations in the report, *Analysis of Current Arrangements for the Consideration and Approval of Forestry Planting Proposals* (Mackinnon report), after a series of failed planting targets; encourages the new strategy to take account of the diversification of forest land use into areas such as recreation and leisure; notes serious concerns about the need for more robust deer management, and recognises the importance of a strong transport infrastructure for forestry products through continuing to support the Timber Support Fund."

[S5M-03573.3 Andy Wightman: Developing Forestry in Scotland](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-03573 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Developing Forestry in Scotland), leave out from "calls on" to end and insert "; further recognises that forestry expansion should form part of the land reform agenda to increase social and co-operative forest ownership, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward proposals for reform of the governance of the National Forest Estate to enable a wider range of bodies to manage it."

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on ScotRail Performance Improvement Plan

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-03275](#) Donald Cameron: World Cancer Day, an Opportunity to Tackle Obesity—That the Parliament notes that 4 February 2017 marks World Cancer Day; understands that it is estimated that one-in-two people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives; notes that Cancer Research UK highlights that four-in-ten cancers are preventable and that obesity, after smoking, is the single biggest cause of preventable cancer in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands region, and that it is linked to 13 types of cancer; understands that figures show that two thirds of adults and over one quarter of children in Scotland are now overweight or obese; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to take bold action in its new diet and obesity strategy to help tackle the problem; considers that tackling obesity would help to "scale down cancer", and notes that MSPs can show their support for World Cancer Day through the wearing of its unity band.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 3rd Meeting, 2017

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 items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3):** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Ireland, Deputy Director of Decarbonisation, Colin MacBean, Head of Energy and Climate Change Analysis, Chris Stark, Director of Energy and Climate Change, and Morag Williamson, Team Leader of Climate Change Plan Project Team, Scottish Government.
3. **Deer Management in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Andrew Bachell, Director of Policy and Advice, Donald Fraser, Operations Manager (Deer and Wildlife), Claudia Rowse, Head of Rural Resources Unit, and Des Thompson, Principal Advisor for Biodiversity, Scottish Natural Heritage.
4. **Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Deer Management in Scotland:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 3rd Meeting, 2017

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 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Plant Health \(Import Inspection Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/6\)](#);
[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/7\)](#);
[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/8\)](#);
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/9\)](#).
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(Leave to Appeal\) 2017 \(SSI 2017/4\)](#).
4. **Scottish Social Housing Charter:** The Committee will consider the [Scottish Social Housing Charter \(SG/2017/2\)](#).
5. **Report on instruments considered during the second quarter of the parliamentary year 2016-17:** The Committee will consider a draft of its second quarterly report for the parliamentary year 2016-17.

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 3rd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Bill Bowman will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
3. **Gender Pay Gap:** The Committee will consider a list of candidates for the post of adviser in connection with its forthcoming inquiry.
4. **Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft report on the Inquiry on the Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union.

Health and Sport Committee 2nd 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 its consideration of the evidence it has received on the draft proposal and statement of reasons on the Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Scottish Health Council:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Richard Norris, Director, and Pam Whittle CBE, Chair, Scottish Health Council;
Robbie Pearson, Chief Executive, Healthcare Improvement Scotland.
3. **Sportscotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stewart Harris, Chief Executive, and Mel Young, Chair, Sportscotland.
4. **Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum.
5. **The Implications to Scotland of Brexit (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee.
6. **Healthcare in Prisons (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to work on this issue.

Justice Committee 3rd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private and whether its consideration of a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill should be taken in private at a future meeting.
2. **Demand-led policing - service of first and last resort:** The Committee will take evidence, in round-table format, from—
Amy Dalrymple, Head of Policy, Alzheimer Scotland;
Cameron Black, Care Van and Care Shelter Manager, Bethany Christian Trust;
Dr Peter Bennie, Chair of the Scottish Council, British Medical Association;
Malcolm Graham, Assistant Chief Constable, Strategic Development, Police Scotland;
David Liddell OBE, Director, Scottish Drugs Forum;
Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;
Bob Leslie, Chair of the Mental Health Sub-Group, Social Work Scotland.
3. **Public petitions:** The Committee will consider the following current petitions—
PE1501 by Stuart Graham on public inquiries into self-inflicted and accidental deaths following suspicious death investigations;

PE1567 by Donna O'Halloran on investigating unascertained deaths, suicides and fatal accidents in Scotland;

PE1510 by Jody Curtis on the closure of police, fire and non-emergency service centres north of Dundee;

PE1511 by Laura Ross on the decision made by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to close Inverness control room.

4. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 12 January 2017.
5. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider written evidence received and proposed witnesses for its scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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