

Thursday 23 March 2017

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 9:45am



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-04845, today's business will be as follows:

### 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-04130  
Ben Macpherson: Justice for Yazidi People  
**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
**2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Expansion of  
Free Early Learning and Childcare  
**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Consultation on the Draft British Sign  
Language (BSL) National Plan  
**followed by** Standards, Procedures and  
Public Appointments Committee Motion:  
Acting Conveners  
**followed by** Business Motions  
**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**9:15am** Equalities and Human Rights  
Committee  
**9:30am** Public Audit and Post-legislative  
Scrutiny Committee  
**10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public  
Appointments Committee  
**1:00pm** Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-04845, today's business will be as follows:

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**S5M-04845 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 23 March 2017—

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*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan

insert

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Acting Conveners

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle violence against women in prostitution. ([S5O-00817](#))
- 2. Mike Rumbles:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-00818](#))
- 3. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to reopen the Yorkhill minor injuries unit and, if so, on what date it will do so. ([S5O-00819](#))
- 4. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the comments by the divisional commander of British Transport Police in Scotland that its proposed merger with Police Scotland risks reducing the effectiveness of railway policing. ([S5O-00820](#))
- 5. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its timetable is for proceeding with the results of the consultation on increasing the number of organ donations. ([S5O-00821](#))
- 6. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it anticipates the opportunities would be for the fishing industry of an independent Scotland joining the EU. ([S5O-00822](#))
- 7. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the impact has been of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax. ([S5O-00823](#))
- 8. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact air pollution is having on human health, flora and fauna in Scotland. ([S5O-00824](#))
- 9. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on airport expansion. ([S5O-00825](#))
- 10. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what progress it is making in implementing the recommendations of the Commission for Widening Access. ([S5O-00826](#))

### 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-01070](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-01069](#))

3. **Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-01072](#))
4. **Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-01064](#))
5. **Christine Grahame:** To ask the First Minister what forward planning is in place to meet the demographic challenges of an ageing population. ([S5F-01079](#))
6. **Graham Simpson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that, in 2015, around one-in-five referrals to child and adolescent mental health services were rejected and, over the last three years, approximately 17,000 children and young people have been affected. ([S5F-01073](#))

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

**S5M-04130 Ben Macpherson: Justice for Yazidi People**—That the Parliament is mindful that genocide is a crime under international law and the law of all civilised nations; is further mindful that the UN has identified genocide as an odious scourge, which has inflicted great losses on humanity and from which people must be liberated; reiterates Scotland's commitment to human dignity, human rights and equality, to celebrating cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity, and to promoting tolerance and upholding fundamental freedoms for all people; recognises and condemns the genocide perpetrated against the Yazidi people by Daesh; acknowledges the great human suffering and loss that have been inflicted by bigotry, brutality and religious intolerance; further acknowledges and condemns the crimes perpetrated by Daesh against Muslims, Christians, Arabs, Kurds and all of the religious and ethnic communities of Iraq and Syria; welcomes the actions of the US Congress, the European Parliament, the French Senate, the UN and others in formally recognising the genocide; draws attention to the unopposed motion agreed by the UK Parliament on 20 April 2016; notes the calls from people in Edinburgh Northern and Leith and across the country for the UK Government to take immediate and resolute action in support of international efforts to prevent further atrocities, and to meet its international obligation to provide refuge to those at risk of persecution, and further notes the calls on the UK Government to request that the UN Security Council refer the genocide committed against the Yazidi people to the International Criminal Court.

### 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Expansion of Free Early Learning and Childcare

### followed by Scottish Government Debate: Consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan

**S5M-04789 Mark McDonald: Consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan**—That the Parliament welcomes the consultation on the first draft BSL National Plan; expresses its thanks to the BSL National Advisory Group whose knowledge and experience have informed and influenced the content of the plan; acknowledges the support and input from across the Parliament to develop and pass the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill in 2015; recognises that this is the first time that the Scottish Government has published a bilingual consultation in BSL

and English; encourages people whose first or preferred language is BSL to respond to the consultation, and looks forward to the publication of the final version of the plan in October 2017.

### **followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Acting Conveners**

**[S5M-04661](#) Clare Adamson on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Acting Conveners - Standing Order rule changes**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 2nd Report 2017 (Session 5), *Acting Conveners – Standing Order rule changes* (SP Paper 106), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 24 March 2017.

### **followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-04776](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 March 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 29 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution;

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 30 March 2017

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 Ministerial Statement: Mental Health Strategy

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Transvaginal Mesh Implants

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Enterprise and Skills Review

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 April 2017

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 19 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Rural Economy and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 20 April 2017

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-04777](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.**

**[S5M-04778](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04779](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04780](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04781](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-04782](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Equalities and Human Rights Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
 Andrew Morrison, Policy Manager, COSLA Strategic Migration Partnership;  
 Alexis Chappell, Service Manager, Dundee City Health and Social Care Partnership;  
 Rachel Morley, Principal Clinical Psychologist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Psychological Trauma Services;  
 Jane Smith, Welfare Rights Officer, Angus Council;  
 Annette Finnan, Head of Area Services, and Arun Singh, Child and Family Services Manager, South Lanarkshire Council;  
 Sean Bell, Acting Senior Manager, Children's Practice Teams, the City of Edinburgh Council.
2. **Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 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. **Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16:** The Committee will take evidence on the Comptroller and Auditor General's report entitled "The Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16" from—  
 Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller & Auditor General, National Audit Office;  
 Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
 Steven Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office.
3. **Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
 Sir Amyas Morse, Comptroller & Auditor General, and Steven Corbishley, Director, National Audit Office;  
 Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland.

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Social Science, and take evidence from—  
 Daniel Johnson, Convener of the proposed CPG on Social Science.
2. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Social Science.

3. **Scotland Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order rule changes.
4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

### Justice Committee 12th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft report.



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