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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Dr Sean Morrissey, Baha'i Community of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering for Scotland's British Sign Language (BSL) Communities: Launch of the BSL National Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Unconventional Oil and Gas

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-07724 Lewis Macdonald: Workforce Concerns Regarding Helicopter Safety in the North Sea

Committee Meetings

9:30am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Dr Sean Morrissey, Baha'i Community of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports of institutional racism in Police Scotland. ([S5T-00720](#))

2. Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to reports that Childline has recorded a record number of young people expressing suicidal thoughts in the last year. ([S5T-00711](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering for Scotland's British Sign Language (BSL) Communities: Launch of the BSL National Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Unconventional Oil and Gas

[S5M-08341 Paul Wheelhouse: Unconventional Oil and Gas](#)—That the Parliament agrees with the Scottish Government's position of not supporting the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland; endorses the government's decision to introduce an immediate and effective ban on onshore unconventional oil and gas developments using its devolved powers in line with the Scottish Ministers' statutory responsibilities, and notes that this position will be subject to a strategic environmental assessment before being finalised.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-08341.3 Murdo Fraser: Unconventional Oil and Gas](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "disagrees with the Scottish Government's position of imposing a ban on the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland; believes that this is an ill-thought out decision, which completely disregards scientific evidence; notes that the ban is incongruent with the research in the Scottish Government's paper, *Independent Expert Scientific Panel - Report on Unconventional Oil And Gas*, which was published in 2014; recognises the Scottish Government's inconsistency on fracking due to the continuation of fracked shale gas imports from overseas, and regrets that the thousands of jobs that could have been created and the significant economic benefit and the research opportunities that fracking could have brought to Scotland, will all now be lost to the country as a result".

[S5M-08341.1 Claudia Beamish: Unconventional Oil and Gas](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), insert at the end "; agrees that the finalised energy policy on this should be reflected within the next iteration of the National Planning Framework, which is subject to consideration by Parliament prior to its adoption; supports the robust further development of renewables, and commits to actively exploring and supporting public, municipal co-operative and community models of ownership in this sector".

[S5M-08341.4](#) Mark Ruskell: Unconventional Oil and Gas—As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), insert at end "; agrees that the Scottish Government's position should be included in the Energy Strategy, in addition to its incorporation in the next National Planning Framework, and further agrees that licensing powers for onshore oil and gas should be transferred immediately to the Scottish Parliament from the UK Government and utilised in a way that is compatible with the Parliament's view on unconventional oil and gas development".

[S5M-08341.2](#) Liam McArthur: Unconventional Oil and Gas—As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), insert at end "; considers that the focus for the future must be on renewables, establishing sustainable energy supplies and creating green jobs, and believes that opening up a whole new front of carbon-based fuels would be a distraction and divert investment and research away from green technologies".

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-08377](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revised Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 26 October 2017—

after

2.30 pm

Ministerial Statement: STEM Strategy for Education and Training

insert

followed by

Ministerial Statement: Developing a New Diet and Obesity Strategy for Scotland

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-07724](#) Lewis Macdonald: Workforce Concerns Regarding Helicopter Safety in the North Sea—That the Parliament understands that the Civil Aviation Authority has lifted the ban on the use of Superpuma H225LP and AS332L2 helicopters in the UK despite continuing concerns over the safety of these helicopters among offshore workers; further understands that Airbus, the manufacturer of Superpuma helicopters, has carried out a survey of North Sea workers and aircrew in order to establish their attitudes towards helicopter safety; notes the finding that 62% of respondents would be unlikely to fly in a Superpuma helicopter, given a choice; further notes that 44% of respondents were unaware of work done to improve safety since the Superpuma crash in April 2016, including increased monitoring and inspection measures and more regular replacement of gearbox components; recognises that Unite the Union has launched a petition opposing the reintroduction of the Superpuma helicopters, signed by thousands of offshore workers in the North East Scotland parliamentary region and across the country, who remain concerned about their safety and reputation, and notes calls for flights in these Superpuma helicopters to not resume.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 26th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] from—
Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, and Heather Stewart, Policy Manager - Power Networks, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse (Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy) to move—S5M-07660—That the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] be approved.
4. **Economic Data:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Matt Lancashire, Director of Policy, Scottish Council for Development & Industry (SCDI);

David Watt, Executive Director, Institute of Directors;

Helen Martin, Assistant General Secretary, STUC;

Carolyn Currie, Chief Operating Officer, Women's Enterprise Scotland.

5. **Economic Data:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **Performance of the Scottish Economy:** The Committee will consider a list of candidates and agreed an order of preference for appointment.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 28th Meeting, 2017

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

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 items 8, 9 and 10 in private.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Legislative Consent Memorandum from—
Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe;
Gerald Byrne, Team Leader, Constitution and UK Relations Division;
Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Constitution and UK Relations Division, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Daphne Vlastari, Advocacy Manager, Scottish Environment LINK;
Isobel Mercer, Policy Officer, RSPB Scotland.
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Telecommunications Restriction Orders \(Custodial Institutions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#);
[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#);
[Pollution Prevention and Control \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#);

[Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming \(Miscellaneous Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Scheme 2017 \[draft\].](#)

5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Common Agricultural Policy \(Direct Payments etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/317\);](#)
[Public and Private Water Supplies \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/321\);](#)
[Sea Fishing \(Miscellaneous Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/323\);](#)
[Sea Fishing \(Miscellaneous Revocations\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/324\);](#)
[Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/325\);](#)
[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/329\).](#)
6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Pollution Prevention and Control \(Designation of Medium Combustion Plant Directive\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/322\);](#)
[Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Commencement No. 7, Amendment and Saving Provision\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/330 \(C.24\)\);](#)
[Act of Sederunt \(Civil Legal Aid Rules Amendment\) 2017 \(SSI 2017/332\).](#)
7. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
9. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the contents of a report to the Education and Skills Committee.
10. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting on the Legislative Consent Memorandum relating to the Bill.

Health and Sport Committee 23rd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Sport for Everyone:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Aileen Campbell, Minister for Public Health and Sport, and Derek Grieve, Head of Active Scotland Division, Scottish Government.
2. **Sport for Everyone (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
3. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Justice Committee 30th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] from—

Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Aileen Grimmer, Civil Law and Legal System Division, Gaynor Davenport, Directorate for Housing and Social Justice, and Sadif Ashraf, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Annabelle Ewing (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) to move—
S5M-08085—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/310).
5. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Danny Boyle, Parliamentary and Policy Officer, Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland;
Tom Halpin, Chief Executive, Safeguarding Communities - Reducing Offending (Sacro);
Sandy Riach, Vice Chairman, Scottish Disabled Supporters' Association;
Evelyn Fraser, Development Manager, Scottish Women's Convention;
Colin Macfarlane, Director, Stonewall Scotland.
6. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider potential witnesses for the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

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