

Tuesday 19 September 2017

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 Time for Reflection - Imam
Mohammad Sohail Ashfaque, Blackhall
Mosque, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering
Social Security for Scotland's People

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ending
Homelessness Together

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-
05970 Mary Fee: Tackling Homophobia in
Sport

Committee Meetings

9:30am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
Committee

10:00am Environment, Climate Change and
Land Reform Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

11:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

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followed by Topical Questions

1. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the terrorist incident at Parsons Green in London. ([S5T-00678](#))

2. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to concerns raised by Age Scotland that the country faces a crisis in the care sector, with some service users being left without food, water and essential medicines. ([S5T-00669](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering Social Security for Scotland's People

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ending Homelessness Together

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All

[S5M-07740](#) Angela Constance: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—That the Parliament is committed to creating a fairer Scotland underpinned by respecting and implementing human rights; notes the achievements that Scotland has already made in giving practical effect to the human rights set out in UN and Council of Europe treaties, and International Labour Organization conventions; welcomes the appointment of the former Scottish Human Rights Commissioner, Professor Alan Miller, as chair of a new expert group that will provide independent advice and recommendations on how Scotland can continue to protect and enhance human rights, including economic, social, cultural and environmental rights; further welcomes the commitment that the Scottish Government will undertake a comprehensive audit of the most effective way to further embed the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into policy and legislation; acknowledges that embedding a human rights-based approach within Scotland's public services is fundamental to securing equality, dignity and rights and commends the rights-based approach to building a social security system that will be underpinned by dignity, respect and equality, and resolves to ensure that the human rights and equality of all of the people of Scotland are fully respected and protected, promoted and implemented.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-07740.3](#) Pauline McNeill: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end "; considers that human rights should be viewed as a broad-based principle and should also encompass workers' rights as well as the right to a family life, which should include the right to a decent warm home; believes that significant progress should be made in the current parliamentary session to improve the rights of disabled people in areas of education, employment

and public transport, and considers that this progress should be meaningful by ensuring that adequate and enforceable legislation is in place to advance these rights."

S5M-07740.1 John Finnie: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end "; notes the report of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on its inquiry into violations of rights in the UK, which was issued on 6 October 2016, and its report on its concluding observations under its reporting cycle, which was issued on 29 August 2017; expresses grave concern that, in its October 2016 report, the UNCRPD found systematic violations of the rights of disabled people; acknowledges that one of only two positive findings in the August 2017 report concerned measures taken in Scotland; expresses concern at the absence of action and the dismissive attitude of the UK Government regarding the 85 recommendations made by the UNCRPD in August, and is resolved that dignity, equality, and human rights for all cannot be realised as long as disabled people continue to experience violations of their basic rights under the policies adopted by the UK Government."

S5M-07740.2 Mike Rumbles: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All—As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end "; recognises that there are areas where Scotland continues to fall short of international human rights standards, as highlighted repeatedly by bodies such as the Scottish Human Rights Commission; welcomes that the Scottish Government has now agreed to raise the age of criminal responsibility to the minimum standard set by the UN and that it will not oppose giving children equal protection from assault; considers, however, that issues, from the blanket ban on prisoner voting to the inadequacy of mental health treatment, continue to tarnish Scotland's reputation as a leader in human rights and equality, and urges the Scottish Government to rectify these immediately and ensure that international human rights agreements and legal obligations are enacted without reservation in future."

followed by Business Motions

S5M-07770 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 21 September 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

and insert

2.30 pm Members' Business

followed by Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-05970](#) Mary Fee: Tackling Homophobia in Sport—That the Parliament considers that there is a continuing existence of homophobia in Scottish sport; regrets that research by Stonewall Scotland states that 60% of sports fans had witnessed homophobic behaviour in the last five years, which is 9% higher than the rest of the UK; believes that it is important for sports personalities, coaches and sports clubs in the West Scotland region and across the country to challenge and oppose homophobia in all its forms to show that it has no place in Scottish sport; understands that there is a particular problem with homophobia in football, which is highlighted by the fact that there are no openly-gay, male professional footballers in the UK; commends the work of the Equality Network and its LGBT Sports Charter, which aims to set out the principles to make Scottish sport more inclusive, and welcomes the commitment of the SFA and sportscotland to tackle homophobia and LGBT discrimination in sport.

Committee Meetings

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

Health and Sport Committee 20th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Prescribed Days) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/207)
2. **NHS Governance:** The Committee will take evidence on staff governance from—
George Doherty, Director of Human Resources, NHS Tayside;
Jennifer Porteous, Director of Human Resources and Workforce Development, NHS Western Isles;
Elaine Mead, Chief Executive, NHS Highland;
Kenneth Small, Director of Human Resources, NHS Lanarkshire.
3. **Draft Budget 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Andrew Strong, Assistant Director (Policy and Communications), Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
Aileen Bryson, Interim Director for Scotland, Royal Pharmaceutical Society;
Richard Meade, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Marie Curie;
Carolyn Lochhead, Public Affairs Manager, SAMH;

and then from—

Dr Andrew Fraser, Director of Public Health Science, Scottish Directors of Public Health;
Kim Atkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Sports Association;
Sheila Duffy, Chief Executive, ASH Scotland;
Alison Douglas, Chief Executive, Alcohol Focus Scotland.

4. **NHS Governance (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Draft Budget 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 23rd Meeting, 2017

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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Economic Data:** The Committee will take evidence in a round table format from—
Margaret Cuthbert;
John McLaren, Scottish Trends;
Richard Marsh, Director, 4-Consulting;
Professor Catia Montagna, Chair in Economics, University of Aberdeen;
Professor Richard Murphy, Director, Tax Research UK.
3. **Economic Data:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider its approach to Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 23rd 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 items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Sir Paul Grice, Chief Executive, and Victoria Barby, Environmental Manager, Scottish Parliament.

3. **Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a reporter paper.
6. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider its response to correspondence from the Scottish Government.
7. **Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Justice Committee 27th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Ronnie Conway, Co-ordinator, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers;
Brian Castle, Regional Co-ordinator Scotland, Motor Accident Solicitors Society;
Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;
Patrick McGuire, Partner, Thompsons Solicitors.
2. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 14 September 2017.
3. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 25th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 11:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Colin Beattie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
3. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills;
Ellen Birt, Bill Team Leader;
John Paterson, Divisional Solicitor, Scottish Government.
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2017 \[draft\].](#)

5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Railway Closures \(Exclusion\) \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/280\);](#)
[Water Intended for Human Consumption \(Private Supplies\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/282\);](#)
[Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/284\);](#)
[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/285\);](#)
[Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/287\);](#)
[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/289\).](#)
6. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

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