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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: Right Reverend Bruce Cameron (Perth) Retired Bishop, Former Chair of Faith in Older People.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Angela Constance: 60th Anniversary of the Ultrasound Scanner, Invented in Scotland

Committee Meetings

9:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:45am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1. Bruce Crawford: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the ruling by the European Court of Justice that the UK can unilaterally revoke Article 50. ([S5T-01392](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations

[S5M-15096](#) Fergus Ewing: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of coastal state negotiations and the bilateral negotiation with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in Brussels; notes that 2019 will see the full implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of the Brussels negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland's fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions in this regard could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to respect the scientific advice in relation to next year's quotas, and supports its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland's fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors at the Brussels negotiations.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-15096.4](#) Peter Chapman: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations—As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), insert at end ", and recognises the opportunities that leaving the EU and CFP presents for the Scottish fishing industry."

[S5M-15096.1](#) Rhoda Grant: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations—As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), insert at end "; notes that there will be increases in quotas; calls on the Scottish Government to support the industry to grow to meet the increased capacity both within the catching sector and processing, and further calls for protected quota shares for new entrants with smaller community-based vessels."

[S5M-15096.3](#) Mark Ruskell: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations—As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), insert at end "; is concerned by recent reports of alleged illegal fishing activities, and calls for the use of robust vessel tracking and monitoring technology on all Scottish fishing vessels."

[S5M-15096.2](#) Tavish Scott: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations—As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), after "next year's quotas," insert "but recognises the importance of real time science data and accurate, current stock assessments as part of this approach,".

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[S5M-14921](#) Angela Constance: 60th Anniversary of the Ultrasound Scanner, Invented in Scotland—That the Parliament recognises that 2018 marks the 60th anniversary of the pioneering innovation, the obstetric ultrasound scanner, following the publication in 1958 of the seminal paper by Donald, McVicar and Brown, which brought about its development; commends Professor Dugald Cameron who, when he was a final year student that year at The Glasgow School of Art, designed the prototype and worked with a young engineer, Tom Brown, to develop the production version, which was the first of its kind in the world; understands that, since its invention in Scotland, this globally-significant breakthrough has been used to perform over 8.7 million scans annually in the UK, with women in particular benefiting from this safe and non-invasive imaging technique; believes that the scanner has grown in stature, not only as a vital medical tool for the care of pregnant women, but in offering essential diagnosis for a plethora of conditions in men, women and children; acknowledges that it has also expanded into certain therapeutic areas; lauds the late Professor Ian Donald of the University of Glasgow who, after serving as an RAF medical officer in the Second World War, used the concept of adapting radar and sonar technology for medical use to invent this revolutionary technique; recognises the essential contribution of Tom Brown, whose creative technical expertise and collaboration with Donald and others made it possible for this application of ultrasound to be developed, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to support efforts to encourage the country's museums and others in Almond Valley and across the country in recognising the importance of the obstetric ultrasound scanner and its place in the nation's industrial design, invention and innovation history and heritage.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 37th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private. The Committee will also decide whether its review of evidence heard in relation to its work on biodiversity should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Biodiversity funding and implementation:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Eleanor Kay, Agriculture Policy Adviser, Scottish Land & Estates;
 Andrew Midgley, Environment and Land Use Manager, NFUS;
 Calum Duncan, Scottish Conservation Manager, Marine Conservation Society;
 Professor Christopher Spray, Park Authority Board Member, Loch Lomond and
 Trossachs National Park;
 Jonny Hughes, Chief Executive, Scottish Wildlife Trust;
 Dr Paul Walton, Head of Species and Habitats Policy, Scotland, RSPB;
 Anna Lawrence, Vice Chair, Community Woodlands;
 Dr Rob Brooker, SEFARI;

Sally Thomas, Director of People and Nature, Scottish Natural Heritage.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will take evidence on the REACH (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 from—
 Tom Shields, Acting Chair, Chemical Sciences Scotland;
 Kate Young, Brexit and Chemicals Campaigner, ChemTrust;
 Janice Milne, Head of Energy, SEPA;
 Dave Bench, Director, EU Exit, Chemicals, Health and Safety Executive;
 Paul Simpson, Site Compliance and Learning and Development Manager,
 Grangemouth Manufacturing Centre;
 Nishma Patel, Chemical Policy Director, Chemical Industries Association.
4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will take evidence on the **Environment and Wildlife (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018** from—
 Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment;
 Katy Hindmarsh, Head of EU Operational Readiness within the EU Hub for
 Environment and Forestry, Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Environmental Quality and
 Circular Economy, and Hugh Dignon, Head of Wildlife and Biodiversity Unit, Scottish
 Government.
5. **Biodiversity funding and implementation:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will then consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
 The Environment and Wildlife (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

34th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Common Financial Tool (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] from—
 Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, Scottish Government;
 Richard Dennis, The Accountant in Bankruptcy and Agency Chief Executive, and John Cook, Executive Director of Case Operations and Depute Accountant in Bankruptcy, Accountant in Bankruptcy.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Insolvency (Scotland) (Receivership and Winding up) Rules 2018 (SSI 2018/347) from—
 Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, and Graham Fisher, Head of Branch, Legal Directorate - Constitutional & Civil Law, Scottish Government;
 Alex Reid, Head of Policy Development, and David Farr, Policy Manager: Corporate Insolvency, Accountant in Bankruptcy.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
 The Insolvency (Scotland) (Receivership and Winding up) Rules 2018 (SSI 2018/347)
5. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
 The Public Procurement (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
6. **Common Financial Tool (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
7. **Publicly Owned Energy Company:** The Committee will consider a draft letter on the Publicly Owned Energy Company.

Health and Sport Committee 32nd Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill 2017-19 (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee expects to take evidence in anticipation of a legislative consent memorandum from—
 Paul Gray, Director General Health & Social Care and Chief Executive NHSScotland, Shirley Rogers, Director of Health Workforce, Leadership and Service Transformation, Liz Sadler, Deputy Director, Planning and Quality Division, Luke McBratney, Team Leader, Brexit Legislation, and John Paterson, Divisional Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill 2017-19 (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 37th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:45 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. **Consideration of the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2017-18:**
The Committee will take evidence from—
 Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans;
 Steven Macgregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit;
 Luke McBratney, Team Leader, Constitution and UK Relations Division, Scottish Government;
 Paul Cackette, Acting Solicitor to the Scottish Government, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 [Civil Litigation \(Expenses and Group Proceedings\) \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/368 \(C.23\)\)](#).
4. **Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report.
5. **Consideration of the work of the Committee during the parliamentary year 2017-18:**
The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

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