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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** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Urgent Question

**followed by** Portfolio Questions  
Rural Economy and Connectivity  
Environment, Climate Change and Land  
Reform

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget  
(Scotland) (No.2) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:15 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-  
10290 Neil Findlay: St John's Children's  
Ward, Still Closed to Out-of-hours Inpatients

### Committee Meetings

**10:00am** Education and Skills Committee

**10:00am** Local Government and  
Communities Committee

**10:00am** Rural Economy and Connectivity  
Committee

**10:30am** Finance and Constitution  
Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm Urgent Question - Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the merger of the British Transport Police in Scotland and Police Scotland is to be delayed.**

### followed by Portfolio Questions

#### Rural Economy and Connectivity

- 1. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what future it sees for Scotland's fishing sector. ([S5O-01794](#))
- 2. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the importance to the rural economy of an EU migrant workforce. ([S5O-01795](#))
- 3. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the rural economy is not adversely impacted on by large-scale developments. ([S5O-01796](#))
- 4. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to the forestry sector. ([S5O-01797](#))
- 5. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government to what extent any transition period for Brexit is likely to affect Scotland's influence on future fisheries negotiations. ([S5O-01798](#))
- 6. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Transport Scotland and Jacobs regarding the preferred route for the dualling of the A9 at Killiecrankie. ([S5O-01799](#))
- 7. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish the analysis of, and its response to, the Consultation on Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People and Modern Apprentices. ([S5O-01800](#))
- 8. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government what the top export markets are for salmon and whisky in terms of value and volume. ([S5O-01801](#))
- 9. Jamie Greene:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01802](#))
- 10. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government when 100% of premises in the Scottish Borders will have access to superfast broadband. ([S5O-01803](#))

#### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the potential environmental impact of developing on the green belt around Aberdeen. ([S5O-01804](#))
- 2. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports environmental protection in the Scottish Borders. ([S5O-01805](#))
- 3. Elaine Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what importance it gives to the environmental protection of green belt land in the Central Scotland region. ([S5O-01806](#))
- 4. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to protect mobile marine species. ([S5O-01807](#))

**5. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government whether wetlands sites in Scotland that are covered by the Ramsar Convention are given the same level of protection as those in the rest of the UK. ([S5O-01808](#))

**6. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will set a target date for phasing out the use of peat-based products in horticulture. ([S5O-01809](#))

**7. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what further measures it is considering to address the persecution of birds of prey. ([S5O-01810](#))

**8. Gil Paterson:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01811](#))

**9. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its timescale is to consult on and designate marine protected areas to protect mobile marine species. ([S5O-01812](#))

**10. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government how it assesses and monitors flood risk in the Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley constituency. ([S5O-01813](#))

### followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

[S5M-10518](#) **Derek Mackay: Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be passed.

### followed by Business Motions

[S5M-10562](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 February 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Developing a Scottish Healthy Weight Strategy

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Plan to Tackle Climate Change and Reduce Emissions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 March 2018

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 7 March 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 1 March 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

**[S5M-10563](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of Scottish Crown Estate Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 June 2018.

**[S5M-10564](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Islands (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 March 2018.

### followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S5M-10565](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Prescription (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**[S5M-10566](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**[S5M-10567](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Support for Victims) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

### 5:15 pm Decision Time

### followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**[S5M-10290](#) Neil Findlay: St John's Children's Ward, Still Closed to Out-of-hours Inpatients**—That the Parliament notes that the children's ward at St John's Hospital, Livingston, was closed to out-of-hours inpatients on 7 July 2017 for the third time in five years; understands that the latest report from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has concluded that the area's population should be served by a 24/7 inpatient service; believes that this reaffirms the college's previous report on this matter; understands that the closure is due to an ongoing failure to recruit the appropriate staff; believes that, in its report, the college found the staff to be exhausted because of the continued pressure to maintain services with too few colleagues, and notes the view that NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government should set out a clear and realistic timetable for the establishment of a staffing model, which will both support the ward and its staff and end the closure for good.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Education and Skills Committee 6th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision to take items in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Commissioner for Fair Access:** The Committee will take evidence from:  
Sir Professor Peter Scott, Commissioner for Fair Access;  
Lynn MacMillan, Strategic Lead Access to Higher Education, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Local Government and Communities Committee 6th Meeting, 2018

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 to take item 5 in private.
2. **Small Business Bonus Scheme:** The Committee will take evidence from-  
  
Stuart Mackinnon, External Affairs Manager - Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses;  
Ian Milton, President, and Alastair Kirkwood, Vice-President, Scottish Assessors' Association;  
Marianne Barker, Non-Domestic Rates Policy Manager, Ross Henderson, Assistant Economist, and Marina Curran, Statistician, Scottish Government;  
Richard Marsh, Director, 4-consulting.
3. **Small Business Bonus Scheme (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Human Rights and the Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

### Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 6th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Implications for Scotland of the UK leaving the EU – Agriculture and Fisheries:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Martin Kennedy, Vice President, NFU Scotland;  
Andrew Midgley, Policy and Research Manager, Scottish Land and Estates;

Vicki Swales, Head of Land Use Policy, RSPB Scotland;  
Dr Carmen Hubbard, Senior Lecturer, Agriculture, School of Natural and Environmental Sciences, Newcastle University;  
Professor Michael Keating, Professor of Politics, University of Aberdeen;

and then from—

Simon Collins, Executive Officer, Shetland Fishermen's Association, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;

James Cook, Director, Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation;

Dr James Harrison, Senior Lecturer in International Law, the University of Edinburgh;

Calum Duncan, Head of Conservation Scotland, Marine Conservation Society;

Andrew Charles, Vice Chair, Scottish Seafood Association.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/22)

## Finance and Constitution Committee 6th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 & 4 in private.
2. **Trade Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Graham Fisher, Legal Directorate, Luke McBratney, Constitution and UK Relations Division, and Stephen Sadler, Trade Policy Team, Scottish Government;  
and then from—  
Dr Billy Melo-Araujo, Lecturer, School of Law, Queens University Belfast;  
Professor Andrew Lang, Chair in International Law and Global Governance, Edinburgh University;  
Professor Michael Keating, Director, ESRC Centre for Constitutional Change;  
Professor Sangeeta Khorana, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, Bournemouth University.
3. **Written Agreement on the Budget process:** The Committee will consider a revised draft written agreement on the Budget process between the Committee and the Scottish Government.
4. **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

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