

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business — S5M-10173
Fulton MacGregor: UN International Day for
the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UK
Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal
Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7:30 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:15am Local Government and Communities
Committee

9:40am Education and Skills Committee

10:00am Finance and Constitution
Committee

10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity
Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

1:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-11152](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3:	1 hour
Groups 4 and 5:	1 hour 30 minutes
Groups 6 to 8:	2 hours 25 minutes
Groups 9 to 15:	3 hours 50 minutes.

1:15 pm Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-10173](#) Fulton MacGregor: UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination—That the Parliament recognises that 21 March 2018 is the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; understands that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set out therein without distinction to race, colour or national origin; notes that racial inequality and racial discrimination continue to be prevalent and, at times, accepted in society, despite the ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination nearly 53 years ago; condemns all forms of racism and racial discrimination in Scotland; notes that the UN has urged taking comprehensive measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerances; welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government's Race Equality Framework for Scotland 2016-2030 and the Race Equality Action Plan 2017-2021, and notes the calls for there to be regular updates on actions taken to fully eradicate racism and racial discrimination in Scotland.

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

- 1. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how many households in the Renfrewshire South constituency have been assisted by the Scottish Welfare Fund since 2013. ([S5O-01907](#))
- 2. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to people in Inverclyde in receipt of universal credit to assist them to have greater control over their household budget. ([S5O-01908](#))
- 3. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle loneliness and social isolation in the South Scotland region. ([S5O-01909](#))

- 4. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the impact of universal credit in areas where it has been introduced. ([S50-01910](#))
- 5. Jackson Carlaw:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the need to promote gender equality. ([S50-01911](#))
- 6. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it offers to people from lower income backgrounds to tackle inequality. ([S50-01912](#))
- 7. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that people do not lose universal credit because of the starter rate of income tax. ([S50-01913](#))
- 8. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to mark the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. ([S50-01914](#))
- 9. Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle period poverty. ([S50-01915](#))
- 10. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what its policy is regarding empty homes in the private sector. ([S50-01916](#))
- 11. Andy Wightman:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to incorporate the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights into Scots law. ([S50-01917](#))
- 12. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Gypsy/Traveller ministerial working group last met. ([S50-01918](#))
- 13. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the recent roll-out of universal credit and the impact that this has had on vulnerable people in Scotland. ([S50-01919](#))
- 14. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Scottish social security system will support people seeking to appeal decisions. ([S50-01920](#))
- 15. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions have taken place regarding the recent publication of the *Housing Statistics for Scotland Quarterly Update*. ([S50-01921](#))
- 16. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the cold-spell heating assistance regulations will maintain eligibility for people who currently receive Cold Weather Payments. ([S50-01922](#))
- 17. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce the factors that impact on child poverty. ([S50-01923](#))
- 18. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the cold-spell heating assistance process will rely on postcode to weather station mapping or localised forecasts to determine eligibility. ([S50-01924](#))
- 19. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government, to avoid serial applications by developers, what provisions there are in the Planning (Scotland) Bill to ensure that communities have an equal right of appeal in planning decisions. ([S50-01925](#))
- 20. Christina McKelvie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its housing policy as it relates to homeless non-UK EU nationals in Scotland. ([S50-01926](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-11136](#) Michael Russell: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-11215](#) 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 22 March—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace
and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Major Infrastructure Projects

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace

[S5M-11161](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Fair Start Scotland: Launching Scotland's New Employment Support Service and Welcoming the Opportunity for Better Integration and Alignment

followed by Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: City Regions - Deal or No Deal?

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 March 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance and the Constitution; Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Every Child, Every Chance: Scotland's First Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2018-2022

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Support for the (UNESCO) Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 April 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 18 April 2018

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 19 April 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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 29 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-11162](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 14 September 2018.

[S5M-11163](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 April 2018.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-11164](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 11.40 am to 12 noon on 19 April for the purpose of meeting with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

[S5M-11165](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill (UK Legislation).

[S5M-11166](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

[S5M-11167](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers: Identification of Outcomes and Needs for Support) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-11168](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

7:30 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 10th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing, John McNairney, Chief Planner, Andy Kinnaird, Bill Manager, and Norman Macleod, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
The Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/46);
The Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/63);

The Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/64);

The Non-Domestic Rates (Day Nursery Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/65);

The Non-Domestic Rates (Levy) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/74);

The Non-Domestic Rates (New and Improved Properties) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/75);

The Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/76);

The Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/77).

3. **Planning (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Education and Skills Committee 10th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:40 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision to take agenda items in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Early Learning and Childcare:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland, Anthony Clark, Assistant Director, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Rebecca Smallwood, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.
3. **Ask the Minister:** The Committee will hear evidence, on funded childcare and care experienced people, from—

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Michael Chalmers, Director for Children and Families, Joe Griffin, Deputy Director for Creating Positive Futures Division, and Donald Henderson, Deputy Director for Care, Protection and Justice, Scottish Government.

4. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
5. **Work Programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Constitution Committee 11th Meeting, 2018

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 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] from—
Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution, and Scott Mackay, Head of Finance Co-ordination, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Derek Mackay (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution) to move—S5M-10915—That the Finance and Constitution Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2018 from—
Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution, and David Kerrouchi, Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Derek Mackay (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution) to move—S5M—10850—That the Finance and Constitution Committee recommends that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2018 be approved.
6. **Draft Audit and Accountability Framework:** The Committee will consider its response to the Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee.
7. **Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Local Government and Communities Committee on the Financial Memorandum.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 9th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (LCM(S5)14) and will take evidence from—
Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Bertrand Deiss, Head of Road Safety Policy, and Stephen Rees, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

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