

Tuesday 1 May 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Chamber Desk deadlines 7th May Bank holiday

Motions

and amendments The deadline for lodging motions for debate on Tuesday 8 May would be 4.00pm on Thursday 3 May and for lodging amendments to these motions would be 3.00pm on Friday 4 May; the deadline for lodging motions for debate on Wednesday 9 May is 3.00pm on Friday 4 May and for lodging amendments to these motions would be 4.00pm on Tuesday 8 May.

Topical

Questions The deadline for lodging a question would be 9.30am on Tuesday 8 May.

First

Minister's Questions The deadline for lodging questions for First Minister's Questions on Thursday 10 May would be 12 noon on Friday 4 May; and

Ballot

for Portfolio Questions and General Questions The deadline for lodging names for the ballot for general and

portfolio questions would be 12 noon on Friday 4 May (questions would be lodged on Wednesday 9 May for answer on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May)

Other

motions, amendments and written questions The deadline for lodging other motions, amendments and written

questions would be 3.30pm on Friday 4 May.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-11996, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Pastor Keith Short, Senior Pastor, St John's Church, Linlithgow.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement:
Agreement of multi-year funding package for expansion of funded early learning and childcare

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Success of the Commonwealth Games

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-11217 Kezia Dugdale: Support for Rape Crisis Centres and Prosecutions

Committee Meetings

9:30am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

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

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-11996, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Pastor Keith Short, Senior Pastor, St John's Church, Linlithgow.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S5M-11996 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 1 May—
after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Agreement of multi-year funding package for expansion of funded early learning and childcare

followed by Topical Questions

1. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the BBC programme, *A Force in Crisis*, alleging that, in 2014, the Chief Constable's office suggested edits to a critical report on culture and ethos at Police Scotland. ([S5T-01064](#))

2. Ash Denham: To ask the Scottish Government what process it will use to monitor the effectiveness of the pricing per unit of alcohol. ([S5T-01059](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Agreement of multi-year funding package for expansion of funded early learning and childcare

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Success of the Commonwealth Games

S5M-11967 Aileen Campbell: Success of the Commonwealth Games—That the Parliament commends the incredible achievements of Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast; recognises that this was Scotland's best ever away games and, by winning 44 medals, beat the previous medal tally of 29 in Melbourne in 2006; considers that this demonstrates that Scottish sport is growing in strength and depth, with sportscotland and governing bodies of sport working to support athletes, coaching and support staff, and believes that sustained investment and commitment in the whole sporting system is vital to enable people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to regularly take part in sport and exercise.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-11967.2 Brian Whittle: Success of the Commonwealth Games—As an amendment to motion S5M-11967 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Success of the Commonwealth Games), insert at end "; notes the role of UK Sport in funding elite sport, and believes that reducing inequality in access to participation should be a priority for the Scottish Government."

[S5M-11967.1](#) David Stewart: Success of the Commonwealth Games—As an amendment to motion S5M-11967 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Success of the Commonwealth Games), insert at end "; recognises the importance of using sporting success to increase active participation as part of building a healthier society, and believes that this is further helped by delivering affordable and free access to sporting participation for the many."

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-11829](#) Annabelle Ewing: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

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

[S5M-11217](#) Kezia Dugdale: Support for Rape Crisis Centres and Prosecutions—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government's broad commitment to addressing violence against women and girls, which it set out in the strategy, Equally Safe; recognises the specific work that it has carried out to date to improve the justice system for victim-survivors of gender-based violence and the emphasis on ensuring that survivors of sexual violence are responded to sensitively and appropriately by the justice agencies; notes the recent change of policy by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) on compelling reluctant complainers in rape cases to give evidence and what it sees as the significant opposition that this has attracted from charities that work directly with survivors; recognises the concerns of people who state that this change in policy could jeopardise both the wellbeing of survivors and their access to justice; notes the calls for the Lord Advocate to reconsider this policy and to engage with Rape Crisis Scotland to ensure that COPFS's approach is informed by the needs and experiences of rape complainers, and further notes the calls for Police Scotland, COPFS and the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service to work with the Scottish Government and stakeholders to redouble their efforts in addressing the reasons that complainers feel unable to continue with the justice process and for the Scottish Government to ensure that all rape crisis centres in Lothian and across Scotland receive adequate and sustainable funding to facilitate survivor engagement with the criminal justice system and meet their support needs.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 15th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Fulton MacGregor will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the Bank Branch Closures and European Structural and Investment Funds inquiries.
4. **National Performance Framework:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, Gary Gillespie, Chief Economist, and Carol Tannahill, Chief Social Policy Advisor, Scottish Government.
5. **National Performance Framework:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting and its response to the Local Government and Communities Committee.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 14th 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 items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Inquiry into EU environmental and animal welfare principles:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Amy Hill, Lawyer (NZ qualified), ClientEarth;

Richard Leslie, Co-convenor, Scottish Branch of the UK Environmental Law Association and Partner, Shepherd & Wedderburn;

Professor Gavin MacLeod Little, Professor of Environmental and Public Law, Stirling Law School, University of Stirling.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the Loch Carron Urgent Marine Conservation (No. 2) Order 2017 (Urgent Continuation) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/100).
4. **Inquiry into EU environmental and animal welfare principles:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **National Performance Framework National Outcomes:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Local Government and Communities Committee.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
7. **Witness diversity (gender):** The Committee will consider its approach to encouraging the diversity of witnesses.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 14th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Annabelle Ewing, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs;
Jill Clark, Head of Civil Law Reform Unit, Justice Directorate;
Michael Papparakis, Civil Law Policy Manager, Civil Law Reform Unit;
Neel Mojee, Solicitor, Constitution and Civil Law, Scottish Government.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on supplementary legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S5-10a](#) from—
Michael Russell, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe;
Gerald Byrne, Head of Constitutional Policy;
Graham Fisher, Solicitor and Team Leader, Constitutional and Civil Law Division;
Luke McBratney, Policy Officer, Legislative Consequences of EU Withdrawal Project, Scottish Government.
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Common Agricultural Policy \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/122\)](#);
[National Health Service Superannuation Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017 Amendment Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/123\)](#);
[Act of Sederunt \(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms, Sheriff Officers and Shorthand Writers\) \(Amendment\) 2018 \(SSI 2018/126\)](#);
[Bankruptcy Fees \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(SSI 2018/127\)](#).
5. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Prescription (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Health and Sport Committee 14th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Scottish Health Council Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Pam Whittle, Chair, and Sandra McDougall, Acting Director, Scottish Health Council;
Robbie Pearson, Chief Executive, Healthcare Improvement Scotland.
2. **Scottish Government Revised National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Roger Halliday, Chief Statistician and Head of Performance, Data, Statistics and Outcome Division, and Alison Taylor, Head of Integration, Health and Social Care Directorates, Scottish Government;
Professor Sir Harry Burns, Professor of Global Public Health, University of Strathclyde;
Gerry McLaughlin, Chief Executive, NHS Health Scotland.

3. **Scottish Health Council Review (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
4. **Scottish Government Revised National Outcomes (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the session.
5. **The impact of leaving the European Union on health and social care in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Justice Committee 13th Meeting, 2018

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 3 in private.
2. **Proposed integration of the British Transport Police in Scotland into Police Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Chief Constable Paul Crowther, British Transport Police;
Nigel Goodband, National Chairman, British Transport Police Federation;
Tom McMahon, Director of Business Integration, Police Scotland;
Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;

and then from—

Dan Moore, Deputy Director, Rail Markets Strategy, Department for Transport;
Donna Bell, Deputy Director, Police Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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