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Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S5M-13427 Liam Kerr: The Michelle's Law Campaign

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:15am Equalities and Human Rights Committee

9:30am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

9:30am Finance and Constitution Committee

1:00pm Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made in the last year in establishing a west of Scotland specialist unit for the treatment of endometriosis. ([S5O-02319](#))
- 2. Andy Wightman:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to a recent report by the City of Edinburgh Council that requested licensing powers under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to allow local authorities to licence the use of domestic property for short-term letting. ([S5O-02320](#))
- 3. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle overcrowding on rail services between Edinburgh and Dunblane. ([S5O-02321](#))
- 4. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of information provided by SPICe that NHS Grampian has received the lowest share of public funding of any NHS board for each of the last nine years, how the new health secretary plans to reimburse NHS Grampian for a funding shortfall totalling £165.6 million over that period. ([S5O-02322](#))
- 5. Willie Coffey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the completion status and final outturn costs of the William McIlvanney school campus in Kilmarnock. ([S5O-02323](#))
- 6. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to investigate the financing of the Calmac vessel, MV Loch Seaforth, which is now owned by Lloyds Banking Group after a lease deal was agreed at a reported cost to the public purse of £53 million. ([S5O-02324](#))
- 7. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that it has an ethical international relations strategy. ([S5O-02325](#))
- 8. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact a no-deal Brexit could have on international festivals and events in Scotland. ([S5O-02326](#))
- 9. Gail Ross:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-02327](#))
- 10. Mary Fee:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports childcare for newborns to two-year-olds, and whether it plans to extend free childcare provision to this age range. ([S5O-02328](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02538](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02539](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02540](#))
- 4. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government will take to support the mental wellbeing of young people. ([S5F-02556](#))
- 5. Miles Briggs:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking in response to Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland's call for an increase in the use of the thrombectomy procedure. ([S5F-02546](#))

6. Jenny Marra: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking in response to the rising number of drug deaths. ([S5F-02574](#))

7. Tavish Scott: To ask the First Minister, in light of the comment by the EIS that the recent review's recommendations "will do little to allay the very serious concerns held by many teachers", whether the Scottish Government plans further changes to the Scottish National Standardised Assessments. ([S5F-02550](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-13427](#) **Liam Kerr: The Michelle's Law Campaign**—That the Parliament notes the campaign to introduce, "Michelle's Law", which seeks to strengthen victims' rights; acknowledges that this specifically includes the rights of victims being considered paramount in matters relating to temporary release from prison and parole and that they and their families should be able to make representations in person to those deciding to release criminals from jail; notes the view that the authorities should have to explicitly consider the distinct safety and welfare of victims and their relatives when setting conditions for release on licence; understands that the Scottish Prison Service and the Parole Board do not have to publish reasons for releasing offenders into the community; notes the call for this to be reviewed and changed, and further notes the view that exclusion zones for released offenders are an under-utilised power that could alleviate the distress faced by victims and their families in North East Scotland and across the country.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19

followed by Business Motions

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[S5M-13781](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee remits and size**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits and size of committees:

Name of Committee: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

New name: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.8 shall be added—Culture and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Relations.

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.8 shall be added—Culture and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs.

Name of Committee: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

New name: Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

New remit: To consider and report on economy and fair work matters falling within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work; matters relating to the digital economy within the responsibilities of the Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, and matters relating to energy falling within the responsibilities of the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Finance and Constitution Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added—Constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added—Constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations.

Name of Committee: Health and Sport Committee

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Justice Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Local Government and Communities Committee

Remit: To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.

New remit: To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, measures against poverty, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government.

Name of Committee: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and the matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.

Name of Committee: Social Security Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to social security falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.

New remit: To consider and report on matters relating to social security (including the delivery and payment of benefits that help address poverty) falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People.

[S5M-13782](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Angela Constance be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Kate Forbes on the Health and Sport Committee

David Torrance be appointed to replace Ash Denham on the Health and Sport Committee

Shona Robison be appointed to replace Mairi Gougeon on the Justice Committee

Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson on the Justice Committee

Gillian Martin be appointed to replace Alex Neil on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Tom Arthur be appointed to replace Ivan McKee on the Finance and Constitution Committee

Angela Constance be appointed to replace Ash Denham on the Finance and Constitution Committee

Rona Mackay be appointed to replace Richard Lochhead on the Education and Skills Committee

Jenny Gilruth be appointed to replace Gillian Martin on the Education and Skills Committee

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace George Adam on the Education and Skills Committee

Clare Adamson be appointed to replace James Dornan on the Education and Skills Committee

Annabelle Ewing be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth on the Local Government and Communities Committee

James Dornan be appointed to replace Bob Doris on the Local Government and Communities Committee

Maureen Watt be appointed to replace Kate Forbes on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Bill Kidd be appointed to replace Tom Arthur on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Clare Haughey on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Maureen Watt be appointed to replace David Torrance on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Shona Robison be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson on the Social Security Committee

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Ruth Maguire on the Social Security Committee

Bob Doris to replace Clare Adamson on the Social Security Committee

Annabelle Ewing be appointed to replace Mairi Gougeon on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

Kenneth Gibson be appointed to replace Richard Lochhead on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

David Torrance be appointed to replace Rona Mackay on the Public Petitions Committee

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Christina McKelvie on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

[S5M-13783](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

George Adam be appointed to replace Clare Haughey as Scottish National Party substitute on the Justice Committee

Alex Neil be appointed to replace David Torrance as Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

George Adam be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee

Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as Scottish National Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee

Angela Constance be appointed to replace Kenneth Gibson as Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Kate Forbes as Scottish National Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

Rona Mackay be appointed to replace Graeme Dey as Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee

Maurice Corry be appointed to replace Michelle Ballantyne as Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Justice Committee.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 21st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Dr Susan McVie, Chair of Quantitative Criminology, School of Law, University of Edinburgh;
 Dr Claire McDiarmid, Deputy Head, School of Law, University of Strathclyde;
 Malcolm Schaffer, Head of Practice and Policy, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration;
 and then from—
 Marion Gillooly, Head of Strategy and Innovation, Includem;
 Claire Lightowler, Director, Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice, University of Strathclyde;
 Duncan Dunlop, Chief Executive, and Lynzy Hanvidge, Care Experienced Policy Ambassador, Who Cares? Scotland.
2. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 21st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 4 in private.
2. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations:** The Committee will take evidence from—

 Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, and Ian Mitchell, Deputy Director, EU Strategy and Migration, Scottish Government.
3. **Scottish Government Reports:** The Committee will consider a bi-annual report from the Scottish Government in relation to a range of EU issues.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Article 50 withdrawal negotiations (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Finance and Constitution Committee 21st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will take evidence from-

Rt Hon David Mundell, Secretary of State for Scotland, Scotland Office.

**Justice Committee
21st Meeting, 2018**

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **The impact of Brexit on the civil and criminal justice systems and policing in Scotland:**
The Committee will take evidence from-

Rt Hon David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, UK Government.

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