

Thursday 27 September 2018

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

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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
- 12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-11590  
Fulton MacGregor: Paternity Leave and Tackling Inequality
- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Paediatric Services at St John's Hospital
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland
- followed by** Business Motions
- followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

- 9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
- 9:00am** Social Security Committee
- 9:15am** Equalities and Human Rights Committee
- 9:30am** Finance and Constitution Committee
- 9:30am** Public Petitions Committee
- 9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
- 10:00am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs 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 plans it has to develop an industrial strategy for the River Clyde and its adjacent communities. ([S5O-02409](#))
- 2. Tavish Scott:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02410](#))
- 3. Jenny Gilruth:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Implementation Plan in the National Missing Persons Framework for Scotland. ([S5O-02411](#))
- 4. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider establishing a Victim's Commissioner, and, if not, how it plans to learn from the experiences of victims and witnesses in the shaping of public policy. ([S5O-02412](#))
- 5. Tom Arthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports partnership working between colleges and industry. ([S5O-02413](#))
- 6. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Forth Valley regarding funding for GP services at the Aberfoyle Medical Centre. ([S5O-02414](#))
- 7. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many STEM apprentices there are, and how many of these are in North and South Lanarkshire. ([S5O-02415](#))
- 8. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider rail infrastructure investment in the areas of Aberdeenshire where rail is not currently a public transport option. ([S5O-02416](#))
- 9. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what schemes it has introduced to compensate farmers for lost income due to failures with public transport systems, including ferries. ([S5O-02417](#))
- 10. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government how it anticipates the economy will perform in 2019. ([S5O-02418](#))

### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02629](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02630](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02631](#))
- 4. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to help improve recycling rates and the quality of recycling. ([S5F-02649](#))
- 5. Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the report that obesity is set to overtake smoking as the biggest cause of preventable cancers in women. ([S5F-02635](#))
- 6. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the First Minister, in light of the Committee on Climate Change's recent report, what new action the Scottish Government plans to reduce CO2 emissions. ([S5F-02650](#))

## 12:45 pm Members' Business

### Debate on the subject of—

**S5M-11590 Fulton MacGregor: Paternity Leave and Tackling Inequality**—That the Parliament notes that dads, partners of adopters and intended parents having babies through surrogacy are entitled to one or two weeks' statutory paternity leave; believes that challenging the presumption that women are primarily responsible for raising children is key to tackling wider societal inequality, including the gender pay gap; notes international research showing a link between increased paternity leave and a range of positive outcomes, including greater maternal wellbeing and reduced incidence of postnatal depression; understands that some employers offer enhanced leave or pay, including the Scottish Government, which offers staff four weeks' paternity leave on full pay, and notes the view that families across Scotland, including in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, would benefit from such practices being adopted by other employers.

## 2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Paediatric Services at St John's Hospital

#### followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

**S5M-14094 Clare Haughey: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises and values the contribution of the Armed Forces and veterans community to Scotland; commends the excellent work of the first Scottish Veterans Commissioner, Eric Fraser, including his most recent report on veterans' health and wellbeing; welcomes the new Commissioner, Charlie Wallace, and supports continuing partnership working across all levels of government and the private and charitable sectors to ensure that the Armed Forces, veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to opportunities across Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**S5M-14094.2 Maurice Corry: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S5M-14094 in the name of Clare Haughey (Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland), insert at end "and that health support is being delivered to the Armed Forces and veterans' community to meet any specific needs that they may have as a result of their service." **R**

#### followed by Business Motions

**S5M-14131 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Wednesday 3 October 2018—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Update

and (b) Thursday 4 October 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week

insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 21st Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Children and young people's mental health:** The Committee will take evidence on the joint report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission on "Children and young people's mental health" from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Performance and Best Value, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
3. **Forth Replacement Crossing:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report on the "Forth Replacement Crossing" from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Graeme Greenhill, Senior Manager, and Jillian Matthew, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Children and young people's mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Performance and Best Value, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
5. **Forth Replacement Crossing:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Graeme Greenhill, Senior Manager, and Jillian Matthew, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

### Social Security Committee 18th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

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 Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] and the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Poverty and Inequality Commission and Scottish Commission on Social Security as Specified Authorities) Order 2018 [draft] from—  
Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, Paul Tyrer, Head of Social Justice Strategy, and Colin Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Aileen Campbell (Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government) to move—

S5M-13766—That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

S5M-13768— That the Social Security Committee recommends that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Poverty and Inequality Commission and Scottish Commission on Social Security as Specified Authorities) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/211)
5. **Social security and in-work poverty:** The Committee will take evidence from— Rob Gowans, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland; Victoria Todd, Head of LITRG Team, Low Incomes Tax Reform Group; Kirsty McKechnie, Welfare Rights Worker, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland.
6. **Social security and in-work poverty:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Scottish Government consultations:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People on draft young carer regulations and draft investigation of offences regulations and a draft code of practice for investigations.

### Equalities and Human Rights Committee 24th 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—  
Simon Pountain, Independent Monitor, Disclosure and Barring Service;  
Gerard Hart, Director of Protection Services and Policy, Disclosure Scotland;  
Maggie Mellon, Trustee, Howard League Scotland;  
and then from—  
Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;  
Chris McCully, Development Coordinator, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum;  
Professor Elaine Sutherland, Professor of Child and Family Law, University of Stirling;  
James Docherty, Violence Reduction Unit.
2. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

### Finance and Constitution Committee 24th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in Debating Chamber

1. **The operation of Scotland's fiscal framework:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Lindsey Whyte, Director, Personal Tax, Welfare and Pensions, HM Treasury.

## Public Petitions Committee 14th Meeting, 2018

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

- 1. Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—  
PE1693 by Graeme Harvey on behalf of Lowland Canals Association on Independent Water Ombudsman, and will take evidence from—  
Graeme Harvey, Chairman and Christine Cameron, Lowland Canals Association and Ronald Edward Seton Rusack MBE, Chairman, Lowland Canals Volunteer Group;  
PE1701 by Nathan Sparling on Change the law to allow adoption for people over the age of 18, and will take evidence from—  
Nathan Sparling and Caroline Dempster;  
PE1703 by Hugh MacLellan on behalf of Laid Grazings and Community Committee on Access to broadband in rural Scotland;  
PE1704 by Duncan MacGillivray on Improve targets and outcomes for autistic people in Scotland.
- 2. Consideration of a continued petition (in private):** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—  
PE1627 by Annette McKenzie on Consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 17th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider a note from the clerk on Cross-Party Group membership.
- 3. Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee will consider a revision to the Direction to the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
- 4. Code of Conduct for MSPs:** The Committee will consider a note from the clerk on the Code of Conduct for MSPs.
- 5. Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence.

## Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 24th Meeting, 2018

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

- 1. Pre-Budget Scrutiny:**  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Karen Watt, Director of External Affairs, Jonathan Pryce, Director for Culture, Tourism and Major Events, and David Seers, Head of Sponsorship and Funding, Scottish Government.
- 2. Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.



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