

Tuesday 23 April 2019

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:05pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Social Security Committee
Debate: Social Security and In-work Poverty

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-
16671 Claire Baker: The Open University at
50

Committee Meetings

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

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

10:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work
Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Reverend Neil Gardner MA BD, Minister, Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is regarding the performance of Scotland's rail services, and what action is being taken to improve provision. ([S5T-01605](#))

followed by Social Security Committee Debate: Social Security and In-work Poverty

[S5M-16957](#) **Bob Doris: Social Security and In-Work Poverty**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Social Security Committee's 2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5), *Social Security and In-Work Poverty* (SP Paper 466).

followed by Committee Announcement: Education and Skills Committee - Report into Scottish National Standardised Assessments

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-17023](#) **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 24 April 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Brexit and Scotland's Future

followed by Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 25 April 2019—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Advance Redress Payments

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-17024](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Neil Bibby as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-16671](#) Claire Baker: The Open University at 50—That the Parliament recognises that 23 April 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of The Open University (OU); notes that the Royal Charter that it received in 1969 required it to “promote the educational wellbeing of the community generally”; acknowledges the OU’s mission to be “open to people, places, methods and ideas”; considers that its open access policy, which requires no entrance qualifications for most courses, is as radical today as it was 50 years ago; notes what it sees as its contribution to social justice and accessible higher education across Scotland and the transformational impact that it has had on lives and communities, with more than 200,000 Scots from all backgrounds having studied with the institution, and wishes it well for the next 50 years and beyond.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 12th Meeting, 2019

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 item 3 in private and whether its consideration of evidence taken in relation to EU exit should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **EU exit and the environment:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Linda Ovens, Director, Entec Solutions and Centre Councillor, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Scotland;

Libby Peake, Senior Policy Adviser - resource stewardship, Green Alliance;

Stephen Freeland, Policy Advisor and Co-ordinator, Scottish Environmental Services Association;

Rebecca Walker, Head of Function (Materials), Scottish Environment Protection Agency;

Iain Gulland, Chief Executive Officer, Zero Waste Scotland;

and then from—

Michael Warhurst, Executive Director, CHEM Trust;

Silvia Segna, REACH Executive, Chemical Industries Association;

Tom Shields, Acting Chair, Chemical Sciences Scotland;

Janice Milne, Head of Function (Energy), Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

3. **EU exit and the environment:** The Committee will review the evidence taken earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 13th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of South of Scotland Enterprise as Specified Authority\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Relief for New and Improved Properties\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/116\);](#)
[Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/118\);](#)
[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/121\);](#)
[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/133\);](#)

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Civil Online) 2019 (SSI 2019/122);
 Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Views of the Child) 2019 (SSI 2019/123);
 Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/134 (C.3));
5. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report.
6. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report.
7. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 13th Meeting, 2019

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 3 and 4 in private.
2. **BiFab, the offshore wind energy sector and the Scottish supply chain:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Andrew Jamieson, Chief Executive, ORE Catapult;
 Nick Sharpe, Director of Communications, Scottish Renewables;
 Audrey MacIver, Director of Energy and Low Carbon, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
 Andy McDonald, Director of Energy and Low Carbon Technology, Scottish Enterprise;
 Peter Welsh, Head of Campaigns, Communications and Policy, GMB Scotland;
 Pat Rafferty, Regional Secretary, Unite Scotland;
 Bill Elkington, Director, BiFab and Chairman, The JV Driver Group;
 Sean Power, Director, BiFab and VP Business Development, DF Barnes.

3. **BiFab, the offshore wind energy sector and the Scottish supply chain:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Justice Committee 12th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway) etc. Amendment Order 2019 [draft] from—
 Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Walter Drummond-Murray, Courts and Tribunals Policy Officer, and Jo-Anne Tinto, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—

S5M-16769—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway) etc. Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

3. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
4. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 4 April 2019.
5. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on Brexit subordinate legislation should be taken in private at future meetings.

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