

Wednesday 6 March 2019

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Urgent Question: Michelle Ballantyne - To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it did not inform the Parliament that Severe Disablement Allowance will remain reserved to the DWP.

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Early Years

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Supporting Scottish Agriculture

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-15292 Gordon MacDonald: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

10:00am Education and Skills Committee

10:30am Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee

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2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions together:

Finance, Economy and Fair Work:

Questions 3 and 7

Finance, Economy and Fair Work

- 1. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government what its assessment is of the future of the economy. ([S5O-02939](#))
- 2. Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government whether there are restrictions on local authorities using bond finance to support investment proposals in their areas. ([S5O-02940](#))
- 3. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government which parts of the economy and areas of employment are most at risk from a no deal Brexit. ([S5O-02941](#))
- 4. Liz Smith:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02942](#))
- 5. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with businesses regarding the potential economic impact of Brexit. ([S5O-02943](#))
- 6. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how its budget will impact on Orkney and Shetland. ([S5O-02944](#))
- 7. Stewart Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on the economy of a no deal Brexit. ([S5O-02945](#))
- 8. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent meetings the finance secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding local government finance. ([S5O-02946](#))

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

- 1. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans to introduce a charge on disposable drinks cups. ([S5O-02947](#))
- 2. David Stewart:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02948](#))
- 3. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the SEPA/HSE report regarding the Mossmorran petrochemical plant. ([S5O-02949](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken to reduce the amount of plastic nurdles on beaches. ([S5O-02950](#))
- 5. Daniel Johnson:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02951](#))
- 6. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the environment secretary has had with the transport secretary regarding the environmental implications of the proposed Personal Rapid Transit system for Glasgow Airport. ([S5O-02952](#))
- 7. Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the environment secretary has had with the energy minister regarding the environmental impact of the proposed decommissioning of oil rigs at Hunterston. ([S5O-02953](#))
- 8. Alison Harris:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timeline is for the ban on municipal waste going to landfill. ([S5O-02954](#))

followed by **Urgent Question: Michelle Ballantyne - To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it did not inform the Parliament that Severe Disablement Allowance will remain reserved to the DWP.**

followed by **Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Early Years**

S5M-16122 Alison Harris: Early Years—That the Parliament is committed to the delivery of 1,140 hours of funded childcare for all three- and four-year-olds and eligible two-year-olds by August 2020; recognises the growing concerns that are being expressed by private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers with regard to the implementation of this policy; believes, in light of the most recent evidence from PVI sector providers, some of whom have chosen to end their partnerships with local authorities altogether, that the problems have not yet been addressed, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to take urgent action to address these flaws in implementation.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-16122.2 John Swinney: Early Years—As an amendment to motion S5M- 6122 in the name of Alison Harris (Early Years), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "agrees that a child's early learning and childcare entitlement should be free at the point of access; notes the important contribution of private, voluntary and independent providers and childminders to the expansion of funded early learning and childcare and the implementation of Funding Follows the Child, which will ensure more choice for parents, and calls on the Scottish Government, COSLA and all parties to continue to work tirelessly to promote meaningful partnership working across the country in the interests of children and their families."

S5M-16122.1 Iain Gray: Early Years—As an amendment to motion S5M-16122 in the name of Alison Harris (Early Years), after "addressed" insert "; acknowledges the financial pressures faced by councils in delivering local services".

followed by **Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Supporting Scottish Agriculture**

S5M-16123 Donald Cameron: Supporting Scottish Agriculture—That the Parliament believes that future agricultural policy should have at its heart the following principles: productivity, regional differentiation, environmental protection, simplification, and research and education that secures the future of farming careers; believes that the Scottish Government's failure to develop an agricultural policy for Scotland is having a detrimental effect on the country's farmers and crofters, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out its position regarding the main elements of a future support system for farming in Scotland. **R**

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S5M-16123.2 Mairi Gougeon: Supporting Scottish Agriculture—As an amendment to motion S5M-16123 in the name of Donald Cameron (Supporting Scottish Agriculture), leave out from "future agricultural policy" to end and insert "the principles that it agreed following the debate on motion S5M-15279 on 10 January 2019 should be at the heart of future rural policy, namely sustainability, simplicity, innovation, inclusion, productivity and profitability; recognises the significant role that research and education should play to secure future careers in rural industries; reaffirms its view that a no deal outcome to the current negotiations on EU withdrawal would be

completely unacceptable, not least because of its potential disastrous impact on Scotland's rural economy, and agrees that, as well as supporting Scotland's farming and crofting sector, a future funding system should also support rural, coastal and island community activity and promote environmental stewardship."

[S5M-16123.1 Rhoda Grant: Supporting Scottish Agriculture](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-16123 in the name of Donald Cameron (Supporting Scottish Agriculture), insert at end ", and notes that any future system of rural payments should have inclusion as a principle, prioritise payments for those most in need, tackle rural and food poverty, and support repopulation in rural areas."

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-16150 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion](#)—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fair Work Action Plan

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Year of Young People 2018: A Celebration, a Chance and a Change

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 March 2019

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 Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on the Impact of Brexit on the Scottish Further and Higher Education Sectors

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 March 2019

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 Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 13 March 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”;

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 14 March 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 March 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

[S5M-16151](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 3 May 2019.

[S5M-16152](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 22 March 2019.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-16153](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-16154](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-16155](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-16156](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-16157](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-16158](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Insolvency (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-16159](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the INSPIRE (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-16160](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Equalities and Human Rights Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.00pm to 1.45pm on Thursday 21 March 2019 for the purpose of taking evidence from Robert E Larzelere PhD, Professor of Parenting Research, Oklahoma State University, on the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill.

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — **S5M-15292 Gordon MacDonald: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal**

[S5M-15292 Gordon MacDonald: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal](#)—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal, which runs throughout each March; notes that 2019 marks the appeal's 33rd year; commends the care and support that Marie Curie provides to over 8,600 people and their families every year in Scotland in their own homes, across 31 local authorities and in the charity's hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow; praises its information and support services, which are available for everyone affected by a terminal illness, and its volunteer helper services, which provide emotional support, companionship and information to people, carers and families; recognises the dedication, hard work and contribution of the charity's volunteers across Scotland, including the 421 volunteers across the Lothians, who raise funds and awareness during the appeal and throughout the year to support its vital services; believes that there is a story behind every daffodil pin, with people donating and wearing them to remember someone who has died or to show support for Marie Curie's services; understands that some people who need palliative care toward the end of life are still missing out, especially people with terminal conditions other than cancer; notes that the charity is highlighting that, every five minutes, someone in Scotland dies without getting the care and support they need at the end of their life; recognises that Marie Curie is working to change this and to improve the lives of all people living with a terminal illness, their carers and families; notes the view that wearing the daffodil pin unites millions of people together who believe dying people should get the care and support they deserve, and looks forward to as many people as possible supporting the annual appeal.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 8th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Walter Scott, Vice Chair of the Society's Liaison Committee, and Kevin Hamilton, Member of the Society's Traffic and Road Safety Working Group., Society of Chief Officers of Transportation;
 - Chief Superintendent Stewart Carle, Divisional Commander, Road Policing Division, Operational & Specialist Support, Police Scotland;
 - Dr Ruth Jepson, Reader in Public Health, and Principal Investigator on research into the impact of 20mph speed limits in Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh;
 - Andrew Easson, Road Safety and Active Travel Manager, City of Edinburgh Council;
 - Brian Young, Infrastructure Manager, Scottish Borders Council;
 and then from—
 - Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Donna Turnbull, Road Safety Policy Manager, and Stuart Wilson, National Operations Manager, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the NationalBus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland)Amendment Order 2019 [draft] from—
 - Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Pete Grant, Bus Policy Team Leader, and John Finlay, Customer Services and Communications Manager, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson (Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity) to move—S5M-15754—That the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
 - The Equine Animal (Identification) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/30)
5. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
 - The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; and
 - The Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.
6. **Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence it has heard on the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill at item 1.

Education and Skills Committee 8th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private. The Committee will also decide whether to take the consideration of the draft report on Scottish National Standardised Assessments and its consideration of its approach to its subject choices inquiry in private at its next meeting.
2. **Additional Support Needs:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Kayleigh Thorpe, Head of Campaigns, Policy and Activism, Enable;

Nick Ward, Director, National Autistic Society Scotland;

Seamus Searson, General Secretary, Scottish Secondary Teacher's Association.

3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to its work programme.
4. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee 1st Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Consideration Stage.

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