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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
- 12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-15935
Liam McArthur: 50th Anniversary of the Longhope Lifeboat Disaster
- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions:

The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions:

Government Business and Constitutional Relations:

Questions 3 and 8

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 Business Motions

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Committee Meetings

- 9:00am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee
- 9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
- 9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
- 3:00pm** Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that social housing is affordable to tenants. ([S5O-02997](#))
- 2. Sandra White:** [Withdrawn] ([S5O-02998](#))
- 3. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how many local authority providers in the north east provide 1,140 hours of funded childcare. ([S5O-02999](#))
- 4. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce air pollution in North Ayrshire. ([S5O-03000](#))
- 5. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the operation of the town centre fund. ([S5O-03001](#))
- 6. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to deal with asbestos-related illnesses, and how it supports people with these conditions. ([S5O-03002](#))
- 7. Jenny Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will put together an economic plan for Dundee. ([S5O-03003](#))
- 8. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage companies to establish more apprenticeships. ([S5O-03004](#))
- 9. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to promote the use of wearable technology in care home and sheltered living settings to help prevent accidents. ([S5O-03005](#))
- 10. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what training is given to medical and non-medical NHS staff to identify patients who are likely to go missing. ([S5O-03006](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03143](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03144](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03145](#))
- 4. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Spring Statement. ([S5F-03163](#))
- 5. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to ensure that people are financially ready for their retirement. ([S5F-03161](#))
- 6. Neil Findlay:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government has taken following the recent meeting between the health secretary and mesh survivors. ([S5F-03147](#))
- 7. John Finnie:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking in response to the reported increasing number of drug deaths. ([S5F-03157](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-15935 Liam McArthur: 50th Anniversary of the Longhope Lifeboat Disaster

S5M-15935 Liam McArthur: 50th Anniversary of the Longhope Lifeboat Disaster—That the Parliament commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Longhope lifeboat tragedy, which took place on 17 March 1969; recalls with great sadness that all eight crew members on board the lifeboat, TGB, perished as it capsized in heavy seas after responding to a call from the Wick Coastguard to assist the Liberian-registered vessel, Irene, which was in difficulty and drifting 21 miles east of Duncansby Head; understands that, while the Irene was finally driven onto rocks at Grimness in South Ronaldsay, and the crew brought safely ashore, TGB and her crew were not so fortunate, with the vessel being discovered capsized four miles south west of Tor Ness on 18 March; recognises the shock felt by the whole Orkney community at such a tragic loss of life, but in particular acknowledges the devastating impact on the small community of Brims in Longhope on the island of Hoy, which suffered the loss of a quarter of its population that night; believes that the tragedy was compounded by the fact that fathers and their sons were among those who perished; pays tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by Coxswain Dan Kirkpatrick, Second Coxswain Jimmy Johnston, Bowman Ray Kirkpatrick, Mechanic Robert B Johnston, Assistant Mechanic Jimmy Swanson, and lifeboat men Jack Kirkpatrick, Robert Johnston and Eric McFadyen; agrees wholeheartedly with the sentiment on the memorial to all eight crew members "that greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his fellow men"; notes that the current crew includes relatives of the crew from 1969, and that they, along with others, help run the Longhope Lifeboat Museum, which provides a fitting reminder of the disaster, as well as the life-saving work carried out by the crew of the TGB; wishes those from the local community involved in organising events to mark this difficult anniversary all the best, and extends its heartfelt thanks to lifeboat crews across the country for the selfless work that they do on behalf of the island and coastal communities they serve with such bravery and distinction.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions**2:30 pm Portfolio Questions:**

The Presiding Officer has decided to group the following questions:

Government Business and Constitutional Relations:**Questions 3 and 8****Government Business and Constitutional Relations**

- 1. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last held discussions with the Prime Minister. ([S5O-02989](#))
- 2. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what response it has received from the UK Government to the simultaneous debates of the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly that voted to reject the withdrawal agreement and a no deal Brexit. ([S5O-02990](#))
- 3. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £55 million it received in Barnett consequentials for 2019-20 to prepare for leaving the EU has been allocated and to what. ([S5O-02991](#))
- 4. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact that Brexit will have on third sector funding. ([S5O-02992](#))

5. James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government how its plans for a future independence referendum have been informed by the Sustainable Growth Commission. ([S5O-02993](#))

6. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (not EU Withdrawal (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill). ([S5O-02994](#))

7. Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to publish an up-to-date timetable for the introduction of legislation included in its Programme for Government. ([S5O-02995](#))

8. Kezia Dugdale: To ask the Scottish Government how much it has received from the UK Government to prepare for Brexit, and how much of this has been spent. ([S5O-02996](#))

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

[S5M-16312](#) Ivan McKee: Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation—That the Parliament welcomes the rapid growth of the Scottish space sector; notes that it now accounts for 18% of all jobs in the UK space industry; encourages investment in support of the ambition to deliver a full end-to-end space sector capability in Scotland, to build, launch and operate satellites; agrees that now is the time to take advantage of the strengths that Scotland has in technology, engineering and data science to realise this ambition; further agrees that Scotland's clear strengths in small satellite manufacturing and space data are starting points for success, laying the foundations for Scotland to become Europe's leading space nation, and considers that this success will be enhanced by Scotland's plan to become the site of the first spaceport in Europe.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-16312.2](#) Edward Mountain: Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation—As an amendment to motion S5M-16312 in the name of Ivan McKee (Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation), insert at end “, and welcomes both the Space Industry Act 2018 and the UK Government's Industrial Strategy, which includes support for a £50 million programme to support small satellite launches and sub-orbital flight from UK spaceports.”

[S5M-16312.3](#) David Stewart: Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation—As an amendment to motion S5M-16312 in the name of Ivan McKee (Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation), insert at end “; notes the crucial diversification to the Scottish economy that the space sector provides; considers that future commercial viability will be dependent on the European small satellite launch on demand service, and notes the comparative advantage that Scotland enjoys for spaceport location by providing access to sun-synchronous and polar orbits.”

[S5M-16312.1](#) Tavish Scott: Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation—As an amendment to motion S5M-

16312 in the name of Ivan McKee (Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation), insert at end “, and supports the creation of enterprise zones in those areas of Scotland where space activity is being developed.”

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-16365](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2019 be approved.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 8th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

- UK-EU Inter-institutional relations post-Brexit:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Michael Keating, Director, Centre for Constitutional Change;
Professor Paul Cairney, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, University of Stirling.
- Local commercial radio:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Corrie Martin, News Director, Regions, and Will Harding, Chief Strategy Officer, Global Radio.
- Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 8th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
- Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of Scottish Social Services Council:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2017/18 audit of Scottish Social Services Council" from—
Lorraine Gray, Chief Executive, and Maree Allison, Director of Regulation, Scottish Social Services Council;
and then from—
Paul Johnston, Director-General, Education, Communities and Justice, Colin Cook, Director Digital, and Michael Chalmers, Director for Children and Families, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Performance and Best Value, Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, and Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
- Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of Scottish Social Services Council:** 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, Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, and Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 4th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Sexual harassment and sexist behaviour (in private):** The Committee will consider the recommendations in the report from the Joint Working Group on sexual harassment and sexist behaviour.
2. **Confidentiality in the Code of Conduct (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report and draft rule changes.

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 2nd Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 3.00 pm in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 2 in private.
2. **Approach to the Committee's inquiry:** The Committee will consider briefings relevant to the inquiry.
3. **Approach to the Committee's inquiry:** The Committee will announce any decisions taken under item 2.

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