

Thursday 3 October 2019

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 5:15pm



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-18053
Maurice Corry: Great British Beach Clean
2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2:00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's
Onshore Unconventional Oil and Gas Policy
followed by Portfolio Questions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children
(Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and
External Affairs Committee
9:00am Equalities and Human Rights
Committee
9:00am Public Audit and Post-legislative
Scrutiny Committee
9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee
1:00pm Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it takes to ensure that its policies and legislation protect and promote the rights and wellbeing of children and young people. ([S5O-03625](#))
- 2. Rachael Hamilton:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-03626](#))
- 3. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with personnel recruitment and facilities in Aberdeenshire for the expansion of funded childcare to 1,140 hours. ([S5O-03627](#))
- 4. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will take decisions on the implementation of Cold Spell Heating Assistance. ([S5O-03628](#))
- 5. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact infrastructure failures at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children and Young People have had on patients who are on surgical waiting lists. ([S5O-03629](#))
- 6. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action that it is taking to address the use of non-prescribed benzodiazepines, such as etizolam, in Glasgow. ([S5O-03630](#))
- 7. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS Grampian will receive its full share of NRAC funding in the next Scottish Government budget. ([S5O-03631](#))
- 8. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will encourage local authorities and statutory bodies to release buildings with long-term leases and peppercorn rents for use as Men's Sheds. ([S5O-03632](#))
- 9. Gail Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it can give to teachers and staff from remote and rural areas to access training and CPD. ([S5O-03633](#))
- 10. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will allocate the £1.5 million that is to be provided to social landlords to prevent homelessness. ([S5O-03634](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03595](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03596](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-03597](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that the number of police officers injured in attacks has risen by almost a third amid heightened sectarian and other tensions. ([S5F-03600](#))
- 5. Jamie Greene:** To ask the First Minister whether she will provide an update on the £135 million in loans and investments that the Scottish Government has recently written off. ([S5F-03604](#))

6. Monica Lennon: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to ensure young people can quickly access mental health services, following reports that there were over 36,000 children and young people referred to CAMHS last year. ([S5F-03609](#))

7. Brian Whittle: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to tackle inequality between men and women in the diagnosis and treatment of heart attacks. ([S5F-03610](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business — S5M-18053 Maurice Corry: Great British Beach Clean

S5M-18053 Maurice Corry: Great British Beach Clean—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of the Marine Conservation Society in raising awareness of the importance of keeping beaches clean for the sake of marine wildlife; acknowledges that sign-ups for the Marine Conservation Society's flagship Great British Beach Clean event in September 2019 are now open; understands that each year the citizen science project involves thousands of volunteers heading out across Scotland, including in the West Scotland region and the rest of the UK, to clean beaches and collect invaluable data on the litter that is washing up on shores; further understands that, following the 2018 Beachwatch project, it was shown that beach litter had risen by an average of 14% in just one year for those beaches surveyed in Scotland, and notes calls for all MSPs to get involved with their local Great British Beach Clean events between 20 and 23 September 2019.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Onshore Unconventional Oil and Gas Policy

followed by Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers

1. Tom Arthur: To ask the Scottish Government how many fire stations have been supplied with pet oxygen masks by the organisation, Smokey Paws. ([S5O-03617](#))

2. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what the percentage change has been in the number of recorded crimes in North Ayrshire over the last decade, and how this compares with the national figure. ([S5O-03618](#))

3. Alison Johnstone: To ask the Scottish Government how many convictions for vicarious liability have been made under provisions in the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011. ([S5O-03619](#))

4. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to protect families who have been affected by domestic abuse. ([S5O-03620](#))

5. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what impact a presumption against short sentences will have on female offenders. ([S5O-03621](#))

6. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government to what extent the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service works with the University of Glasgow's forensic toxicology service when responding to drug deaths. ([S5O-03622](#)) R

7. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported 11% increase in crime in Dumfries and Galloway in 2018-19. ([S5O-03623](#))

8. Alex Rowley: [Not Lodged] ([S5O-03624](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-19218](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 45 minutes.

[S5M-18623](#) John Finnie: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-19271](#) 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) Tuesday 8 October 2019—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government overview of "No Deal" preparations

(b) Wednesday 9 October 2019—

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Transport (Scotland) Bill

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1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Transport (Scotland) Bill

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5.00 pm Decision Time

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6.40 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 10 October 2019—

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

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2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

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followed by Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

Today's Business
Gnothaichean an-diugh

Future Business
Gnothaichean ri teachd

Motions & Questions
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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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 23rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Lucy Carmichael, Bill Team Leader, Derek Bearhop, Head of Events Strategy & Delivery, and Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government; and then from—
David Henderson, Public Affairs Manager, Advertising Association;
Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation.
2. **Consideration of evidence heard (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 23rd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Caroline Gillwood, Head of Programmes, Stonewall Scotland;
Janis McDonald, Chief Officer, deafscotland;
Liz McEntee, Director for External Affairs, Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector;
Mhairi Snowden, Coordinator, Human Rights Consortium Scotland;
Adam Stachura, Head of Policy and Communications, Age Scotland;
Talat Yaqoob, Director, EQUATE;
and then from—
Tim Kendrick, Partnership Manager, Fife Community Planning Partnership;
Bernadette Monaghan, Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, Glasgow City Council;
Linda Owen, Strategic Planning and Commissioning Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 22nd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Professor Kevin Dunion, Honorary Professor in the School of Law and Executive Director of the Centre of Freedom of Information, University of Dundee;
Dr Karen McCullagh, Lecturer in Law and Course Director, LLM Media Law, Policy and Practice, UEA Law School, University of East Anglia;
Professor Colin Reid, Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee;
Alistair Sloan, Solicitor, Inkster Solicitors;
Dr Ben Worthy (by video link), Senior Lecturer in Politics at Birkbeck College, University of London.

3. **Section 23 report - Finances of Scottish universities:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Antony Clark, Audit Director, Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, and Adam Bullough, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

4. **Section 23 report - Finances of Scottish universities:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Antony Clark, Audit Director, Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, and Adam Bullough, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

5. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme, including its future scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service".

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 16th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Andy Hunter, Chair, Association of Electoral Administrators (Scotland and Northern Ireland Branch);

Sarah Mackie, Manager, Electoral Commission Scotland;

Chris Highcock, Secretary, Electoral Management Board for Scotland (EMB);

Peter Wildman, Chair, Electoral Registration Committee, Scottish Assessors Association.

2. **Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

3. **Sexual harassment and sexist behaviour (in private):** The Committee will consider proposed changes to the Code of Conduct.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 8th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny of the police capital budget from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Gillian Russell, Director of Safer Communities, and Avril Davidson, Head of Finance and Assets Team, Policy Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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