

Tuesday 29 October 2019

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Fr. Vincent Lockhart, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio Scotland)

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Promoting the Safe and Appropriate use of Fireworks in Scotland

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-18479 Pauline McNeill: Asda Walmart, Contract Imposition

### Committee Meetings

**9:45am** Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

**9:45am** Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

**9:45am** Health and Sport Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:00am** Justice Committee

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**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**followed by Topical Questions**

- 1. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what resources it is allocating to address human trafficking and exploitation. ([S5T-01840](#))
- 2. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the University of Glasgow research finding that former professional football players are three and a half times more likely to die of degenerative brain disease than the general population. ([S5T-01851](#))
- 3. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what changes it will make in light of the recent report by the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and its finding of an "emergency" in Scotland's prisons. ([S5T-01848](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Promoting the Safe and Appropriate use of Fireworks in Scotland**

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland**

**[S5M-19577 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland](#)**—That the Parliament is committed to improving the provision of disability benefits in Scotland, built on a new human rights-based social security system for the people of Scotland; notes the publication of the independently produced report, *A Consultation on Disability Assistance in Scotland: Analysis of Responses*; considers that the report highlights agreement on the provision of social security payments for disabled people based on dignity, fairness and respect; notes that the Scottish Government is co-designing this approach with people who have lived experience of receiving social security payments, and agrees that it is essential that the needs of disabled people are at the heart of Scotland's social security system.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-19577.1 Jeremy Balfour: Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-19577 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to no further delay to any of the devolved disability assistance benefits and to provide an absolute guarantee for transitional protections for all claimants involved in the case transfer."

**[S5M-19577.2 Mark Griffin: Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-19577 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland), after "respect" insert "; agrees that the 20-metre rule must be scrapped when disability assistance for working-age people is introduced, and replaced with an appropriate alternative designed in partnership with disabled people, charities and healthcare professionals".

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-19610](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 30 October 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Impact of the Proposed New EU Exit Deal on Scotland

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

(b) Thursday 31 October 2019—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: First Instalment of £80 Million of Convergence Funding to Scottish Farming

and after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion – Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion – Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion – Domestic Abuse Bill

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business — S5M-18479 Pauline McNeill: Asda Walmart, Contract Imposition**

**S5M-18479 Pauline McNeill: Asda Walmart, Contract Imposition**—That the Parliament notes reports that Asda Walmart is seeking to impose new contracts on its predominately female supermarket workforce, under threat of dismissal; understands that the new contracts remove provision for paid breaks, reduce night shift premiums, reduce holidays and introduce a new flexibility clause giving the employer the ability to alter days, hours, rota start and finish times, with corresponding salary change simply reflective of rising legal minimums; notes the view of GMB Scotland that Asda Walmart's actions run counter to all principles of the Scottish Government's Fair Work agenda and that it should seek to address whatever business case it has for making such cuts to terms and conditions by negotiation with GMB Union, and that, if this is not possible, Asda Walmart's next step should be mediation under the auspices of ACAS, not the imposition of detrimental changes of terms and conditions on the thousands of working class women in Scotland employed in its supermarkets; understands that the backdrop to Asda Walmart's actions is the long-running issue of equal pay for supermarket workers, and notes the calls from across the political spectrum in Scotland for Asda Walmart to take the threat of dismissal off the table for all of its staff who decline to sign up to a new contract that they fear will make them poorer.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 29th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:45 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. **Consumer Scotland Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Derek Mitchell, Chief Executive, Anne Lavery, Deputy Chief Executive, and Rory Mair, Chair, Citizens Advice Scotland;  
Jane Adams, Chairperson, Chief Officers of Citizens Advice Bureau Scotland (COCABS);  
and then from—  
Kristi Kelly, Bureau Manager, Aberdeen Citizens Advice Bureau;  
Lucy O'Leary, Chair, Central Borders Citizens Advice Bureau;  
Gillian Burgan, Social Policy Worker and Scams Helpline Adviser, Clackmannanshire Citizens Advice Bureau;  
Adam Stachura, Head of Policy and Communications, Age Scotland.
3. **Consumer Scotland Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 28th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Leia Fitzgerald, Wildlife Management Team Leader, Wildlife Management and Biodiversity Unit, Grant McLarty, Solicitor, Animal Health and Welfare Branch, Directorate for Legal Services, Hazel Reilly, Solicitor, Forestry, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Directorate for Legal Services, and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare, Animal Welfare Branch, Scottish Government.
2. **EU exit and the environment:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
  
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;  
Katriona Carmichael, Deputy Director, Environment and Land Use Strategy, Clare Hamilton, Head, Climate Change Division, and Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Environmental Quality and Circular Economy Division, Scottish Government;

Mike Palmer, Deputy Director, Marine Scotland, Marine Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—  
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;  
Hugh Dignon, Head, Wildlife Management and Biodiversity Unit, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) to move—S5M-19519—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will review its EU exit work programme.
6. **Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Proposed Deposit Return Scheme (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received and its approach to the inquiry.

## Health and Sport Committee 24th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] from—  
Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing, Claire Montgomery, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Lynne Nicol, Head of Openness and Learning, and David Leslie, Policy Manager, Openness and Learning Unit, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Public Health Sport and Wellbeing, to move—  
S5M-19060—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
The National Health Service (Serious Shortage Protocols) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/284).
4. **Social prescribing of physical activity and sport inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Professor Richard Davison, Professor of Exercise Physiology, University of the West of Scotland, representing the Observatory for Sport in Scotland;  
Dr William Bird, General Practitioner and Chief Executive Officer, Intelligent Health;  
Kirsty McNab, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Sports Futures;  
Dr Katie Walter, General Practitioner, Cairn Medical Practice;  
Flora Jackson, Health Improvement Manager, Physical Activity and Health Alliance (NHS Health Scotland);  
Claire Thirwall, Health and Wellbeing Specialist, NHS Dumfries & Galloway;  
Martin Hayman, Project Manager, Community Table Tennis, Table Tennis Scotland;  
Kim Atkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Sports Association;

Dr Corinne Jola, Senior Lecturer in Psychology and researcher/practitioner in dance, health and wellbeing, Abertay University.

5. **Petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petitions—  
PE01568 by Catherine Hughes on the funding, access and promotion of the NHS Centre for Integrative Care;  
  
PE01605 by Peter Gregson on behalf of Kids not Suits, Whistleblowing in the NHS - a safer way to report mismanagement and bullying;  
  
PE01698 by Karen Murphy, Jane Rentoul, David Wilkie, Louisa Rogers and Jennifer Jane Lee, Medical care in rural areas; and  
  
PE01533 by Jeff Adamson on behalf of Scotland Against the Care Tax, Abolition of non-residential social care charges for older and disabled people.
6. **Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (LCM (S5) 25).
7. **Social prescribing of physical activity and sport inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Primary Care Inquiry - Phase Two (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard on the 1 and 8 October 2019 on its Primary Care Inquiry - Phase Two.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 28th 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 items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Conservation \(Natural Habitats, &c.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\)\(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/draft\)](#)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[M8 Motorway \(Junction29A Off Slip Road\) \(40mph Speed Limit\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/312\);](#)  
[Conservation \(Natural Habitats, &c.\) Amendment \(No. 2\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/320\);](#)  
[Environmental Impact Assessment \(Transport\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/322\);](#)
4. **Instruments/documents laid for consultation:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Proposed Draft Regulations – The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 \(SG/2019/164\);](#)  
[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 – Accompanying Statement \(SG/2019/165\)](#)
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following:  
[Regulatory Reform \(Specification of EU Instruments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/304\);](#)  
[Bovine Viral Diarrhoea \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/310\);](#)



[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/314 \(C. 15\)\)](#);

[Homelessness etc.\(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2019\(SSI 2019/316 \(C.16\)\)](#);

[Social Security \(Iceland\) \(Liechtenstein\) \(Norway\) \(Citizens' Rights Agreement\) \(Further provision in respect of Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/317\)](#);

[Social Security \(Switzerland\) \(Citizens' Rights Agreement\) \(Further provision in respect of Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/318\)](#);

[Act of Sederunt \(Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments \(EU Exit\) in the Court of Session\) 2019 \(SSI 2019/328\)](#);

[Act of Sederunt \(Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments \(EU Exit\) in the Sheriff Appeal Court and Sheriff Court\) 2019 \(SSI2019/329\)](#);

[Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment\) \(Challenges to Validity of EU Instruments \(EU Exit\)\) 2019 \(SSI 2019/330\)](#)

6. **Consumer Scotland Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
8. **European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in this Bill.
9. **Domestic Abuse Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in this Bill.

## Justice Committee 26th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 11 and 12 in private.
2. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Detective Chief Superintendent Sean Scott, Police Scotland;  
Tom Nelson, Director of Forensic Services, Scottish Police Authority.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/draft) and the Victim Surcharge (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft) from—  
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Zak Tuck, Victims and Witnesses Team Leader, Pam Stott, Victims and Witnesses Policy Adviser, and Craig McGuffie, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—  
S5M-19058 That the Justice Committee recommends that the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/draft) be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—  
S5M-19059 That the Justice Committee recommends that the Victim Surcharge (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft) be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/draft) from—



Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Alan Nicholson, Proceeds of Crime Policy Adviser, and Isobel Joiner, Lawyer, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.

7. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—  
S5M-19219 That the Justice Committee recommends that the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/draft) be approved.
8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
Enforcement of Fines (Relevant Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2019 SSI/2019/280;  
Victim Surcharge Fund (Prescribed Relatives) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 SSI/2019/282.
9. **Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill and Domestic Abuse Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandums lodged by Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) (LCM(S5)26) and (LCM(S5)27).
10. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received on the Bill.
11. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21.
12. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme in relation to Fatal Accident Inquiries.

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