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# 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: The Reverend Canon David Richards, Rector, St Paul's and St George's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Investing in our Credit Unions

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-18636 Clare Adamson: Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

### Committee Meetings

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

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

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

**10:00am** Health and Sport Committee

**10:00am** Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm Time for Reflection: The Reverend Canon David Richards, Rector, St Paul's and St George's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Auditor General's comment that “the Scottish Prison Service faces a combination of severe pressures on many fronts; this poses a threat to operational safety, effectiveness and financial sustainability”. ([S5T-01787](#))

**2. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will address the reported backlog of unresolved criminal cases. ([S5T-01783](#))

**3. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the newly-released Universities UK survey, which claims that Scotland's universities will lose staff and students in the event of a no-deal Brexit. ([S5T-01782](#))

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Investing in our Credit Unions**

**[S5M-18884](#) Aileen Campbell: Investing in our Credit Unions**—That the Parliament commends Scotland's network of credit unions, which are at the heart of communities across the country and serve more than 410,000 people; welcomes that, through offering affordable loans and savings, credit unions can protect people from predatory lenders and unmanageable debt; notes the Scottish Government's Programme for Government commitment to introduce a new £10 million Credit Union Investment Fund to help them grow their membership and increase the numbers of people saving and borrowing from credit unions, and further notes that the Scottish Government will co-produce, with the credit union sector, a national strategy to further grow and strengthen this important sector.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**[S5M-18884.1](#) Pauline McNeill: Investing in our Credit Unions**—As an amendment to motion [S5M-18884](#) in the name of Aileen Campbell (Investing in our Credit Unions), insert at end “, and believes that this strategy should include the extension of payroll deduction schemes to more workplaces and better promotion of credit unions among young people.”

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland**

**[S5M-18885](#) Fiona Hyslop: The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland**—That the Parliament notes that the UK Government's family migration policies are considered to be some of the least family-friendly immigration policies in the developed world, according to research such as the *Migration Integration Policy Index 2015*; further notes that the current rules are not fit for purpose and are leading to forced family separation in communities

across Scotland; believes that Conservative administrations have steadily eroded the family reunification rights of UK citizens and that its proposals to end free movement of people will mean further detrimental impacts on the families of EU and UK citizens; notes that Scotland's distinct population needs mean that all of its future population growth is projected to come from migration, and calls on the UK Government to end its increasingly restrictive and arbitrary approach to family migration, scrap the minimum income threshold of £18,600, implement a fair and humane approach to family migration and allow families to build their lives in Scotland and make a positive contribution to society and the economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**[S5M-18885.1 Alexander Stewart: The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland](#)**—As an amendment to motion S5M-18885 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland), leave out from "the UK Government's family migration policies" to end and insert ", in June 2019, the Home Secretary asked the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to review salary thresholds and to consider whether more flexibility was required; further notes that, in September, the Prime Minister announced plans for fast-track visas for scientists, two-year post-study visas for international students were also announced, and the Home Secretary asked the MAC for further evidence on flexibility in migration rules; believes that these actions amount to a fresh approach for UK migration policy; further believes this should be sustained into family migration; notes that net migration to Scotland remains positive, and believes that the Scottish Government has many other powers to attract families to Scotland, including tax, economic and education powers."

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-18932 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion](#)**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 19 September 2019—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Getting it right for every child - Practice Development Panel's report

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business — S5M-18636 Clare Adamson: Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

**[S5M-18636](#) Clare Adamson: Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee**

**Morning**—That the Parliament welcomes Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning fundraiser, which runs throughout September every year; notes that 2019 marks the 29th year of the fundraiser; considers that it is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer and that since 1990 it has raised over £200 million; recognises that Macmillan offers practical, emotional and financial support to thousands of people in Scotland affected by cancer every year; praises the thousands of Macmillan nurses and professionals who work in services and play a vital role in coordinating the care of people living with cancer and making sure that their needs and concerns are met; welcomes the recent announcement that the Scottish Government and Macmillan are each investing £9 million into the Transforming Cancer Care programme to make Scotland the first country in the UK to offer cancer patients guaranteed emotional, practical and financial advice; notes the view that everyone with cancer should be offered a personal care plan and access to the support that they need; recognises that Macmillan will work with the NHS and Health and Social Care Boards across Scotland to ensure that every cancer patient is offered support by 2023; thanks everyone who has raised funds and made donations to Macmillan, and looks forward to as many people as possible joining and supporting this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 24th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Rachael Hamilton will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Biodiversity inquiry - biological data infrastructure:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Ellen Wilson, Chair, Scottish Biodiversity Information Forum (SBIF);  
Jo Judge, Chief Executive Officer, National Biodiversity Network Trust;  
Craig Macadam, Conservation Director, BugLife.
4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will take evidence on the REACH etc (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) (No. 3) Regulations 2019 from—  
Lorraine Walkinshaw, Solicitor, Environmental Protection, Rural Affairs Division, and  
Don McGillivray, Deputy Director for Environmental Quality and Circular Economy  
Division, Scottish Government.
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 proposal—  
The REACH etc (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) (No. 3) Regulations 2019.
6. **Biodiversity inquiry - biological data infrastructure (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Proposed deposit return scheme (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft call for evidence

### Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 25th 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 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] from—  
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, and Victoria Morton,  
Lawyer, Scottish Government;  
John Cook, Executive Director of Case Operations, Accountant in Bankruptcy.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jamie Hepburn (Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills) to move—  
S5M-17827—That the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from-

Helen Martin, Assistant General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;

Matt Lancashire, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, SCDI;

Richard Marsh, Director, 4-Consulting;

Tony Mackay, Economist, Mackay Consultants.

5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 24th Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jeremy Balfour MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in private.
3. **Order under the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001:** The Committee will consider the following:
  - 4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure and given the appropriate categorisation—
    - [Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/261\)](#)
  - 5. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
    - [Environmental Liability etc. \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/276\);](#)
  - 6. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
    - [Environmental Liability etc. \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/276\);](#)
    - [Plant Health \(Forestry\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Order 2019 \(SSI 2019/278\)](#)
  - 7. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
    - [Fuel Poverty \(Targets, Definition and Strategy\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2019 \(SSI 2019/277\)](#)
8. **Consumer Scotland Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
9. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
10. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
11. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the content of a report on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
12. **Order under the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001:** The Committee will consider the content of a report on the Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/261).

## Health and Sport Committee 20th Meeting, 2019

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Primary Care Inquiry (in private):** Briefing from Audit Scotland in connection with the Committee's Primary Care inquiry (Phase Two).

## Justice Committee 22nd Meeting, 2019

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** James Kelly will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 8 and 9 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2019 [draft] from—  
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Lauren Keillor, Courts and Tribunals Policy Officer, and Heather McClure, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) to move—  
S5M-18220—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.
5. **Pre-budget scrutiny of the Scottish Government's 2020/21 budget:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Sandham, Deputy Chief Inspector of Prisons, HM Inspectorate of Prisons Scotland;  
Phil Fairlie, Scottish National Chairman, Prison Officers Association Scotland;  
and then from—  
Professor Nancy Loucks, Chief Executive, Families Outside;  
Tom Halpin, Chief Executive, SACRO;  
Alastair Muir, Deputy Director & Chief Inspector, Violence Reduction Unit;  
Sean Duffy, Chief Executive Officer, The Wise Group.
6. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 12 September 2019.
7. **Membership of the Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will discuss a proposal for new members.
8. **Children (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
9. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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