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Business Bulletin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the agreement of the Parliamentary Bureau and subject to agreement of motion S5M-21449, business on Tuesday 21 April 2020 will be as set out in the Business Bulletin PDF and there will be no business on Wednesday 22 April 2020.

The Presiding Officer wishes to remind Members that Members' Virtual Question Time will take place today (Friday 17 April 2020) at 2.30pm. It can be viewed on the Scottish Parliament TV webpage: www.scottishparliament.tv

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 15 April 2020

Tuesday 21 April 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus: Justice Sector response

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy (COVID-19)

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4:15 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 April 2020

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by First Minister's Question

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 29 April 2020

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

Written questions lodged on 16 April 2020

[S5W-28392 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) small and (b) medium enterprises there are per 10,000 adults in Scotland, and what information it has on how this compares to (i) the rest of the UK, (ii) England, (iii) Wales and (iv) Northern Ireland.

[S5W-28394 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many people per 10,000 adults in Scotland work in (a) small and (b) medium enterprises, and what information it has on how this compares to (i) the rest of the UK, (ii) England, (iii) Wales and (iv) Northern Ireland.

[S5W-28396 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many business properties there are per 10,000 adults in Scotland that are eligible for the Small Business Bonus Scheme, and what information it has on how this compares to the same figure for business properties in (a) the rest of the UK, (b) England, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland that are eligible for Small Business Rate Relief.

[S5W-28397 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many business properties there are per 10,000 adults in Scotland that are eligible for Rural Rate Relief, and what information it has on how this compares to (a) the rest of the UK, (b) England, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland.

[S5W-28422 Neil Findlay:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what targets it has set for testing for COVID-19 each week since 1 February 2020, and how it has performed against each target.

[S5W-28423 Neil Bibby:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether doctors will attend non-COVID-19 medical cases that arise in care homes.

[S5W-28424 Miles Briggs:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what resources it is making available for (a) community pharmacy teams and (b) GP practice-based pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to help support their mental health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28425 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a detailed summary of all expenditure aimed at supporting business during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28426 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much financial support in relation to COVID-19 is available to (a) the shellfish sector, (b) the creel fishing sector, (c) fish farm producers, (d) the inshore fishing sector, (e) the offshore fishing sector and (f) onshore fish processors. **R**

[S5W-28428 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with leaders in the fishing industry in relation to funding support for businesses affected by COVID-19, and whether it plans to allocate further funding to the fishing industry beyond what it has already announced. **R**

[S5W-28429 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated to Creative Scotland in relation to COVID-19 financial support.

[S5W-28430 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much Creative Scotland has allocated to the (a) Creative Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund and (b) Screen Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund to support practitioners impacted by COVID-19.

[S5W-28431 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government who has been awarded funding from the (a) Creative Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund and (b) Screen Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund, broken down by how much each was awarded.

[S5W-28434 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with creative sector leaders regarding COVID-19 funding for Creative Scotland, and whether it plans to allocate further funding to the creative sector beyond what it has already announced.

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[S5W-28435 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with representatives from the aviation industry regarding COVID-19; how much financial support for COVID-19 it has made available to the aviation sector, and whether it plans to allocate further funding to the aviation sector beyond what it has already announced.

[S5W-28437 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how much financial support in relation to COVID-19 it has allocated to (a)(i) Glasgow, (ii) Edinburgh, (iii) Aberdeen and (iv) Prestwick Airport and (b) Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL).

[S5W-28440 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of all spending related to COVID-19 since 1 March 2020.

[S5W-28441 Donald Cameron:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of all additional funding it has received as a result of COVID-19.

[S5W-28442 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-27952 by Jeane Freeman on 15 April 2020, when sampling of COVID-19 started.

[S5W-28443 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-27952 by Jeane Freeman on 15 April 2020, how many samples have been taken each week; what this confirms about prevalence, and when it will publish prevalence data.

[S5W-28445 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-27933 by Fiona Hyslop on 20 March 2020, when the Oil & Gas Energy Transition Strategic Leadership group met and what was discussed.

[S5W-28446 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on the economy of the (a) fall in oil prices in the last quarter and (b) effect of COVID-19 on the oil and gas sector.

[S5W-28447 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether it will issue sector-specific guidance for the oil and gas sector on COVID-19.

[S5W-28448 Jackie Baillie:](#) To ask the Scottish Government whether approved testing for COVID-19 is available for the oil and gas sector to purchase on a commercial basis.

[S5W-28449 Mark Ruskell:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what impact COVID-19 restrictions will have on raptor monitoring and persecution levels.

[S5W-28450 Alasdair Allan:](#) To ask the Scottish Government when the necessary components will be delivered to NHS Western Isles to ensure that tests for COVID-19 can be processed within the islands rather than sent to the mainland.

[S5W-28451 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what action it took to ensure that care homes and nursing homes were provided with adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-28452 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what guidance it issued to local authorities on limiting the transmission of COVID-19 in care homes and nursing homes at the start of the pandemic.

[S5W-28453 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what guidance has been issued by local authorities to care homes and nursing homes on the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE).

[S5W-28454 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government what correspondence the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport has had with the relevant representatives of care homes and nursing homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-28455 Rachael Hamilton:](#) To ask the Scottish Government how many personal protective equipment (PPE) kits were ordered specifically for use in care homes and nursing homes in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[S5W-28456 Graham Simpson:](#) To ask the Scottish Government where the £30 million of Barnett consequentials announced on 8 April 2020 has been allocated, broken down by (a) amount and (b) what it is funding.

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[S5W-28457](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what (a) financial and (b) people resources have been provided to each local authority to assist in the processing of applications to the COVID-19 Business Support Fund.

[S5W-28458](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications to the COVID-19 Business Support Fund (a) have been received and (b) are currently outstanding in each local authority area.

[S5W-28459](#) Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses have received a COVID-19 Business Support Fund award, and how much has been awarded, broken down by local authority area.

[S5W-28460](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government when the £30 million of Barnett consequentials announced on 8 April 2020 will be available to each department, fund, local authority or public service.

[S5W-28461](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will use the £30 million of Barnett consequentials announced on 8 April 2020 to provide additional funding to charities.

[S5W-28462](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the £30 million of Barnett consequentials announced on 8 April 2020 will be put into reserves.

[S5W-28463](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how many people are signed up to the Ready Scotland volunteer scheme, and how many are currently in a volunteering role.

[S5W-28465](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what the process is for assigning a Ready Scotland volunteer to a specific volunteering role, and how many people have been assigned specific roles since signing up to the scheme, broken down by the number of people assigned to each type of work.

[S5W-28467](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what the processing time is from individuals signing up to be a volunteer through the Ready Scotland scheme to them becoming an active volunteer for an organisation.

[S5W-28468](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how many volunteers have been assigned to directly assist the NHS through the Ready Scotland volunteer scheme.

[S5W-28469](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government which organisations (a) have received and (b) will receive additional volunteers through the Ready Scotland scheme.

[S5W-28470](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what financial support the Ready Scotland volunteer scheme has received.

[S5W-28472](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what the current waiting period is between an application being made to the Scottish Welfare Fund and a claimant receiving a payment.

[S5W-28473](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how many people have applied for the Scottish Welfare Fund since the announcement of the additional funding to it on 18 March 2020.

[S5W-28474](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how much of the additional £45 million funding allocated to the Scottish Welfare Fund as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak was allocated to each local authority and when each received their allocation.

[S5W-28475](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what the average payment received by each successful claimant was from the Scottish Welfare Fund's (a) crisis and (b) community care grant, since 18 March 2020.

[S5W-28476](#) Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what the current waiting period is between an application being made to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and a claimant receiving confirmation of its success.

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[S5W-28477](#) Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the University and College Union's six-point set of proposals for supporting further and higher education institutions through the COVID-19 outbreak.

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