

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 3:25pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev James Faddes, Church Leader, Bishopbriggs Community Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Each for Equal: Celebrating International Women's Day 2020

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-20650 Miles Briggs: Improving Diagnosis of Pre-eclampsia

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 Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev James Faddes, Church Leader, Bishopbriggs Community Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-21096](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 3 March 2020—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

followed by Topical Questions

1. Beatrice Wishart: To ask the Scottish Government whether all aspects of the expansion of funded early learning and childcare will be available to all families in August 2020. ([S5T-02059](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Each for Equal: Celebrating International Women's Day 2020

[S5M-21073](#) Christina McKelvie: Celebrating International Women's Day 2020—That the Parliament unites to celebrate International Women's Day on 8 March 2020; welcomes the theme for this year, #EachforEqual, which recognises that collectively everyone can play their part in taking action to create a more equal world; acknowledges that 2020 also marks the 25th anniversary of the 1995 UN World Conference on Women, which produced the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a blueprint for advancing women's rights; further acknowledges that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act 1970 and the 10th anniversary of the Equality Act 2010; recognises that, while much progress to achieve equality has been made, it has not yet been achieved in Scotland or around the world, and is necessary for the economy and society to thrive; agrees that a focus on intersectional equality is essential to tackle the different forms of discrimination that women face, and reaffirms its commitment to upholding, protecting and advancing the rights of all women and girls, which are fundamental human rights, and to achieving an equal society.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-21100](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 4 March 2020—
after

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Government Negotiating Mandate

and after

followed by Education and Skills Committee Debate: STEM in Early Years Education

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill

(b) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 5 March 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted; and

(c) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 5 March 2020, the words "of up to 15 minutes" in Rule 13.9.3 are suspended.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-20650 Miles Briggs: Improving Diagnosis of Pre-eclampsia

S5M-20650 Miles Briggs: Improving Diagnosis of Pre-eclampsia—That the Parliament understands that the condition pre-eclampsia affects at least 6% of all pregnancies in Scotland, and that 70% of women admitted to hospital with suspected pre-eclampsia do not actually have the condition, which it considers results in cost implications for the healthcare system and unnecessary stress and inconvenience for the women and families involved; further understands that, in 2016, the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) published guidelines recommending blood testing of placental growth factor (PIGF), stating that PIGF-based testing "can help rule out the condition in women presenting with suspected pre-eclampsia", and that this testing is currently being implemented in NHS England; believes that PIGF-based testing is not routinely used in Scotland despite repeated calls for its implementation by the charity, Action on Pre-eclampsia; considers that there is a disparity in care for pregnant women in Scotland, including in the Lothian region, compared with England, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to address what it sees as this disparity.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 7th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Annie Wells will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 [draft] from—
 - Dr Calum MacLeod, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland;
 - Hamish Trench, Chief Executive, Scottish Land Commission;
 - John Sinclair, Property Law Committee and Property and Land Law Reform Sub-Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
 - Alan Cook, Commercial Real Estate Committee Chair, Scottish Property Federation;
 and then from—
 Jennifer Henderson, Keeper of the Registers of Scotland, Registers of Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence, in roundtable format, on the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
 - Diarmid Hearn, Head of Policy, National Trust for Scotland;
 - Gavin Mowat, Policy Adviser (Rural Communities), Scottish Land and Estates;
 - Dr Calum MacLeod, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland;
 - Annie McKee, Social Researcher in Land Management, James Hutton Institute;
 - Jon Hollingdale, Chief Executive Officer, Community Woodland Association;
 - Hamish Trench, Chief Executive, Scottish Land Commission;
 - Sandra Holmes, Head of Community Assets, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
 - Gemma Cooper, Head of Policy, NFU Scotland;
 - Rachel Oliphant, Senior Practice Development Lawyer, Pinsent Masons LLP, Scottish Property Federation;
 - Malcolm Combe, Senior Lecturer in Law, Law School, University of Strathclyde.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 7th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Michelle Ballantyne and Alison Harris will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
4. **Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Gillian Mawdsley, Policy Executive, Law Society of Scotland;

Ian Thomson, Superintendent, Safer Communities, Police Scotland;

and then from—

Dr Pete Cheema OBE, Chief Executive, Scottish Grocers' Federation;

Ewan MacDonald-Russell, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Scottish Retail Consortium;

Paul Togneri, Senior Policy Manager – Scotland, The Scottish Beer and Pub Association;

Paul Gerrard, Campaigns and Public Affairs Director, Co-operative Group;

and then from—

Stewart Forrest, Scottish Divisional Officer, Usdaw;

Robert Deavy, Organiser, GMB Scotland.

5. **Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill:** 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 7th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Bill Bowman, Gordon Lindhurst and Gil Paterson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a new Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[UEFA European Championship \(Trading and Advertising\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#);
5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/26\)](#);

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/30\)](#);

[Police Pensions \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/33\)](#); [Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/34\)](#);

[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/35\)](#);

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Reverse Vending Machine Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/36\)](#);

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/37\)](#);

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Enterprise Areas\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/38\)](#);

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/39\)](#);

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Relief for New and Improved Properties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/40\)](#) ; [Non-Domestic Rates \(Telecommunication Installations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/41\)](#); [Non-Domestic Rates](#)

[\(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/42\);](#)[Non-Domestic Rating \(Unoccupied Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/43\);](#)[Non-Domestic Rating \(Valuation of Utilities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/44\);](#)[Public Health etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2008 \(Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Organisms\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/51\);](#)[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/54\);](#)[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/55\);](#)[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/56\)](#)

6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[UEFA European Championship \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/49 \(C.3\)\)](#)

7. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Justice Committee 9th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Alasdair Allan will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 8 in private.
3. **Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Humza Yousaf (LCM(S5)32).
4. **Preparations for Brexit:** The Committee will consider correspondence from Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
5. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a proposal for a new member.
6. **Children (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a key issues paper to inform its Stage 1 report.
7. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to Stage 1 oral evidence taking.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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