

Tuesday 10 March 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-21205, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Marjory MacLean, Convener, Chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces Committee, Church of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel coronavirus COVID-19 update

followed by Ministerial Statement: COP 26 - Our Contribution to global climate action

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

followed by Appointment of Auditor General for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-20919 Stuart McMillan: Communication Failure?, A Review of the Accessibility of Health Information for Blind and Partially Sighted People

Committee Meetings

9:45am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

9:50am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

11:15am Health and Sport Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-21205](#) 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 10 March 2020—

after

2.00 pm Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: COP26 - Our Contribution to Global Climate Action

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 11 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside

followed by Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

(c) Thursday 12 March 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

followed by Topical Questions

1. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the concerns raised by the former chair of NHS Lothian regarding the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People. ([S5T-02062](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel coronavirus COVID-19 update

followed by Ministerial Statement: COP 26 - Our Contribution to global climate action

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020

[S5M-21170](#) Ben Macpherson: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020

[draft]—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

[S5M-21173](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits 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 to 3: 35 minutes

Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 10 minutes.

[S5M-21174](#) Humza Yousaf: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill be passed.

followed by Appointment of Auditor General for Scotland

[S5M-21153](#) Bill Bowman on behalf of the Selection Panel: Appointment of Auditor General for Scotland—That the Parliament nominates Stephen Boyle to Her Majesty The Queen, for appointment as the Auditor General for Scotland.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — [S5M-20919](#) Stuart McMillan: Communication Failure?, A Review of the Accessibility of Health Information for Blind and Partially Sighted People

[S5M-20919](#) Stuart McMillan: Communication Failure?, A Review of the Accessibility of Health Information for Blind and Partially Sighted People—That the Parliament notes the contents of the RNIB Scotland report, *Communication Failure?*, launched on 17 February 2020, highlighting what it considers communication failures of NHS boards regarding people with sight loss or visual impairment; considers that the actions of each NHS board, including NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, which covers the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, are putting blind and partially sighted people at risk of missing treatments and potentially leading to increased ill health due to inaccessible health information; believes that patient confidentiality is being breached due to individuals relying on carers, relatives or friends to read appointment letters on their behalf; understands that 170,000 people in Scotland have significant sight loss, and therefore considers that the need for accessibility is high, and notes the view that every NHS board should engage with organisations that deal with sight loss to provide a more person-centred approach to communicating with such people.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 8th Meeting, 2020

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. **Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Nora Senior, Chair, Scott McLarty, Vice Chair, Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board, and Richard Murray, Interim Head of the Analytical Unit, Scottish Government.

3. **Enterprise and Skills Strategic Board:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 9th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:50 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/65\);](#)
[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/31\);](#)
[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/64\)](#)

4. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Consumer Scotland Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

Justice Committee 10th Meeting, 2020

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 item 8 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Judicial Members) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] and the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Amendment Regulations 2020 from—
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Walter Drummond-Murray, Head of Reserved Tribunals and Civil Courts Team, and Martin Brown, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) to move—
S5M-21023 That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Judicial Members) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.
S5M-21024 That the Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Bus Lane Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft], the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Parking Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft], the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2020 [draft] and the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Appeals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Paula Stevenson, Head of Devolved Tribunals, and Jo-Anne Tinto, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) to move—
S5M-21025 That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Bus Lane Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
S5M-21026 That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Parking Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
S5M-21027 That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
S5M-21028 That the Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Appeals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
6. **Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) (LCM(S5)34).
7. **Public petition PE1458:** The Committee will consider correspondence received in relation to petition PE1458.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider a number of issues relating to the Scottish Police Authority.

Health and Sport Committee 6th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 11:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **The supply and demand for medicines inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Rose Marie Parr, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, Alison Strath, Principal Pharmaceutical Officer, Bryan Lamb, Head of Pharmacy Branch, Alpana Mair, Head of Effective Prescribing and Therapeutics, and Gregor Smith, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
The National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/30);

The Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/51).

3. **The supply and demand for medicines inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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