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Business Bulletin

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

Committee Meetings

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Meeting of the Parliament

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Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 25 March 2020

Wednesday 1 April 2020

9:30 am Stage 1 Debate: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

11:30 am Ministerial Statement: COVID-19: Social Security

12:00 pm Ministerial Statement: First Minister

2:00 pm Stage 2: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

6:00 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>
Motions Gluasadan				

Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- * before the number indicates publication for the first time
- *...* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

Other new and altered motions and amendments

***[S5M-21350](#) Claudia Beamish: Consultation on Wild Wrasse Fisheries**—That the Parliament notes the decision by the Scottish Government to consult on measures to regulate the wild wrasse fishery in Scotland's inshore waters; believes that the sustainability of the wrasse fishery directly affects the future of Scotland's aquaculture sector, of other wild fisheries, and of protected marine ecosystems, such as kelp forests and rocky reefs; regrets that this consultation does not invite respondents to recommend a different closed season, or spatial protection, or for stock data to be required before reopening the fishery, and urges the Scottish Government to produce a new consultation document urgently so that all the options can be considered prior to the scheduled opening of the fishery on 1 May 2020.

***[S5M-21349](#) Donald Cameron: Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland's Call for Kindness Volunteers**—That the Parliament welcomes the call from Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland for people to become "kindness" volunteers to help those who are vulnerable in the Highlands and Islands and across Scotland during the COVID-19 pandemic; understands that the charity is advertising for volunteers who can provide regular kindness calls to lonely, scared or worried people, or who can help with deliveries and drop-offs of shopping and vital supplies, or who can drive vulnerable people or share important health information online; recognises the importance of volunteering, particularly in the current climate, and the massive positive impact that this has on people's mental health and wellbeing, and wishes Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland well with this important endeavour.

Supported by: Liam McArthur*, Monica Lennon*, Gordon Lindhurst*, Alexander Stewart*, Finlay Carson*, Jeremy Balfour*, Richard Lyle*, Brian Whittle*, Miles Briggs*, Stuart McMillan*, Margaret Mitchell*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Jackson Carlaw*

Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

[S5M-21348](#) Angela Constance: Livingston FC Caring in the Community (lodged on 25 March 2020)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Stewart Stevenson*, Richard Lyle*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Neil Findlay*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

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Motions Gluasadan				

[S5M-21347](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Stow COVID-19 Action Group (lodged on 25 March 2020)

New Support: Miles Briggs*, Alexander Stewart*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Annie Wells*, Bill Kidd*, Donald Cameron*

[S5M-21346](#) Michelle Ballantyne: Destination Tweed (lodged on 25 March 2020)

New Support: Annie Wells*, Stuart McMillan*, Jeremy Balfour*, Kenneth Gibson*, Bill Kidd*

[S5M-21344](#) Angela Constance: West Lothian Mental Health Group Named Charity Partner for Music Festival (lodged on 24 March 2020)

New Support: Donald Cameron*

[S5M-21342](#) Sandra White: Thistles and Dandelions Project, Keeping Glasgow's History in Bloom (lodged on 24 March 2020)

New Support: Bill Kidd*

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Questions Ceistean				

Written Questions

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

Government Initiated Questions are initiated by the Scottish Government in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Government initiated questions lodged on 26 March 2020

[S5W-28118](#) Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government how COVID-19 is impacting on the delivery of national screening programmes, immunisation and the implementation of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Act 2019.

Written questions lodged on 26 March 2020

[S5W-28090](#) Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance and support it is providing to people moving house during the COVID-19 outbreak due to the temporary closure of the Registers of Scotland, and what the legal position is of those who had already changed missives before the closure was announced.

[S5W-28091](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the self-catering tourism sector has been excluded from grant assistance from the Business Support Fund that has been set up to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28092](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to protect immunosuppressed hospital patients from COVID-19.

[S5W-28093](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to care for vulnerable people who are self-isolating in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28094](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to further "flatten the curve" during lockdown in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28095](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it is aiming to reduce baseline demand for non-COVID-19 hospital admissions.

[S5W-28096](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that students who have a lack of access to patients receive adequate training to become junior doctors while this is being fast-tracked in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28097](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it will support the World Health Organization's anti-viral testing programme, Solidarity.

[S5W-28098](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its exit strategy is from the current state of lockdown that is in place in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28099](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government how it will support the streamlining of the vaccine development process during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28100](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what ethical guidelines it will put in place for the rationing of medical equipment during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[S5W-28101](#) James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government how many (a) fire and rescue staff, (b) police officers and (c) prison officers have been advised to self-isolate in response to COVID-19 because of (i) their age and (ii) underlying health conditions.

[S5W-28104](#) Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with universities to ensure that students are not required to pay student fees for accommodation that they are unable to stay in due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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S5W-28105 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to encourage companies to apply for the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to ensure that Scotland does not see an increase in unnecessary redundancies.

S5W-28106 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to measure the uptake of business support schemes offered during the COVID-19 outbreak; whether it will publish this information, and, if so, how often.

S5W-28107 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, what steps it is taking to ensure that all patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) can receive their prescriptions safely, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28108 Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government whether sawmills are classed as an "essential business" during the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28109 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, what consideration it has given to increasing the number of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) being admitted to virtual wards, so that clinicians can better monitor this at-risk group while they are at home, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28110 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government whether it holds centrally a list of people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

S5W-28111 Annie Wells: To ask the Scottish Government how much it invests in protecting people with pre-existing respiratory illnesses, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and what plans it has to invest more, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

S5W-28112 Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to introduce a similar lending facility for larger enterprises to that introduced by the Bank of England, which seeks to help support liquidity among larger firms by bridging COVID-19 disruption to their cash flows through loans.

S5W-28113 Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to issue funeral sector-specific guidelines covering what personal protective equipment should be worn by staff handling dead bodies, particularly in situations where it is not known if the deceased had COVID-19.

S5W-28114 Sarah Boyack: To ask the Scottish Government how many registered short-term lets are (a) operating in each local authority and (b) registered to pay non-domestic rates; how many short-term lets' owners derive a benefit from the Small Business Bonus Scheme, and whether owners of short-term lets will derive a benefit from the grants that were set out in the letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to MSPs of 24 March 2020.

S5W-28115 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has any plans to enlist NHS volunteers to help the service during the COVID-19 outbreak, similar to that being rolled out by NHS England.

S5W-28122 Daniel Johnson: To ask the Scottish Government what the timeline is for increasing the capacity of both the existing COVID-19 test and the antibody test.

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New Subordinate Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

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Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid on 26 March 2020 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)
Laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid on 26 March 2020 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/1010)
Laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the Scottish Parliament website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/576.aspx>

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 Report - Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee (3rd Report, 2020)

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 completed, 12 March 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

[*\(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot\)*](mailto:LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Children (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice)), 25 February 2020

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities and Human Rights)), 5 March 2020

Consumer Scotland Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 25 February 2020

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team

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Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Justice Committee)), 17 March 2020

Disclosure (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 11 March 2020

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
(LegislationTeam@parliament.scot)

Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 19 March 2020

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health and Sport Committee)), 24 March 2020

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (G)

Introduced, 2 March 2020

Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 9 March 2020

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 completed, 25 February 2020

Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill (M)

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Economy, Energy and Fair Work)), 3 March 2020

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill (G)

Passed, 10 March 2020

Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (G)

Passed, 20 February 2020

Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill (G)

Stage 2 completed, 12 March 2020

Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team
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Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill (P)

Preliminary Stage Report, 15 January 2020

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill (M)

Introduced, 3 February 2020

Lead committee – Economy, Energy and Fair Work

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 21 March 2018

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/31313.aspx>

Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill-LCM-S5-34

Lodged on 26 February 2020

Lead committee – Justice

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2020

Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill LCM-S5-31

Lodged on 30 January 2020

Lead committee – Health and Sport

Meeting of the Parliament, 4 March 2020

Coronavirus Bill LCM-S5-36

Lodged on 20 March 2020

Evidence, Health and Sport Committee, 24 March 2020

Evidence, Finance and Constitution Committee, 24 March 2020

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24 March 2020

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2020

Domestic Abuse Bill LCM-S5-35

Lodged on 16 March 2020

Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill LCM-S5-32

Lodged on 5 February 2020

Lead committee – Justice

Meeting of the Parliament, 17 March 2020

Subordinate Legislation (*date of laying*) (lead committee)

Affirmative instruments

Lead Committee report due 28 April 2020

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/65\)](#) (4 March 2020)
(Finance and the Constitution Committee)

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Lead Committee report due 29 April 2020

[Town and Country Planning \(Changing Places Toilet Facilities\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (5 March 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Lead Committee report due 30 April 2020

[Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Treatment of Non-executive Directors of the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. as Specified Authorities\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (6 March 2020) (Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee)

Lead Committee report due 7 May 2020

[UEFA European Championship \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Ticket Touting Offence\) \(Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (13 March 2020) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

[Fuel Poverty \(Targets, Definition and Strategy\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel and Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (13 March 2020) (Local Government and Communities)

Lead Committee report due 10 May 2020

[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (16 March 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

[Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (16 March 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Lead Committee report due 17 May 2020

[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Part 2 Further Extension\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (23 March 2020) (Finance and the Constitution Committee)

Lead Committee report due 20 May 2020

[Single Use Carrier Bags Charge \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#) (26 March 2020) (Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 30 March 2020
Lead Committee report due by 30 March 2020

[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/31\)](#) (20 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 31 March 2020

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Progress of Legislation Adhartas Reachdais				

Lead Committee report due by 30 March 2020

[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/37\)](#) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/39\)](#) (21 February 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

Subject to annulment by 10 May 2020

Lead Committee report due by 4 May 2020

[UEFA European Championship \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Compensation for Enforcement Action\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/79\)](#) (16 March 2020) (Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee)

Subject to annulment by 20 May 2020

Lead Committee report due by 18 May 2020

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Coronavirus Reliefs\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/1010\)](#) (26 March 2020) (Local Government and Communities Committee)

New Documents

Committee Reports

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 26 March 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2019 SG/2020/37 laid under section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

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Committee web sites at:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/committees.aspx>

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