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CHAMBER DESK NOTICE

Topical Questions on 26 May and First Minister's Questions on 27 May 2020

The deadline for submitting Topical Questions for 26 May and First Minister's Questions on 27 May is 10am on Tuesday 26 May.

Portfolio Questions on 4 June May 2020

The deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 4 June is 10am on Tuesday 26 May. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day. Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 28 May to submit their questions.

Portfolio Questions on 4 June will be Social Security and Older People, Finance and Environment Climate Change and Land Reform.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

12:30 pm First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 (Lockdown: Next Steps)

2:30 pm Members' Question Time: Local Government and Communities

3:15 pm Urgent Question: Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the health secretary authorised the purchase of 50 beds to move untested patients into 10 care homes in Inverclyde, which has the highest COVID-19 death rate in Scotland; how many of these homes have experienced a subsequent outbreak of the virus, and how many deaths there have been.

3:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3:15 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Social Security Committee

10:00am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

10:00am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

3:45pm COVID-19 Committee

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Committee Meetings

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

Social Security Committee 10th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private. The Committee will also decide whether its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report on the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at a future meeting.
2. **Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Craig Smith, Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH);
Jon Shaw, Welfare Rights Adviser, Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG);
and then from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Stephanie Virlogeux, Lawyer, and Walter Drummond-Murray, Head of Reserved Tribunals and Civil Courts Team, Scottish Government;
Chris Boyland, Bill Manager, Social Security Scotland.
3. **Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier.
4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2019 to 11 May 2020.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 11th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting and broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's cultural sector:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture, Jonathan Pryce, Director for Culture, Tourism and Major Events, and Simon Cuthbert-Kerr, Head of Creative Industries, Screen and Media, Scottish Government.
2. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 15th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in a virtual meeting

1. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland's businesses, workers and the economy (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish and UK Governments.
2. **COVID-19 – impact on Scotland's businesses, workers and the economy (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

COVID-19 Committee 6th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 3.45 pm in a virtual meeting and will be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 SSI 2020/138 and the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 SSI 2020/137 from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Graham Robertson, Bill Manager and Head of Release Leader, Community Justice Division, and Craig McGuffie, Principal Legal Officer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, to move—S5M-21738—That the COVID-19 Committee recommends that the Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/138) be approved.

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