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Business Bulletin

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Portfolio Questions – Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 18 November: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity: Questions 1 and 7; Questions 2 and 5; Justice and the Law Officers: Questions 2 and 7.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-23396, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Martin Ritchie, Minister at Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Social Security Benefits

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-23195 Claire Baker: Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Musicians and Music Industry

Committee Meetings

9:00am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:00am Justice Committee

9:30am Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

9:30am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

11:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-23396, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Martin Ritchie, Minister at Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-23396](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 17 November 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 November 2020—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID Vaccine

delete

4.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Donald Cameron: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement that Scotland will host one of the two proposed COVID-19 "mega labs". ([S5T-02529](#))

2. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how it will reduce the amount of waste that it exports, in light of reports that 1.7 million tonnes left the country in 2018, including almost all plastics, for recycling. ([S5T-02535](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Social Security Benefits

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020

[S5M-23370](#) Graeme Dey: Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's veterans and armed forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make to Scotland; supports the Strategy for our Veterans, developed jointly with the UK Government, devolved governments and partners across the public, private and third sectors, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that, earlier this year, the Scottish Government published its response to its strategy consultation setting out how it will take that vision forward in Scotland, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with the UK Government and the other devolved governments, to ensure that the veterans and armed forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-23370.1](#) Alex Rowley: Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020—As an amendment to motion S5M-23370 in the name of Graeme Dey (Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020), insert at end "; notes the impact of COVID-19 on the ability of veterans charities to raise funds and provide support for veterans and their families, and agrees to work with such charities to support them through this period."

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S5M-23195](#) Claire Baker: Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Musicians and Music Industry—That the Parliament recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on musicians, songwriters, composers and the wider music sector, including music education; believes that this has limited the ability of people in the sector to perform and earn income; understands that the Musicians Union and PRS for Music have been working hard to support their members by carrying out surveys and work such as encouraging action to be taken, and distributing over £3 million in hardship funding; understands that 34% of musicians surveyed have said that they may quit the industry due to the impact of the pandemic, that 47% have had to look for work outside music and 65% are facing financial hardship; notes that PRS for Music is predicting a fall of income of between 15-25%, including a 75% decline in income from live

performances; acknowledges that, subject to pandemic protocols, many spaces for professional and non-professional musicians to perform and rehearse, including recording studios, are closed, further limiting options for creative output and generating income; regrets the impact that this will have on communities, including in Mid Scotland and Fife, their cultural activities, economy and wellbeing; understands that public health restrictions acutely impact live music venues, promoters and production companies; notes what it sees as the impact of the ban on background music on musicians' and composers' copyright returns, and, to ensure that Scotland's music and wider cultural infrastructure is protected, acknowledges the view that there is a need for the continued support of musicians and the music sector at what it sees as a time of crisis.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 31st 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 item 5 in private.
2. **Scottish Parliament's environmental performance and response to the climate emergency:** The Committee will take evidence from-

David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive, Lynsey Hamill, Group Head of Resilience and Sustainability, and Maureen Lynch, Environmental Performance Manager, Scottish Parliament.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
The Control of Mercury (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; and
The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Withdrawal Agreement) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Water and Sewerage Services Undertaking (Borrowing) (Scotland) Order 2020.
5. **Scottish Parliament's environmental performance and response to the climate emergency:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **EU Exit and the environment (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft response to recent correspondence from the Finance and Constitution Committee.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Justice Committee 28th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Adam Stachura, Head of Policy and Communications, Age Scotland;
Davie Donaldson, Project Director, Progress in Dialogue;
John Wilkes, Head of Scotland, Equality and Human Rights Commission;
Tim Hopkins, Director, Equality Network;
Oonagh Brown, Policy & Implementation Officer (Parenting), Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities;
Colin Macfarlane, Director, Stonewall Scotland;
Kate Wallace, Chief Executive, Victim Support Scotland;
Kevin Kane, Policy and Research Manager, Youthlink Scotland;

and then from—

Danny Boyle, Senior Parliamentary and Policy Officer, BEMIS;
Dr Jennifer Galbraith, Policy and Research Officer, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights;
Amy Allard-Dunbar, Anti-Racist and Pro-Black Ambassador and Educator, Intercultural Youth Scotland;

and then from—

Claire Graham, Strategic Advisor - Public Understanding, DSD Families;
Paul Dutton, Intersex & Study Liaison - Committee Support Group, Klinefelter's Syndrome Association UK;
Lucy Hunter Blackburn, Murray Blackburn Mackenzie;
Becky Kaufman, Justice Policy Officer, Scottish Trans Alliance.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Electronic Monitoring (Relevant Disposals) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/309)
3. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 14th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Work Programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **The Judicial Review (not before 10:15am):** The Committee will take evidence from—
James Wolffe QC, Lord Advocate, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Leslie Evans, Permanent Secretary, Scottish Government.
3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard at agenda item 2.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 35th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Graham Simpson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill:**
The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure—
Insolvency (Amendment) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/337)
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Insolvency (Amendment) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/337)
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. and South of Scotland Enterprise (Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2020 [draft]; the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2020 [draft], and the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. (Miscellaneous Listings) Order 2020 [draft] from—

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture, Graham Watson, Scottish National Investment Bank, and Ninian Christie, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** Fiona Hyslop (Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture) to move —
 - S5M-23180—That the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. and South of Scotland Enterprise (Miscellaneous Listings) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
 - S5M-23181—That the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.
 - S5M-23182—That the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. (Miscellaneous Listings) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health and Sport Committee 30th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Social Care Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from the following individuals in receipt of care or with caring responsibilities from—
 - Jim Aitken;
 - Julie Cuzen;
 - Susan Dumbleton;
 - Ron Goldie;
 - Steve Sinclair;
 - Dr Ann Wilson.
2. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.20) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/343), The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.21) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/354) and The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.22) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/358) from—
 - Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Anita Popplestone, Head of Police Complaints and Scrutiny, Police Division, Craig Thomson, Border Measures Review Team Leader, and Victoria Calpin, Performance Team Lead for Test and Protect Performance and Delivery, Scottish Government.
3. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-23216—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.20) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/343). be approved.
4. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-23285—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.21) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/354) be approved.

5. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-23297—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.22) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/358) be approved.
6. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
The Food Amendment (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.
7. **Social Care Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Made Affirmative subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting on The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.20) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/343), The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.21) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/354) and The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.22) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/358) and its report to Parliament.
9. **UK Common Frameworks (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the Provisional UK Common Framework on Nutrition labelling, Composition and Standards.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 35th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 11:45 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure and given the appropriate categorisation—
[Fisheries \(Technical Conservation Measures\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/367\)](#)
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider whether the following instrument has been given the appropriate categorisation—
[Public Procurement etc. \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
[Common Agricultural Policy \(Less Favoured Area Support\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)
4. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 21\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/354\);](#)
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 22\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/358\)](#)
5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Regulation of Investigatory Powers \(Prescription of Offices, etc. and Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/361\);](#)

[Fisheries \(Technical Conservation Measures\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/367\)](#)

6. **Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **Scottish Government Reporting on Coronavirus Acts:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's 'The Coronavirus Acts: Third Report to Scottish Parliament' published on 6 October 2020.
9. **Scrutiny of Scottish Ministers' consent to certain UK secondary legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposed protocol between the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government on the scrutiny of decisions by Scottish Ministers to consent to UK secondary legislation in devolved areas arising from the UK leaving the EU.

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