

Tuesday 1 September 2020

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:25pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-22593, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Erik Cramb, Dundee Pensioners' Forum

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

followed by Ministerial Statement: Care Homes

followed by Ministerial Statement: Logan Review (Technology Sector)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Agriculture Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcement: Social Security Committee - Inquiry into the role of Scottish social security in COVID-19 recovery

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:35 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:30am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

10:15am Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

10:30am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

5:15pm Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Erik Cramb, Dundee Pensioners' Forum

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-22593](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 1 September 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.35 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 2 September 2020—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – A Revolution in Children's Rights

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

- 1. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government how many pupils have tested positive for COVID-19 since schools reopened. ([S5T-02350](#))
- 2. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Scottish Welfare Fund is reportedly being underutilised. ([S5T-02357](#))
- 3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what advice services are available to people across Scotland, and whether it considers that such services are adequate. ([S5T-02361](#))

followed by First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21

followed by Ministerial Statement: Care Homes

followed by Ministerial Statement: Logan Review (Technology Sector)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Agriculture Bill - UK Legislation

[S5M-22591](#) **Fergus Ewing: Agriculture Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions related to food security, organic products, animal identification and traceability, fertilisers and the red meat levy in the Agriculture Bill, introduced into the House of Commons on 16 January 2020, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Committee Announcement: Social Security Committee - Inquiry into the role of Scottish social security in COVID-19 recovery

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-22594](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Kenneth Gibson be appointed to replace Gail Ross as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Gillian Martin be appointed to replace Angela Constance as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Annabelle Ewing be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as a member of the Justice Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Kenneth Gibson as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee; and

Gail Ross be appointed to replace Annabelle Ewing as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee.

5:35 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 26th Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Gavin Mowat, Policy Adviser (Rural Communities), Scottish Land and Estates;
Tammy Swift-Adams, Director of Planning, Homes for Scotland;
Sarah-Jane McArthur, Member, Scotland's Energy Law Sub-Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
Professor Roderick Paisley, Chair of Scots Law, University of Aberdeen.
3. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Neil Bibby MSP, Member in charge of the Bill;
Nick Hawthorne, Senior Assistant Clerk, and Neil Ross, Solicitor, Scottish Parliament.
4. **Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
5. **Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 19th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in a virtual meeting and be broadcast on www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs;
Emma Lopinska, Constitutional Policy Manager, and Charles Stewart Roper, Head of Environment Strategy and Governance Unit, Scottish Government.
2. **Climate Change Act 2008:** The Committee will take evidence on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 [draft] from—
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Ross Loveridge, Head of Heat Demand and Carbon Markets Unit, Consumers and Low Carbon Division, and Alice Mitchell, Head of Carbon Markets, Scottish Government.
3. **Climate Change Act 2008:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) to move—S5M-22351—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

4. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Climate Change Act 2008 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Health and Sport Committee 21st Meeting, 2020

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Hazel Borland, Interim Deputy Chief Executive/Nurse Director, and Derek Lindsay, Director of Finance, NHS Ayrshire and Arran.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/776) and The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/777).
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/242) from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Rachel Sunderland, Deputy Director, Population and Migration Division, Jamie MacDougall, Deputy Director, Test and Protect Portfolio, and Anita Popplestone, Head of Police Complaints and Scrutiny, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Humza Yousaf (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move—S5M-22436—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/242) be approved.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Subordinate legislation (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and its report to Parliament.
7. **Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Justice Committee 19th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] from—
Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, Kieran Burke, Bill Team Lead, Access to Justice, and Jo-anne Tinto, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Denham (Minister for Community Safety) to move—
S5M-22554—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
4. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Duncan Hamilton, Advocate, Faculty of Advocates;
John Paul Sheridan, Law Society of Scotland;
and then from—
Dr Stephen Bogle, and Dr Bobby Lindsay, University of Glasgow.
5. **Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints 5th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take its work programme discussion on 8 September in private.
2. **Phase 1 - development of the Scottish Government policy on handling harassment complaints involving current and former Ministers:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dave Penman, General Secretary, FDA;
Malcolm Clark, Convenor of the Council of Scottish Government Unions and PCS
Scottish Government Group President.
3. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence it heard at agenda item 2.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 26th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Consideration of the work of the Committee in the year 2019-20:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Susan Herbert, Legislation Delivery Manager, Parliament and Legislation Unit, Steven Macgregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, Jenny Brough, Head of Coronavirus Legislation Co-ordination Team and Rachel Rayner, Scottish Government Legal Directorate Deputy Legislation Co-ordinator

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

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 11\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/241\);](#)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 12\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/251\);](#)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 10\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/252\);](#)

[Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Aberdeen City\) Amendment Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/253\)](#)

4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\);](#)

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Amendment of Expiry Dates\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/draft\)](#)

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

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2020 \(SSI 2020/246\);](#)

[Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Acts \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/249\);](#)

[Town and Country Planning \(Emergency Period and Extended Period\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/254\)](#)

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

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 4 and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/245 \(C.20\)\);](#)

[Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2020 \(SSI 2020/250 \(C.21\)\)](#)

7. **Scottish Law Commission Bills:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its review of the Presiding Officer's determination on designating a Bill as a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A of Standing Orders.

8. **Consideration of the work of the Committee in the year 2019-20:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 19th Meeting, 2020

The Committee will meet at 5.15 pm in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests (in private):** Oliver Mundell will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from evidence received during the inquiry, in order to inform the drafting of its inquiry report.

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