

Tuesday 21 December 2021

Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:20pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-02650, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev David Burt, Minister, Old Gourrock and Ashton Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A New Deal for Tenants

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-02360 Sarah Boyack: Ending Pharmaceutical Monopolies of COVID-19 Vaccines

Committee Meetings

9:45am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:45am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev David Burt, Minister, Old Gourock and Ashton Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-02650](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 December 2021—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A New Deal for Tenants

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Topical Questions

1. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will explain its decision to increase peak and off-peak regulated rail fares by 3.8%. ([S6T-00385](#))

2. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what actions it will take in response to the 2020-21 audit of its consolidated accounts by the Auditor General for Scotland. ([S6T-00388](#))

3. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to address any workforce issues in social care, in light of comments from the Chief Executive of Scottish Care that the social care sector is facing the biggest workforce crisis it has ever experienced. ([S6T-00382](#))

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A New Deal for Tenants

[S6M-02625](#) Patrick Harvie: A New Deal for Tenants—That the Parliament notes the publication of the consultation on A New Deal for Tenants, which seeks views on the Scottish Government's ambitious plans for the rented sector; agrees that the 1.85 million people who live in the rented sector should have improved quality, standards and rights in the place they call home; supports the aims of A New Deal for Tenants to ensure tenants have more secure and stable tenancies, flexibility to personalise their homes, improved safeguards against eviction, improved regulation and effective national rent controls in the private sector; recognises that this strategy will support progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all, and welcomes, therefore, this draft strategy seeking to make renting a home more affordable, safer, with a higher quality, better managed and more secure.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-02625.1 Miles Briggs: A New Deal for Tenants—As an amendment to motion S6M-02625 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A New Deal for Tenants), leave out from “, improved regulation” to end and insert “and improved regulation; acknowledges, however, that the biggest challenge facing those in the rented sector is the rising cost of living caused by a national housing shortage; notes that the Rural Housing Fund delivered just 59 new homes over four years; notes with concern the decision to reduce the housing budget in 2022-23; further notes concerns that current levels of investment in this sector are not high enough to meet the target of building 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; notes that the number of households in temporary accommodation is now at a record high and that high rental costs are one of the main barriers preventing those who are homeless from securing new tenancies; regrets that the implementation of the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2014 was repeatedly delayed; notes concerns that the introduction of rent controls may be counter-productive and result in reduced choice for private tenants; calls on the Scottish Government to provide increased investment in the housing market to ensure tenants have access to a wide range of affordable properties, but otherwise welcomes this draft strategy seeking to make renting a home more affordable, safer, with a higher quality, better managed and more secure.”

S6M-02625.2 Mark Griffin: A New Deal for Tenants—As an amendment to motion S6M-02625 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A New Deal for Tenants), after “private sector” insert “; agrees that the legislation establishing the framework for these rent controls must be included in the forthcoming Housing Bill in the second year of the current parliamentary session”. **R**

S6M-02625.3 Willie Rennie: A New Deal for Tenants—As an amendment to motion S6M-02625 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A New Deal for Tenants), insert at end “; urges the Scottish Government to also address the issues around the availability of private rented properties; considers that it should increase its ambitions for the building of more homes for social rent, and believes that increasing the supply of affordable rented housing is necessary to give people security, stabilise the housing market and support progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all.”

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill - UK Legislation

S6M-02618 Keith Brown: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 9 March 2021, relating to the power to extract information from digital devices of witnesses, victims and others, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-02651](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that Temporary Standing Orders Rule 4 be amended in paragraph 1 to delete “31 December 2021” and insert “11 February 2022”.

[S6M-02652](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of committee meetings up to 11 February 2022—

(a) in Rule 6.3A.1 after “member” the words “or members” be inserted;

(b) Rule 6.3A.2 be suspended;

(c) in Rule 6.3A.4 the first sentence be suspended;

(d) after Rule 6.3A.5(d) the words “(e) a political party withdraws in writing to the Bureau that nomination of the member or members nominated for the purposes of committee meetings up to 11 February 2022.” be inserted; and

(e) in Rule 12.1.15 the words “(other than a committee substitute)” be omitted in both instances where they occur.

[S6M-02653](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that Temporary Standing Orders Rule 3 be amended—

(a) in paragraph 1 to delete “24 December 2021” and insert “11 February 2022”; and

(b) in paragraph 2 to delete “24 December 2021” and insert “11 February 2022”.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-02360](#) Sarah Boyack: Ending Pharmaceutical Monopolies of COVID-19 Vaccines—That the Parliament notes the calls by a coalition of Scottish charities to support the ending of what it considers to be pharmaceutical monopolies; understands that these monopolies are reportedly artificially limiting vaccine supply to low-income countries; considers that vaccine inequality has resulted from a handful of pharmaceutical companies rationing supply, by refusing to share their vaccine recipes and know-how with the rest of the world, and notes the calls on the Prime Minister to back plans to waive intellectual property rules and to insist that vaccine know-how and technology is shared via the World Health Organization’s COVID-19 Technology Access Pool, in order to enable a life-saving escalation in global vaccine production and help avoid the development of further COVID-19 variants like Omicron, which may impact people in Scotland, including in the Lothian region.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 15th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in www.scottishparliament.tv

- Budget Scrutiny 2022-23:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jackson Carlaw, Member, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;
David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive, Michelle Hegarty, Deputy Chief Executive, and Sara Glass, Group Head of Financial Governance, Scottish Parliament;
and then from—
Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, Lucy O'Carroll, Director of Tax and Fiscal Sustainability, Douglas McLaren, Deputy Director, Budget, Pay and Pensions, and Ian Storrie, Head of Local Government Finance, Scottish Government.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 16th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in www.scottishparliament.tv

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- Common Framework on Public Health Protection and Health Security:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Nick Phin, Director of Public Health Science and Medical Director, Public Health Scotland.
- Budget Scrutiny 2022-23:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Scottish Government and; Richard McCallum, Director of Health Finance and Governance, Scottish Government.
- Common Framework on Public Health Protection and Health Security:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
- Budget Scrutiny 2022-23:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- National Planning Framework 4:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny.
- Common Frameworks:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of three Common Frameworks.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 15th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in www.scottishparliament.tv

- Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Public Health \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel and Operator Liability\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 13\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/470)
- Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2022](#) (SSI 2021/Draft)

[Climate Change \(Nitrogen Balance Sheet\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#)

(SSI 2021/Draft)

[Maximum Number of Judges \(Scotland\) Order 2022](#) (SSI (2021/Draft))

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Abortion \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/457)
 - [Civil Partnership \(Supplementary Provisions relating to the Recognition of Overseas Dissolutions, Annulments or Separations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/461)
 - [Education \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/462)
 - [Red Rocks and Longay Urgent Marine Conservation \(No. 2\) Order 2021](#) (SSI 2021/463)
 - [Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/466)
 - [Sea Fish \(Prohibited Methods of Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Order 2021](#) (SSI 2021/467)
 - [Social Security \(Period for Re-determination Requests\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/469)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
 - [Act of Sederunt \(Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 and Sheriff Appeal Court Rules Amendment\) \(Age of Criminal Responsibility \(Scotland\) Act 2019\) 2021](#) (SSI 2021/452)
 - [Animal Health \(Notification and Control Measures\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2021](#) (SSI 2021/456)

**Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
16th Meeting, 2021**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Declaration of interests:** Murdo Fraser will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 and the Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, Andrew Mott, Head of Housing Markets Unit, and Rachel Nicholson, Lawyer, Housing and Elections Branch of the legal directorate, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Shona Robison (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government) to move—S6M-02265—That the Local Government, Planning and Housing Committee recommends that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Shona Robison (Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government) to move—S6M-02264—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider its approach to its report.
7. **Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
8. **National Planning Framework 4 :** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 15th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in www.scottishparliament.tv

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Climate Change Committee – Annual Progress Report:** The Committee will take evidence on the Climate Change Committee's Annual Progress Report from—
Chris Stark, Chief Executive, and Professor Keith Bell, Scottish Member, Climate Change Committee.
3. **Climate Change Committee – Annual Progress Report:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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