

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Urgent Question: Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Climate Change Committee's reports *Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland: 2022 Report to Parliament* and *Scottish Emission Targets - first five-yearly review*.

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business: The State of the Scottish Education System

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-06631 Jackie Dunbar: #IWill Week 2022

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

11:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

1. Foyso! Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any progress that has been made in finding a solution to save the Belmont in Aberdeen and the Edinburgh Filmhouse and International Film Festival from permanent closure. ([S6O-01644](#))

2. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to Historic Environment Scotland to ensure heritage sites are fully reopened as soon as possible. ([S6O-01645](#))

3. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government when its prospectus, *Building a New Scotland*, will include a detailed plan regarding the economic practicalities of introducing a border with the rest of the UK. ([S6O-01646](#))

4. Siobhian Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government following the Supreme Court's verdict on the ability of the Scottish Parliament to legislate for an independence referendum. ([S6O-01647](#))

5. Natalie Don: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the current devolution settlement has led to a position in which Scotland is considered an equal partner. ([S6O-01648](#))

6. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government what response the constitution secretary has had from the UK Government to his recent letter calling for the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill to be withdrawn or significantly amended. ([S6O-01649](#))

7. Graeme Dey: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to build support for Scottish independence. ([S6O-01650](#))

8. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is supporting Ukrainians in Scotland, in light of the war with Russia entering the winter months. ([S6O-01651](#))

Justice and Veterans

1. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what steps are being taken to increase the allocation of police officers in Edinburgh. ([S6O-01652](#))

2. Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to help women and girls experiencing sexual violence in Glasgow. ([S6O-01653](#))

3. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government how it supports parents who are required for jury service with childcare. ([S6O-01654](#))

4. Marie McNair: To ask the Scottish Government how it continues to review the effectiveness of the legal route to compensation for people who have been affected by asbestos exposure. ([S6O-01655](#))

5. Alex Cole-Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is regarding the impact in Scotland to the UK Government decision to restrict the use of security cameras made by companies subject to Chinese National Intelligence Law. ([S6O-01656](#))

6. Evelyn Tweed: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the construction of the new women's prison facility to replace HMP Cornton Vale in Stirling. ([S6O-01657](#))

7. Annabelle Ewing: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work with Veterans First Point Fife. ([S6O-01658](#))

8. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects police officer numbers to be restored to the previous target of 17,234 officers. ([S6O-01659](#))

followed by Urgent Question: Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Climate Change Committee's reports *Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland: 2022 Report to Parliament* and *Scottish Emission Targets - first five-yearly review*.

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business: The State of the Scottish Education System

[S6M-07111](#) Stephen Kerr: The State of the Scottish Education System—That the Parliament believes that access to a first-class education is the right of all children; notes that teachers have been neglected and let down by the Scottish Government, that young people, from early years education to further and higher education, have suffered from failures in government, and that the people of Scotland have been let down by the undermining of an education system of which they were once proud; believes that, through badly-drawn reform, inaction and a failure to innovate, the Scottish Government has fundamentally undermined the education system in Scotland, meaning that action is required now to address these problems, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently outline a new education plan with a focus on respect for Scotland's teachers, opportunities for its young people and growth for the whole sector, so that education in Scotland can once again be the best gift for its children.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-07111.3](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: The State of the Scottish Education System—As an amendment to motion S6M-07111 in the name of Stephen Kerr (The State of the Scottish Education System), leave out from "that access" to end and insert "that all children, young people and adult learners have the right to a first-class education; recognises that there is much to be proud of and to celebrate in Scottish education; commends the hard work of all staff and teaching professionals in Scotland's schools, colleges, universities and early learning and childcare centres, and welcomes the comprehensive programme of reform underway in Scottish education, which includes the National Discussion to shape the future vision for Scottish education, the independent review of qualifications and assessment, the establishment of a new independent inspectorate, a new national agency and a new qualifications body, plans to expand Scotland's early learning and childcare (ELC) offer, the introduction of a new shared inspection framework for early learning and childcare (ELC), the development of purpose and principles of post-school education, research and skills, and the independent review of the skills delivery landscape."

[S6M-07111.1](#) Michael Marra: The State of the Scottish Education System—As an amendment to motion S6M-07111 in the name of Stephen Kerr (The State of the Scottish Education System), insert at end "; recognises that strike action by teachers continues across Scotland; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that negotiations urgently progress to ensure a fair pay deal and minimal disruption to pupils' learning; notes the widespread disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic

to education; calls on the Scottish Government to urgently carry out a full assessment of the impact of the pandemic so that pupils, parents and teachers can receive the support that they need; notes the increased absence rate of pupils from Scottish schools, and calls for an action plan to aid re-engagement; notes the decline in the number of STEM teachers in secondary schools, and asks for an update from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on what actions are being taken to reverse this decline, and believes that the Scottish Government should reform Scottish education by implementing the recommendations of the Muir report."

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-07120](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—
That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medication Assisted Treatment and Workforce Update

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Health Inequalities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Asset Transfers and Community Empowerment – Five Years On

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 21 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 12 December 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

S6M-07120.1 Alexander Burnett: Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-07120 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from “Tuesday 20 December 2022” to “12.45 pm Decision Time”.

S6M-07121 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 March 2023.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-07122 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

S6M-07123 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Act 1997 (Offences in Schedules 8A and 8B) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

S6M-07124 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

S6M-07155 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension and Variation to Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of meetings of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee during December 2022, Rule 12.2ZA be suspended and replaced with—

1. Where a member who—

(a) has made a complaint about any of the matters set out in rule 6.4.1(b),

(b) is the subject of such a complaint, or

(c) has given evidence in the course of the Ethical Standards Commissioner’s investigations into such a complaint,

is a member of (or a committee substitute for) the committee considering this complaint, or any related question of sanctions or withdrawal of a member’s rights and privileges, that member shall not participate in that capacity in any such consideration by that committee.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S6M-06631 Jackie Dunbar: #IWill Week 2022—That the Parliament recognises #IWill Week 2022, which takes place from 21 to 25 November; understands that the #IWill movement is part of a UK-wide initiative, which aims to bring together the wealth of youth volunteering, fundraising, campaigning and mentoring that young people are doing to benefit others, the environment and the causes that they believe in; further understands that Youthlink, the charity behind this

movement, looks to put a spotlight on the issues that it believes are affecting young people, notably with its annual conference on 8 November 2022 being focused on youth work and poverty, and wishes #IWillScotland all the best for its upcoming week, bringing awareness to the young people actively making a change.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 33rd Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 17th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
 - PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody and will take evidence from the Minister for Drugs Policy, Morris Fraser, Head of Delivery and Support Unit, Drugs Policy Division and Henry Acres, Head of Cultural and Structural Change, Drugs Policy Division;
 - PE1928: Provide free rail travel for disabled people who meet the qualifications for free bus travel and will take evidence from petitioner David Gallant and Nicoletta Primo, Sight Scotland;
 - PE1859: Retain falconers rights to practice upland falconry in Scotland and will take evidence from petitioner Barry Blyther and Dr Nick Fox;
 - PE1905: Public Inquiry into the response of religious organisations to allegations of child sexual abuse since 1950.
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3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
 - PE1957: Home Reports – make surveyors more accountable;
 - PE1958: Extend aftercare for previously looked after young people, and remove the continuing care age cap;
 - PE1959: Tackle Scotland's affordable housing crisis;
 - PE1960: Formally recognise private hire cars and taxis as modes of public transport;
 - PE1961: Make it a specific offence to assault, threaten or abuse a private hire or taxi driver while at work;
 - PE1963: Phase in meat production ban by 2040; and
 - PE1964: Create an independent review of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.
4. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee will consider correspondence to the Scottish Government on the following continued petition—
 - PE1812: Protect Scotland's remaining ancient, native and semi-native woodlands and woodland floors.
5. **Public Participation Inquiry:** The Committee will consider its approach.
6. **Petitions management** The Committee will consider the petitions management system.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 29th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Just Transition:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Richard Lochhead, Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work, and
Catriona Laing, Deputy Director for Climate Change Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Just Transition:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 31st Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft Stage 1 report.

Criminal Justice Committee 31st Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 11:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):**
The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6)27 from—
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, Helen Nisbet, Deputy Director for Defence, Security and Cyber Resilience, Michael Sim, Defence Policy Manager, and
Nicholas Duffy, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):**
The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (LCM(S6)27).
3. **Policing and mental health:** The Committee will consider evidence provided by police officers and recent correspondence on policing and mental health.
4. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider recent correspondence.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

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