

Wednesday 14 December 2022

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Chamber Desk Announcement

Chamber Desk Arrangements during the Christmas Recess

The Chamber Desk will close at 12.30 pm on Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen at 10.00 am on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Topical Questions 10 January and First Minister's Questions 12 January 2023

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting questions for Topical Questions on 10 January and First Minister's Questions on 12 January 2023 is 12 noon on Monday 9 January 2023.

Portfolio Questions 11 & 12 January and General Questions 12 January 2023

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 11 and 12 January and General Questions on 12 January 2022 is 12 noon on Monday 19 December 2022. Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 21 December 2022 to submit their questions.

The Portfolios for these questions will be Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Justice and Veterans, and Education and Skills.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

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

followed by Urgent Question: Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Lady Haldane's opinion on the petition of For Women Scotland Limited for Judicial Review.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-06302 Emma Harper: Transforming Scotland's Vacant and Derelict Sites

Committee Meetings

9:00am Economy and Fair Work Committee

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

9:30am Criminal Justice Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

10:30am Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

10:30am Scottish Commission for Public Audit

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Finance and the Economy – Questions 1 and 2.

Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has taken a decision regarding the extension of the temporary provisions in the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022. ([S6O-01676](#))
- 2. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on the delivery of its Covid Recovery Strategy of the Auditor General's comments that it underspent its budget by £2 billion in the financial year 2021-22. ([S6O-01677](#))
- 3. Siobhian Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government how the development of a Talent Attraction and Migration service will impact on the delivery of its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01678](#))
- 4. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of how any additional cost of living pressures will impact on the rebuilding of public services, as set out in its Covid Recovery Strategy, in particular public services in Edinburgh. ([S6O-01679](#))
- 5. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what it considers to be reasonable grounds to postpone the passage of legislation through Parliament. ([S6O-01680](#))
- 6. Jim Fairlie:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Covid Recovery Strategy considers the needs of rural communities. ([S6O-01681](#))
- 7. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government how its policies across government will support disabled people living in the north east to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-01682](#))
- 8. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact industrial action by public sector workers will have on the delivery of its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01683](#))

Finance and the Economy

- 1. Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will incorporate the costed package of tax increases recommended in the Scottish Trades Union Congress-commissioned report, *Options for increasing taxes in Scotland to fund investment in public services*, into its 2023-24 budget. ([S6O-01684](#))
- 2. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the papers on taxation policy recently published by the Scottish Trades Union Congress and Institute for Public Policy Research Scotland. ([S6O-01685](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on support for Liberty Steel Dalzell. ([S6O-01686](#))
- 4. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Orkney Islands Council regarding the Scottish Budget 2023-24 and what issues were discussed. ([S6O-01687](#))
- 5. Ruth Maguire:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-01688](#))

6. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its public consultation regarding the Scottish Aggregates Levy. ([S6O-01689](#))

7. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government how it will support innovation and entrepreneurship in Scotland's digital economy, including its games sector. ([S6O-01690](#))

8. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the comments from the Auditor General in his *2021/22 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts* that financial support for Burntisland Fabrications Limited, Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited, Prestwick Airport and the Lochaber Aluminium Smelter "has not delivered expected outcomes and is unlikely to achieve value for money". ([S6O-01691](#))

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

[S6M-07198 Gillian Martin: Tackling Health Inequalities in Scotland](#)—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6), *Tackling health inequalities in Scotland* (SP Paper 230).

followed by Urgent Question: Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Lady Haldane's opinion on the petition of For Women Scotland Limited for Judicial Review.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-07242 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme](#)—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 December 2022

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business

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

Tuesday 10 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 12 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 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-07242.1 Alexander Burnett: Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-07242 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from "*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill" to "12.45 pm Decision Time" and insert—

"followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Planning Framework 4 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Agriculture Bill: Next Steps

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 22 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics

followed by Ministerial Statement: Biodiversity Strategy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) 2 Report

4.25 pm Decision Time".

[S6M-07243](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 May 2023.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-07244](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-07245](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:10 pm Decision Time

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

[S6M-06302](#) Emma Harper: Transforming Scotland's Vacant and Derelict Sites—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that Scotland has almost 9,500 hectares of vacant and derelict urban land, and that just over one quarter of Scotland's 5.4 million population is estimated to live within 500 metres of a derelict site, with this percentage increasing in communities on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD); believes that Scotland's stock of vacant and derelict land is a legacy of the nation's industrial past, with many of these sites, including across the South Scotland Region, such as the George Hotel in Stranraer, former Interfloor Factory in Dumfries, Central Hotel in Annan and N Peal Building in Hawick, being in their derelict condition for many years; notes research, including from the Scottish Land Commission, University of Glasgow and Green Space Scotland, which shows that vacant and derelict sites can harm the wellbeing of communities, with findings reportedly showing that these sites can contribute to poor mental health, feelings of a lack of safety, anxiety and a persistent low mood; further notes reported concerns from communities around the traceability of the ownership of vacant and derelict sites, which, it understands, are often owned by absentee landlords and corporations as part of property and financial portfolios; considers that Scotland has a huge potential to lead the UK in transforming these sites into useful community assets; notes the view that focussing on these sites as a vehicle for delivery could help to enhance policy coordination across civic Scotland by concentrating effort and resources where they are most needed to benefit communities; welcomes

the Scottish Land Commissions report, *Transforming Scotland's Approach to Vacant and Derelict Land, Recommendations from the Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce*; notes calls on the Scottish Government to set out its progress towards implementing these recommendations, and to outline its engagement with the Scottish Land Commission's joint Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce; further notes what it sees as the role of communities, as, it understands, has been seen in Heathhall, Dumfries and Galloway, in calling on Dumfries and Galloway Council to address the former Interfloor Factory, and notes the view that communities across Scotland should become involved in taking transformative action to ensure these sites dealt with as a priority.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy and Fair Work Committee 30th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Scotland's economic outlook:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Jagjit Chadha, Director, National Institute of Economic and Social Research;
Emma Congreve, Deputy Director, Fraser of Allander Institute;
Susan Murray, Director, David Hume Institute.
3. **Scotland's economic outlook:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence received from the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider approach papers.

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 34th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Poultrymeat) (Miscellaneous Temporary Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 from—
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands, Ramona Branza, Head of Food and Drink Industry Growth, and Judith Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands to move—S6M-06961—That the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee recommends that the Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Poultrymeat) (Miscellaneous Temporary Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Seed \(Equivalence of Countries\) \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#)
4. **Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2(Day 2).
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee 32nd Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Tracey McFall, Member of Executive Committee, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum;
Lynne Thornhill, Director of Justice Services, Sacro;
Charlie Martin, Stakeholder and Policy Lead, The Wise Group;
and then from—

Rhoda MacLeod, Head of Adult Services (Sexual Health, Police Custody & Prison Healthcare), Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;

Sandra Cheyne, National CIAG Policy & Professional Practice Lead, Skills Development Scotland;

Gillian Booth, Justice Service Manager, South Lanarkshire Council;

and then from—

Keith Gardner, CJS Specialist Adviser, Community Justice Scotland;

Suzanne McGuinness, Executive Director of Social Work, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland;

Sharon Stirrat, Justice Social Work Policy and Practice Lead, Social Work Scotland.

2. **Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 32nd 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 Stage One draft report.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 18th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Public Participation Inquiry** The Committee will consider the findings of the Citizens' Panel on Participation. The Committee will take evidence from panelists John Sultman, Maria Schwarz, Ronnie Paterson, Paul MacDonald and Gillian Ruane.
3. **Public Participation Inquiry** The Committee will consider its interim report.

Scottish Commission for Public Audit 2nd Meeting, 2022

The Commission will meet at 10:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Commission will decide whether to take agenda item 4 in private.
2. **Audit Scotland's Spring Budget Revision 2022/23:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Professor Alan Alexander, Chair of the Board, and Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland;
Bill Moyes, Chair, Accounts Commission;
Martin Walker, Director Corporate Support, and Stuart Dennis, Corporate Finance Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal for 2023/24:** The Commission will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Professor Alan Alexander, Chair of the Board, and Vicki Bibby, Chief Operating Officer, Audit Scotland;
Bill Moyes, Chair, Accounts Commission;
Martin Walker, Director Corporate Support, and Stuart Dennis, Corporate Finance Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Commission will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3.

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