

Wednesday 8 June 2022

# Business Bulletin

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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: Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what provisions it is making for Scotland fans to get home after tonight's Nations League match at Hampden against Armenia, in light of the reported announcement by ScotRail that they should leave early if they want to catch a train.

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economic Priorities

**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-03916 Graeme Dey: Commemorating 40 Years Since the Falklands War

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

**9:30am** Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

**9:45am** Education, Children and Young People Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it plans to undertake into spoilt ballots at the 2022 local government elections. ([S6O-01182](#))
- 2. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how its cross-government COVID recovery policies can reassure clinically vulnerable members of the public. ([S6O-01183](#))
- 3. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will next propose a parliamentary debate on reaching net zero. ([S6O-01184](#))
- 4. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what policies and actions across government will support people in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-01185](#))
- 5. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the role that an autumn/winter COVID-19 booster vaccination programme will play in its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01186](#))
- 6. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Information Commissioner's progress report on its handling of Freedom of Information requests. ([S6O-01187](#))
- 7. Collette Stevenson:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-01188](#))
- 8. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it is providing to local authorities as part of its Covid Recovery Strategy to help them resume normal services and manage staff absences. ([S6O-01189](#))

#### Net Zero, Energy and Transport

- 1. Carol Mochan:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-01190](#))
- 2. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason a maximum bidding price has been applied to commercial-scale ScotWind projects, but not to 100MW innovation projects looking to progress through the forthcoming Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas leasing round. ([S6O-01191](#))
- 3. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Solar Energy Scotland report, *Scotland's fair share: Solar's role in achieving net zero in Scotland*. ([S6O-01192](#))
- 4. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that the marine environment is protected. ([S6O-01193](#))
- 5. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether its target of generating 50% of energy use from renewables by 2030 is sufficiently ambitious in light of new opportunities arising for Scotland. ([S6O-01194](#))
- 6. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to make railway stations accessible for disabled people. ([S6O-01195](#))

**7. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on future road infrastructure projects in the north east. ([S6O-01196](#))

**8. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to improve safety at train stations. ([S6O-01197](#))

**followed by Urgent Question: Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what provisions it is making for Scotland fans to get home after tonight's Nations League match at Hampden against Armenia, in light of the reported announcement by ScotRail that they should leave early if they want to catch a train.**

**followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Economic Priorities**

**[S6M-04815](#) Liz Smith: Economic Priorities**—That the Parliament is deeply concerned by many of the trends published within the recent analysis of the Scottish economy undertaken by the Scottish Fiscal Commission; is concerned, in particular, by the revised downward growth estimates and decline in real earnings, and that the Scottish Government has imposed higher tax rates on Scotland without increasing revenues, compared with the block grant adjustment, due to the ongoing issues relating to weaker productivity and inflexibilities within the Scottish labour market; is further concerned by the real-terms cuts of more than £1 billion announced by the Scottish Government, which will affect local government, the police and higher education, among key services; calls on the Scottish Government to commit to ensuring that no one in Scotland pays more income tax compared with people in the rest of the UK, when finances allow, ensuring that policies to deliver long-term growth, including collaborative projects with the UK Government such as city deals, are a priority within Scottish Government spending plans; calls for a finance bill mechanism to be introduced to evaluate the effectiveness of public spending, and further calls for plans for a second independence referendum to be taken off the table.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-04815.3](#) Kate Forbes: Economic Priorities**—As an amendment to motion S6M-04815 in the name of Liz Smith (Economic Priorities), leave out from "is deeply" to end and insert "endorses the priorities set out in the Scottish Government's spending review of tackling child poverty, addressing the climate crisis, building a stronger economy and improving public services, while supporting those people struggling with the increased cost of living; notes that the overall Scottish Budget has fallen by 5.2% in real terms between 2021-22 and 2022-23 and that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has confirmed a further 1% real-terms reduction until 2025-26; agrees that current financial fiscal arrangements between the UK Government and the Scottish Government are deeply flawed; highlights the persistent dismal failures of leadership in the UK Government, with the UK currently having the highest inflation rate of any G7 country, compounded by Brexit increasing food prices; notes recent research from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health highlighting the brutal reality of a decade of austerity under the UK Government, and believes that, with full control over the economic and financial powers, the Scottish Government could take further action to build the economy that Scotland deserves."

**[S6M-04815.2](#) Paul Sweeney: Economic Priorities**—As an amendment to motion S6M-04815 in the name of Liz Smith (Economic Priorities), leave out from "is deeply" to end and insert "notes the recent findings of the Scottish Fiscal Commission and is deeply concerned by many of the trends

identified, including that productivity growth in Scotland has stalled since 2015 and earnings growth is lagging behind the UK's; is further concerned, in particular, by the revised downward growth estimates and decline in real earnings, and that the Scottish Government has imposed higher tax rates on Scotland without increasing revenues, compared with the block grant adjustment, due to the ongoing issues relating to weaker productivity and inflexibilities within the Scottish labour market, with the result that net Scottish income tax receipts in 2022-23 are forecast to be £428 million less than if income tax had not been devolved; considers that this is a consequence of the Scottish Government's failure to use the taxation, borrowing and investment powers of devolution to support and grow the Scottish economy; notes that this has directly resulted in less tax revenue available to invest in Scottish public services, and is further concerned by the real-terms cuts of more than £1 billion announced by the Scottish Government, which will affect local government, the police and higher education, among key services; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that policies to deliver long-term growth, including collaborative projects with the UK Government such as city deals, are a priority within Scottish Government spending plans; further calls for a finance bill mechanism to be introduced to evaluate the effectiveness of public spending; calls for plans for a second independence referendum to be taken off the table, and believes that the failure to grow Scottish wages will also mean that hard-working people are more exposed to the pressures of the cost of living crisis."

## followed by Business Motions

**[S6M-04839](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**  
That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Education Reform Update

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

*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 16 June 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 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Role of Incineration in the Waste Hierarchy

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*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

Thursday 23 June 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 June 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.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-04840](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-04841](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-04842](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Placements (Effect of Deprivation of Liberty Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-04843](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**5:20 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-03916](#) Graeme Dey: Commemorating 40 Years Since the Falklands War**—That the Parliament marks the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War, which began on 2 April 1982 and

lasted 74 days until the Argentine surrender on 14 June; remembers the 255 UK Armed Forces personnel who died and were among over 1,000 lives lost in the conflict; commemorates the service and sacrifice of all those involved, with 30,000 sailors, marines, soldiers, airmen and merchant mariners having taken part, and with many more civilians having supported the war effort; recognises the particular role of Arbroath-based 45 Commando and the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, which between them lost 15 men to the fighting; appreciates the efforts of poppyscotland and Legion Scotland to mark the occasion, including a service of remembrance to be held in Edinburgh on 18 June 2022, and commends the work of both organisations in supporting the veterans of this conflict and their families, many of whom continue to be affected by the tragedy of war to this day.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 10th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—

PE1865: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices, and will take evidence from Maree Todd, Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport, Professor Sir

Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer, and Terry O'Kelly, Senior Medical Advisor;

PE1845: Agency to advocate for the healthcare needs of rural Scotland, and will take evidence from petitioner Gordon Baird;

PE1890: Find solutions to recruitment and training challenges for rural healthcare in Scotland, and will take evidence from petitioner Maria Aitken;

PE1915: Reinstate Caithness County Council and Caithness NHS Board, and will take evidence from petitioner William Sinclair;

PE1924: Complete an emergency in-depth review of Women's health services in Caithness & Sutherland, and will take evidence from petitioner Rebecca Wymer;

PE1804: Halt Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd's Air Traffic Management Strategy;

PE1875: Public inquiry into the Scottish Qualifications Authority; and

PE1897: Reform certain of the procedures for the collection of Council Tax.

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### Criminal Justice Committee 19th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
2. **Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S6)18 from—  
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, and Patrick Down, Criminal Justice Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (LCM(S6)18).
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 from—  
Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, and Justin Haccius, Unit Head, Access to Justice, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Keith Brown (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans) to move—  
S6M-04413—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.



## Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 19th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Penny Middleton, Policy manager, National Farmers Union Scotland;  
Ian Duncan Millar, Farmer and Chair, Atholl and Breadalbane Fox Control Society, Scottish Gamekeeper's Association;  
Barrie Wade, President, National Working Terrier Federation;  
Jake Swindells, Director, Scottish Countryside Alliance;  
and then from—  
Ross MacLeod, Head of Policy (Scotland), Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust;  
Duncan Orr-Ewing, Head of Species and Land Management, RSPB.
2. **Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

## Education, Children and Young People Committee 17th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Colleges Regionalisation Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stuart Brown, National Officer, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS);  
Eve Lewis, Director, Student Partnership in Quality Scotland (sparqs);  
Lorcan Mullen, Regional Organiser, Head of Higher Education and Further Education , UNISON.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Education \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#)  
[Student Support \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#)
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
4. **Scottish Attainment Challenge Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard and issues for inclusion in its draft report.
5. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

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