

Wednesday 29 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** Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill

**followed by** Urgent Question: Sandesh Gulhane – To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to new statistics, which show that cancer waiting times against the 62 day standard are at their worst level on record.

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

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

**6:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-03994 John Mason: Scotland's Companies

### Committee Meetings

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

**9:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

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

**10:00am** Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

**10:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government how its COVID-19 recovery policies across government are helping to address any COVID-19-related staff shortages across Scottish public sector bodies, including in Aberdeen Donside. ([S6O-01284](#))
- 2. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its COVID-19 recovery planning will include measures to improve access to interpreters and translators for people using public services. ([S6O-01285](#))
- 3. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government how its cross-government Covid Recovery policies will take account of the recommendations of its COVID-19 Ventilation Short-Life Working Group. ([S6O-01286](#))
- 4. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on ensuring that all voters in Scotland can exercise their right to a secret vote in Scottish elections. ([S6O-01287](#))
- 5. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether its Covid Recovery Strategy includes the provision of funding for charities working to strengthen community resilience and support mental health. ([S6O-01288](#))
- 6. Natalie Don:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the possible impact on its legislative programme of the UK Government's proposed Brexit Freedoms Bill. ([S6O-01289](#))
- 7. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent cross-government discussions regarding the NHS's recovery from the pandemic have taken place as part of its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01290](#))
- 8. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the role that the COVID-19 booster vaccination programme will play in its Covid Recovery Strategy. ([S6O-01291](#))

#### Net Zero, Energy and Transport

- 1. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what range of heating systems it anticipates will replace gas boilers in the near future. ([S6O-01292](#))
- 2. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what actions it is taking to support the establishment of more publicly-owned bus services. ([S6O-01293](#))
- 3. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the £33 billion estimate in its Heat in Buildings Strategy to decarbonise Scotland's buildings remains an accurate forecast amount. ([S6O-01294](#))
- 4. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what level of grant per property will be made available to assist homeowners to achieve an EPC rating of band C or better by 2025. ([S6O-01295](#))
- 5. Ariane Burgess:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the future development of renewable energy involves communities meaningfully. ([S6O-01296](#))

**6. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it expects a decision to be reached on a railway station for Newburgh in Fife following the publication of the Newburgh and Area Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance appraisal. ([S6O-01297](#))

**7. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve water quality in Scotland's rivers. ([S6O-01298](#))

**8. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to set a national generation target for solar energy as it has for wind and hydrogen. ([S6O-01299](#))

### Rural Affairs and Islands

**1. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what preparations have been made to protect the economy of rural communities in areas like South Scotland from a repeat of the storms experienced last year. ([S6O-01300](#))

**2. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government when the rural affairs secretary last met with Crown Estate Scotland. ([S6O-01301](#))

**3. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest assessment is of the impact of Brexit on the Scottish seed potato industry. ([S6O-01302](#))

**4. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recently reported views of Professor Catherine Barnard regarding the impact on Scotland's food and drink exports of a potential trade war between the UK and the EU. ([S6O-01303](#))

**5. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports from Salmon Scotland that bureaucracy as a result of Brexit is costing the industry £3 million per annum to export to the EU and is threatening Scotland's competitiveness. ([S6O-01304](#))

**6. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission's call for the closure of unlicensed greyhound racing tracks in Scotland. ([S6O-01305](#))

**7. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to safeguard food production. ([S6O-01306](#))

**8. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the proposed Islands Bond scheme, including when it expects to publish the outcome of its consultation. ([S6O-01307](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)**

**followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation**

**[S6M-05222](#) Ben Macpherson: Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions of the Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 11 May 2022, relating to Special Rules for Terminal Illness for accessing disability benefits, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill**

**[S6M-05235](#) Angus Robertson: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that it is fundamentally unacceptable for the UK Government to unilaterally disapply key parts of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, the signing of which the Prime Minister hailed as a “fantastic moment”; further agrees that by proposing this course of action the UK Government is risking a disastrous trade dispute with the European Union, with damaging consequences for Scotland in the midst of a cost of living crisis and at a time when the UK is in danger of falling into recession, and calls, therefore, on the UK Government to withdraw the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill and restart negotiations with the EU immediately.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-05235.2](#) Donald Cameron: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill**—As an amendment to motion S6M-05235 in the name of Angus Robertson (Northern Ireland Protocol Bill), leave out from “it is fundamentally unacceptable” to end and insert “the Northern Ireland protocol is not working as intended, and calls on both the UK Government and the EU to come to a negotiated settlement so that these problems can be resolved and thereby protect both the integrity of the UK and the EU Single Market, and at the same time ensure that a stable settlement is delivered that safeguards peace in Northern Ireland and allows a return to power-sharing government in the Northern Ireland Executive.”

**[S6M-05235.3](#) Sarah Boyack: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill**—As an amendment to motion S6M-05235 in the name of Angus Robertson (Northern Ireland Protocol Bill), after “recession” insert “; condemns that the Bill breaks international law and risks the integrity of the Good Friday Agreement”.

**followed by Urgent Question: Sandesh Gulhane – To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to new statistics, which show that cancer waiting times against the 62 day standard are at their worst level on record.**

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

**[S6M-05154](#) Ash Regan: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S6M-05254](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 September 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* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 8 September 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: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 September 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* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 14 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 15 September 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 September 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-05254.1 Stephen Kerr: Business Programme**—As an amendment to motion S6M-05254 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after “That the Parliament agrees—” insert—

“(za) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 30 June 2022—

after

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

*followed by* Statement by the Lord Advocate on Independence Referendum Legal Considerations”.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**S6M-05255 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Education, Children and Young People Committee and Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as secondary committees, in consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

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

## 6:30 pm Decision Time

### followed by Members' Business

#### Debate on the subject of—

**[S6M-03994](#) John Mason: Scotland's Companies**—That the Parliament notes the reported probable loss of independent control and headquarter function of two major Scottish companies, namely Stagecoach and John Menzies; understands that Stagecoach, which was founded in 1980, agreed a merger with National Express late in 2021 but that a fund managed by Germany's DWS, which is part of Deutsche Bank, presented a near £600 million offer to take over the company; further understands that John Menzies, which was founded in 1883, has reached an agreement on a £571 million bid from Kuwait-based National Aviation Services; recognises what it sees as a further erosion of large thriving Scottish companies leaving the stock market, which it believes is detrimental to the nation's standing in the corporate world; further recognises what it sees as similar high-profile examples such as McVities in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency; notes the view that Scotland needs to do all that it can to encourage large Scottish companies to keep their independence, and further notes the hope that more Scottish companies see the value of keeping control of their operations in Scotland.



## Committee Meetings

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

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 12th Meeting, 2022

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

- Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
  - PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act, and will take evidence from petitioner Nicola Murray;
  - PE1860: New legislation for Prescription and Limitation Act;
  - PE1864: Increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms;
  - PE1885: Make offering Community Shared Ownership mandatory for all windfarm development planning proposals;
  - PE1902: To allow an appeal process for Community Participation Requests; and
  - PE1917: Provide full legal aid to all parents fighting for access to their children.
- Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
  - PE1930: Ensure customers are always given information on the cheapest possible fare in new Scotrail contract;
  - PE1934: Develop an educational resource on gender-based violence for all year groups in High School;
  - PE1935: Create an Independent Committee to judge whether Scottish Ministers have broken the Ministerial Code; and
  - PE1938: Introduce compulsory microchipping of cats in Scotland.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 18th Meeting, 2022

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

- Town centres and retail (in private):** The Committee will further consider the main themes arising from evidence received during the inquiry, to inform the drafting of its report.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 20th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in [www.scottishparliament.tv](http://www.scottishparliament.tv)

- Bòrd na Gàidhlig:** The Committee will take evidence from—
  - Mairi MacInnes, Chair, Iain MacMillan, Director of Development (interim), and Jim Whannel, Director of Education, Bòrd na Gàidhlig.
- Scottish Attainment Challenge Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.



4. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1

### **Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 22nd Meeting, 2022**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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—  
Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment and Land Reform, Hugh Dignon, Head of Wildlife and Flood Management Unit, Leia Fitzgerald, Team Leader, Wildlife Legislation Team, and Hazel Reilly, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Seed \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2022](#);  
[Meat Preparations \(Import Conditions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2022](#);  
[Vegetable Plant Material and Fruit Plant and Propagating Material \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#).
3. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the European Union Withdrawal Act 2018 Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—  
Aquatic Animal Health (Amendment) Regulations 2022;  
Animals, Food and Feed, Plant Health, Plant Propagating Material and Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) Regulations 2022.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### **Criminal Justice Committee 22nd Meeting, 2022**

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2022](#)  
(SSI 2022/194)
3. **Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider its approach to a call for views on the Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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