

Wednesday 2 March 2022

Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:40pm



Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-03443, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: UK Internal Market Inquiry

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022

followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Strategy for Economic Transformation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-02932 Alasdair Allan: Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland

Committee Meetings

9:00am Education, Children and Young People Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

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

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-03443, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-03443](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 2 March 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Strategy for Economic Transformation

delete

5.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business

1. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it is ensuring that the COVID-19 certification scheme records the vaccination status of people who received their vaccine outwith Scotland. ([S6O-00788](#))

2. Audrey Nicoll: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how its Covid Recovery Strategy is aiming to support the most vulnerable in Scotland's communities. ([S6O-00789](#))

3. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any potential impact on Scotland's Covid Recovery Strategy due to the UK Government's decision to end the legal requirement to self-isolate for people who have tested positive for COVID-19. ([S6O-00790](#))

4. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what cross-government strategies have been identified, as part of its work on COVID-19 recovery, to support any communities and businesses in the Highlands and Islands that have not received any or substantial help throughout the pandemic. ([S6O-00791](#))

5. Christine Grahame: To ask the Scottish Government what resource impact COVID-19 has had on the timetabling and delivery of legislation and other proposals set out in its Programme for Government. ([S6O-00792](#))

6. Finlay Carson: To ask the Scottish Government what additional support and resources it will provide for its actions across government to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. ([S6O-00793](#))

7. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to local authorities to ensure that disabled and partially sighted people are able to participate in the 2022 local government elections. ([S6O-00794](#))

8. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government whether it anticipates any disruption to the administration of the forthcoming local government elections as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. ([S6O-00795](#))

Net Zero, Energy and Transport

1. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce emissions produced by its ministerial cars. ([S6O-00796](#))

2. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government how North Lanarkshire Council and other local authorities are supporting the roll-out of free bus travel for under 22s. ([S6O-00797](#))

3. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase bus usage across the country. ([S6O-00798](#))

4. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it expects to complete the programme of dualling the remaining sections of the A9 between Perth and Inverness. ([S6O-00799](#))

5. Jamie Halcro Johnston: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the procurement of new ferries. ([S6O-00800](#))

6. Joe FitzPatrick: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its action to decarbonise buses. ([S6O-00801](#))

7. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government what support it plans to provide to rural households to transition to net zero heating. ([S6O-00802](#))

8. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with rail unions regarding the nationalisation of ScotRail. ([S6O-00803](#))

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: UK Internal Market Inquiry

[S6M-03389](#) **Clare Adamson on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee: UK Internal Market Inquiry**—That the Parliament notes the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 1st Report 2022 (Session 6), *UK Internal Market Inquiry report* (SP Paper 113).

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022

[S6M-03394](#) **Tom Arthur: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland

[S6M-03393](#) Richard Lochhead: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government’s proposed arrangements for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) are more restrictive than the EU Structural Funds and fail to offer the level of autonomy and influence that the Scottish Government experienced under the EU; believes that the Scottish Government must have an equal role in determining how these funds are used; notes with concern a cross-party report from the Treasury Committee, which estimates that the total value of the UKSPF up to 2024-25 is a 40% reduction on the amount that the UK received under EU structural funds from 2014 to 2020; calls on the UK Government to urgently confirm that Scotland’s allocation of the UKSPF matches its lost EU funding, as promised by the UK Government, given the absence of assurances in the Levelling Up white paper; believes that at least £183 million each year is required to deliver this, and calls for the UKSPF to be fully aligned behind the just transition to a net zero economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-03393.1](#) Liz Smith: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-03393 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “warmly welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to level up every part of the UK and the commitment provided by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, that Scotland’s share of the UK Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund, worth £2.6 billion over the next three years, will at least match the level of EU funds it is replacing; agrees with local authorities across Scotland, which have commended the UK Government for directly funding levelling up projects in their local areas, bringing much-needed investment and employment, and calls on the UK Government, the Scottish Government and local authorities to continue to work together to ensure the effective delivery of future projects.”

[S6M-03393.2](#) Daniel Johnson: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-03393 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "recognises that the UK Government’s proposed arrangements for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund circumvent the devolved settlement; notes that there are increasing regional inequalities across Scotland, including in health, child poverty, income and economic opportunities, which neither the UK Government nor the Scottish Government is adequately tackling; regrets that Scotland’s progress in closing the gap in productivity levels with the UK average has been halted during the last decade; understands that the voluntary sector has highlighted the potential loss of funding compared with previous years and has called for certainty around funding and delivery; notes that both the Scottish and UK governments have a record of centralising control and decision-making on the delivery of funding, and believes that decisions around addressing regional inequalities are best made in the regions and communities where support is needed; calls, therefore, for the Scottish Government to deliver adequate funding for local authorities, and further calls for the UK and Scottish governments to work together constructively to take the urgent action needed to address the regional inequalities in Scotland, and ensure that communities across Scotland receive the additional support and funding that they desperately need."

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Strategy for Economic Transformation

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-03422](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day 2022

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 March 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 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 10 March 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to Report by Independent Advisor on Education Reform

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Ending Conversion Practices

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 March 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 17 March 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 7 March 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.

[S6M-03426](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 April 2022.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-03423](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Aquaculture and Fisheries etc. (Scheme for Financial Assistance) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-03424](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-03425](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (UK Legislation).

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — [S6M-02932](#) Alasdair Allan: Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland

[S6M-02932](#) Alasdair Allan: Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes new research commissioned by Epilepsy Scotland from the Scottish Centre for Employment Research, which highlights the difficulties facing people with epilepsy to find and retain secure employment; understands that Scotland has some of the greatest disability employment gaps in the UK; notes reports that only 36.9% of people with epilepsy in the UK are employed, which it understands is lower than the general disability employment rate of 44.4%; considers that a lack of knowledge about epilepsy and how it is individually experienced is contributing to this significant employment gap; notes the calls for substantial investment in research to improve data and better understand the employment barriers that are facing people with epilepsy in Scotland, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently assess how the strategic framework, A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People, is meeting the needs of people with epilepsy, including in Na h-Eileanan an Iar, and if anything further can be done in the medium to long term to improve rates of employment in this population.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 7th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- 1. Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
Liam Fowley, Vice Chair, the Board, Scottish Youth Parliament;
and then from—
Paul Little, Vice-Chair of the College Principals Group, Colleges Scotland;
Matthew Sweeney, Policy Manager - Children and Young People, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA);
David Belsey, Assistant Secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS);
Diane Stockton, Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Scotland;
John Edward, Director, Scottish Council of Independent Schools;
Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland.
- 2. Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- 3. Evidence Session** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1

Economy and Fair Work Committee 6th 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 items 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2022 from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, Albert King, Chief Data Officer, and Francesca Morton, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
- 3. Subordinate legislation:** Tom Arthur (Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth) to move—
S6M-03050—That the Economy and Fair Work Committee recommends that the Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2022 be approved.
- 4. Registers of Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jennifer Henderson, Keeper of the Registers of Scotland, Registers of Scotland.
- 5. Registers of Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- 6. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of two proposed common frameworks on public procurement and late payment (commercial transactions).

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 7th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/35) from—
Simon Macdonald, Chair, West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group;
Sean McIlwraith, Galloway Static Gear Association;
Alistair Bally Philp, National Coordinator, Scottish Creel Fisherman's Federation;
Elaine Whyte, Executive Secretary, Clyde Fisherman's Association;
and then from—
Professor Michael Heath, University of Strathclyde;
and then from—
Russell Cheshire, Trustee, Community of Arran Seabed Trust;
Alex Watson Crook, Projects Manager, Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust;
Calum Duncan, Convener, Marine Group, Scottish Environment LINK;
David Nairn, Our Seas Coalition;
Phil Taylor, Head of Policy and Operations, The Open Seas Trust.

Criminal Justice Committee 8th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 from—
Ash Regan, Minister for Community Safety, Denise Swanson, Interim Deputy Director Civil Law and Legal System, and Martin Brown, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Regan, Minister for Community Safety, to move—
S6M-03003—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/30)
[Parole Board \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2022](#) (SSI 2022/10)
4. **Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Vicki Bell, Member of the Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
Stuart Murray, Vice-President, Scottish Solicitors Bar Association.
5. **Review of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

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