

Thursday 3 March 2022

Business Bulletin

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Revised at 10:15am



Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-03453, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S6M-03136
Michelle Thomson: International Women's
Day 2022: Break the Bias

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: The
Introduction of the Gender Recognition
Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Justice
System Approach to Risk Management

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to
Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security
Committee

9:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs
and Culture Committee

9:30am COVID-19 Recovery Committee

9:30am Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-03453, today's business will be as follows:

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-03453](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 3 March 2022—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Introduction of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Justice System Approach to Risk Management

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Gordon MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has in place to support World Book Day on 3 March 2022. ([S6O-00812](#))
- 2. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government how many households are waiting for social housing in Central Scotland. ([S6O-00813](#)) R
- 3. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent PricewaterhouseCoopers report showing that Scotland lost on average four shops a day in 2021. ([S6O-00814](#))
- 4. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Historic Environment Scotland is considering criteria that could be used to identify sites that could be left to managed decline. ([S6O-00815](#))
- 5. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is tackling any issues related to high numbers of second homes in some parts of Scotland. ([S6O-00816](#))
- 6. Natalie Don:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made with the UK Government on the devolution of drug legislation to the Scottish Parliament, particularly in relation to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. ([S6O-00817](#))
- 7. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the remediation, including removal and replacement, of unsafe cladding on residential buildings in Scotland, as part of its response to the Grenfell tragedy. ([S6O-00818](#))
- 8. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the creation of a development and recovery agency for Glasgow. ([S6O-00819](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-00843](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-00844](#))
- 3. Miles Briggs:** To ask the First Minister whether she will provide an update on the Scottish Government's plans to replace Carer's Allowance with a devolved benefit. ([S6F-00864](#))
- 4. Gillian Martin:** To ask the First Minister, in light of the steps being taken to return to normality after the COVID-19 pandemic, what extra help is being provided to support people's mental health. ([S6F-00860](#))
- 5. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Information Commissioner's Office recently issuing a reprimand to it and NHS National Services Scotland in relation to the COVID-19 status app. ([S6F-00849](#))
- 6. Emma Harper:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government plans to mark Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2022. ([S6F-00858](#))
- 7. Paul O'Kane:** To ask the First Minister what urgent steps will be taken to address lung disease in Scotland, in light of the reported comments of Asthma + Lung UK Scotland that "the state of lung health in Scotland is shameful, with over 7,000 people dying a year". ([S6F-00854](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business — S6M-03136 Michelle Thomson: International Women's Day 2022: Break the Bias

[S6M-03136 Michelle Thomson: International Women's Day 2022: Break the Bias](#)—That the Parliament recognises 8 March 2022 as International Women's Day (IWD); acknowledges what it sees as the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women through history and around the world; understands that the theme of IWD 2022 is #BreakTheBias, which aims to highlight the impact of bias, both conscious and unconscious, on women and girls and to imagine a world free of bias, stereotype and discrimination; notes the view that it is important for MSPs to reaffirm a commitment to upholding the fundamental human rights of women and girls, while working together to accelerate gender parity in society; further notes the view that it is crucial for influential organisations to reject discrimination and abuse in society and within their own communities, while committing to be positive role models, and notes the calls to collaborate and unite behind the principles of IWD 2022, to ensure equity, diversity and inclusivity, and to break down barriers and forge women's equality in communities in Scotland and across the world.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Affairs and Islands

- 1. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote the welfare of dogs. ([S6O-00804](#))
- 2. Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding food production in Scotland, in light of reported comments by the NFU president that the UK Government is "focused on anything other than domestic food production". ([S6O-00805](#))

3. Evelyn Tweed: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-00806](#))

4. Elena Whitham: To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to dairy farmers to promote sustainability and fairness in the supply chain. ([S6O-00807](#))

5. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with EU governments regarding the use of gene editing in agriculture. ([S6O-00808](#))

6. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with the land reform minister regarding the future funding of Regional Land Use Partnerships.
([S6O-00809](#))

7. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that farms are at the cutting edge of innovation and technology. ([S6O-00810](#))

8. Jackson Carlaw: To ask the Scottish Government how the 2022 regulations on the prohibition of fishing in the Firth of Clyde will impact fishing businesses.
([S6O-00811](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Introduction of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Justice System Approach to Risk Management

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland

[S6M-03420](#) **Angus Robertson: The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland**—That the Parliament believes that public service broadcasting has a valuable role in society and provides vital platforms for the creative economy and cultural richness of the nation; recognises that substantial progress has been made in the last decade in increasing the volume of screen production made in Scotland, and welcomes Screen Scotland's actions to continue to attract productions; notes that broadcasters and producers like the BBC and STV have a vital role in the Scottish screen sector to help develop talent both on and off screen; condemns any efforts to undermine the BBC and Channel 4's operational independence by the UK Government; calls for BBC Scotland to receive a far fairer share of licence fee revenues raised in Scotland, and further calls for the Scottish Parliament's role in BBC Charter Renewal to be respected.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-03420.2](#) **Donald Cameron: The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-03420 in the name of Angus Robertson (The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland), leave out from "condemns any efforts" to "raised in Scotland" and insert "understands the need to review how public service broadcasting is funded so that it is able to continue delivering world-class content in a fair and sustainable way, and believes that all possible funding options should be considered as part of that review".

[S6M-03420.3](#) **Sarah Boyack: The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-03420 in the name of Angus Robertson (The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland), leave out from "calls for BBC Scotland" to end and insert "further

condemns those who seek to undermine trust in the impartiality of British public service broadcasting; supports parity of esteem for Gaelic broadcasting compared with Welsh language broadcasting; calls for funding allocations to prioritise fair funding for fair work, in terms of hours worked and salaries, to ensure that talent is supported in Scotland; encourages the Scottish Government to provide more comprehensive support for freelancers, who make up a significant part of the industry; calls on the UK Government to ensure that broadcasting services that spread propaganda and misinformation, against the principles of public service broadcasting that this nation should defend, are unwelcome in Scotland and the UK, and further calls for the Scottish Parliament's role in BBC Charter Renewal to be respected."

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit Committee 7th 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. **Social Care Briefing:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Antony Clark, Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, and Shelagh Stewart, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
3. **Social Care Briefing:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Antony Clark, Interim Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, and Shelagh Stewart, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 9th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Domestic Violence and Violence against women and girls:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Women's Aid;
Eilidh Dickson, Policy and Parliamentary Manager, Engender;
Davy Thompson, Campaign Director, White Ribbon Scotland;
Laura Tomson, Co-Director, Zero Tolerance;
and then from—
Carolyn Fox McKay, Head of Operations, Girlguiding Scotland;
Mariam Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, Amina - the Muslim Women's Resource Centre;
Alison Davis, Chief Executive Officer, Sahelyia;
Tumay Forster, Outreach Service Team Leader, Shakti Women's Aid.
3. **Domestic Violence and Violence against women and girls:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 7th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Government Resource Spending Review** The Committee will take evidence from—

Sarah Cameron, Development Manager, Social Enterprise Network Scotland.

3. **Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Angus Robertson, the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, on 1 December 2021 (LCM (S6-11)).

COVID-19 Recovery Committee 7th 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 take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Professor Fiona de Londras, Professor of Global Legal Studies, COVID Review Observatory, University of Birmingham;
Professor Paul Hunter, Professor in Medicine, Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia;
Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Westminster Foundation for Democracy;
and then from—
Abbey Fleming, Policy and Communications Lead, Money Advice Scotland;
Jamie MacNeil, Money Matters Advice Service, Social Work Resources, South Lanarkshire Council;
Emerita Professor Donna W McKenzie Skene, School of Law, University of Aberdeen;
David Menzies, Director of Practice, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.
2. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 7th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill :** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
George Adam, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Iain Hockenhull, Elections Bill Team Leader, and David Maclennan, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Wood Panel Industry, and take evidence from—
Fergus Ewing, Convener of the proposed CPG on Wood Panel Industry, Scottish Parliament.
4. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Wood Panel Industry.
5. **Correspondence:** The Committee will consider correspondence it has received.
6. **Citizens' Assembly:** The Committee will consider its approach to a report on the Citizens' Assembly.
7. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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