

Tuesday 27 September 2022

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Chris Jewell, Chief Executive Officer, Ascension Trust (Scotland)

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services

followed by Urgent Question: Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the claim in a BBC report today that the process for awarding the contract for ferries 801 and 802 may have been rigged.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-05590 Kenneth Gibson: Adopt a Road

Committee Meetings

8:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the UK Government's fiscal statement last week. ([S6T-00893](#))

2. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to promote participation in Scotland's Climate Week 2022, which runs from 26 September to 2 October. ([S6T-00876](#))

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services

[S6M-06063](#) Angus Robertson: Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services—That the Parliament notes that the Parliament has previously endorsed a motion calling for the development of a differentiated, more flexible migration policy tailored to meet Scotland's specific needs; celebrates the social, economic and cultural contribution made to Scotland by those who have chosen to live here; notes that the UK Government's own immigration advisers concluded in 2019 that the UK migration system is not very effective in dealing with the particular problems that remote communities experience and recommended the establishment of a pilot scheme to support migration to rural areas, and that this recommendation was accepted by the then Home Secretary in a statement to the House of Commons in July 2019; further notes the distinct demographic challenges that Scotland faces, and that all of Scotland's population growth is projected to come from migration; notes that the independent Expert Advisory Group on Migration and Population concluded in its 2019 report that the demographic challenges for rural areas would be exacerbated by the ending of freedom of movement; further notes that the Fresh Talent scheme introduced in 2005 was a differentiated migration approach for Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to accept the Rural Visa Pilot proposal, which has been jointly developed by the Scottish Government, rural and island local authorities and rural employers, and to engage constructively to support the delivery of Rural Visa Pilots that meet the needs of rural communities.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-06063.3](#) Donald Cameron: Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services—As an amendment to motion S6M-06063 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "celebrates the social, economic and cultural contribution made to Scotland by those who have chosen to live here; acknowledges the Scottish Government's 2021 report, *A Scotland for the future: The opportunities and challenges of Scotland's changing population*, which states that Scotland faces "very significant demographic challenges" and that the reasons for this are multi-faceted; further

acknowledges recent figures from the National Records of Scotland that show that Scotland has the lowest life expectancy in the UK; recognises that rural areas in particular face a significant depopulation crisis; supports an immigration system that assists parts of Scotland that need migration most, in particular, remote and island communities, and believes that a new approach is required to reverse rural depopulation, as well as meet the wider population challenges facing Scotland as a whole."

[S6M-06063.2](#) Daniel Johnson: Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services—As an amendment to motion S6M-06063 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services), insert at end "; notes that there are high levels of economic inequality across the regions of Scotland; acknowledges that investment in housing, jobs, services and infrastructure is necessary to retain existing populations in communities across Scotland, particularly in rural areas, which have faced depopulation in recent years; believes that years of inadequate funding and investment will mean that local authorities will face challenges in providing the necessary infrastructure and services to enable communities to grow; understands that a shrinking working-age population will negatively impact Scotland's budget while an ageing population will place greater demand on health and care services, and calls on the Scottish Government to show the vision and ambition to meet these challenges and use all policy levers available to grow the economy and spread wealth and opportunity across every part of Scotland."

followed by Urgent Question: Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the claim in a BBC report today that the process for awarding the contract for ferries 801 and 802 may have been rigged.

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

[S6M-05590](#) Kenneth Gibson: Adopt a Road—That the Parliament notes calls on local authorities to consider introducing the Adopt a Road initiative, which, it understands, works successfully across North America; understands that such a scheme offers individuals, organisations, companies and volunteer groups the opportunity to contribute to their community and local area by taking responsibility for a length of road, usually in the vicinity of the sponsoring group or person, from one junction to the next and that, while no money changes hands, the sponsor agrees to keep the sponsored road free of litter and reasonably clean, contacting the local authority to uplift any refuse gathered, having given at least 24 hours' notice; further understands that such a scheme recognises sponsors through the provision of signs on the sponsored road, which are designed, provided and erected by the local authority; understands that the programme

originated in the United States when an engineer for the Department of Transportation sought the help of local groups to sponsor the cleaning of sections of the highway, as litter pick-up by the local authority was too expensive to undertake as often as was necessary; is aware of reports that, as of 2021, more than 120,000 California residents have participated in the initiative to remove litter and graffiti, plant trees and wildflowers, and clear vegetation along over 15,000 shoulder miles of roadside, and notes the view that such a scheme could be successfully piloted in North Ayrshire and other local authorities across Scotland.

Committee Meetings

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

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 24th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 8:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 27th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** James Dornan will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
3. **Winter Planning:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jeff Ace, Chief Executive, NHS Dumfries and Galloway;
Dr Jennifer Armstrong, Medical Director, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;
Dr Adam Coldwells, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Strategy, NHS Grampian;
and then from—
Caroline Lamb, Chief Executive for NHS Scotland and Director-General for Health and Social Care, Donna Bell, Director for Social Care and National Care Service Development, and Alex McMahon, Chief Nursing Officer, Scottish Government;
John Burns, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[The Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2022](#) and [The Food Information \(Transitional Provisions\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#)
5. **Winter Planning:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **Inquiry into female participation in sport and physical activity:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 23rd Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Social Housing Charter: November 2022 from—
Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights, and Michael Boal, Social Housing Charter & Regulation, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights, to move—
S6M-05578— That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Scottish Social Housing Charter: November 2022 be approved.

4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, Alastair Dee, Area Manager, and Colin MacBean, Deputy Director, More Homes Division, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#)
6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Short-Term Lets:** The Committee will consider correspondence.
8. **Understanding barriers to local elected office:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
9. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to proposed legislation on rent freeze and evictions moratorium.
10. **Allotments:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 24th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Scotland's public finances in 2023-24: the impact of the cost of living and public service reform:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
Alison Douglas, Chief Executive, Alcohol Focus Scotland;
Polly Tolley, Director of Impact, Citizens Advice Scotland;
Catherine Murphy, Executive Director, Engender;
Clare Reid, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Scottish Council for Development and Industry;
Aaron Hill, Director of Policy and Membership, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;
David Lonsdale, Director, Scottish Retail Consortium;
Stephen Smellie, Depute Convener, UNISON Scotland.
2. **National Performance Framework: Ambitions into Action (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 25th Meeting, 2022

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Ben Macpherson, Minister for Social Security and Local Government; Gareth Fenney, Head of Heat Networks & Investment; Philip Raines, Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change; and Ian Storrie, Head of Local Government Finance, Scottish Government.
3. **Programme for Government:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Donald Henderson, Deputy Director, Natural Resources; Anne Martin, Head of Transport Strategy & Coordination; David Pratt, Head of Marine Planning and Development; and Philip Raines, Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government.

4. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy:** The Committee will consider a draft letter.
5. **The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2 and at its meetings on 21 June and 20 September.
6. **Programme for Government:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 24th Meeting, 2022

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Oliver Mundell will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lady Ann Paton, Chair, Scottish Law Commission;
Emeritus Professor George Gretton, Lord President Reid Professor of Law at the University of Edinburgh and former Scottish Law Commissioner;
Professor Andrew Steven, Chair of Property Law at the University of Edinburgh and former Scottish Law Commissioner.
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Homeless Persons \(Suspension of Referrals between Local Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2022](#) (SSI 2022/Draft)
[Social Security \(Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/Draft)
5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/274 (C.14))
[Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 9 and Saving and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2022](#) (SSI 2022/275 (C.15))
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments\) 2022](#) (SSI 2022/277)
6. **Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on UK Ministers in devolved areas in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation).
7. **Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

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