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Business Bulletin

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Chamber Desk Arrangements during the February Recess

From Monday 13 February to Thursday 16 February the Chamber Desk will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and to 3.30 pm on Friday 17 February. Normal opening arrangements will resume on Monday 20 February.

Portfolio Questions and General Questions 22 and 23 February 2023

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions and General Questions on 22 and 23 February is 12 noon on Monday 13 February. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day.

Members selected will have until 12 noon on Wednesday 15 February to submit their questions. The submitted questions will appear in the Questions section of the Business Bulletin on Monday 20 February 2023.

The Portfolios for questions that week will be Rural Affairs and Islands, and Health and Social Care (Wednesday 22 February), and Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Thursday 23 February).

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Carol Wilde, Communication Director Scotland, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Teacher Numbers and Children's Learning Hours at School

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-07485 Martin Whitfield: UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:00am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-07834](#) 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—

(a) Tuesday 7 February 2023—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Teacher Numbers and Children's Learning Hours at School

(b) Wednesday 8 February 2023—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: A9 Dualling Update

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to bring the strike action by teachers to an end. ([S6T-01164](#))

2. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that M&Co will close all of its 170 stores, resulting in almost 2,000 job losses. ([S6T-01171](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Teacher Numbers and Children's Learning Hours at School

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case

[S6M-07805](#) Ben Macpherson: Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case—

That the Parliament notes the updated social security programme business case; recognises the delivery of 12 Scottish social security benefits, seven of which are new forms of support only available in Scotland, including the Scottish Child Payment, which is a vital part of the collective national mission to tackle child poverty; acknowledges the imminent payment of the Scottish Government's 13th benefit, the Winter Heating Payment, which, in 2022-23, will provide 415,000 low-income households with a reliable £50 payment, and thereafter an annual reliable payment, backed by approximately £20 million; acknowledges the UK Government's contribution to the joint programme of delivery of Scottish Government benefits, and that the commitment of both governments will be required to deliver the programme business case; looks forward to the introduction of further Scottish Government benefits; agrees that social security is an essential investment in the people of Scotland; appreciates the important financial support that Scottish Government benefits provide to people, particularly during the current cost of living crisis, and welcomes the record investment of £5.2 billion in benefit expenditure in 2023-24, which will provide meaningful support to over one million people, including low-income households, disabled people and carers.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-07805.1](#) Jeremy Balfour: Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07805 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case), insert at end “; acknowledges that the Parliament was only given sight of the updated social security programme business case one day before it was debated; notes that the Winter Heating Payment will not be paid to many households until March 2023, which will likely be after the worst of the winter weather is over, and affirms that the Scottish Government's social security programme has run over budget and over time and, in many cases, has underdelivered for the people of Scotland.”

[S6M-07805.2](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Update on the Social Security Programme Business

Case—As an amendment to motion S6M-07805 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish Government has ceded control of vital benefits to the Department for Work and Pensions until the second half of the decade, creating a further year's delay for hundreds of thousands of potential recipients of Scottish benefits; further notes that costs for delivering the

social security programme are spiralling out of control, with higher than predicted estimates for IT and staffing; acknowledges that the Scottish Government's changes to the winter payment will leave many people in Scotland out of pocket over winter, during a cost of living crisis; calls on the Scottish Government to commit to no one losing out financially from its new Winter Heating Payment, and notes that the lack of transparency on plans to fund increased costs of Social Security Scotland's implementation have led to the inability of key organisations such as Audit Scotland to properly scrutinise Scottish Government policy."

followed by Committee Announcements

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-07485](#) Martin Whitfield: UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament notes that 16 March 2023 will mark two years since, it considers, the Scottish Parliament committed to delivering a “revolution in children’s rights”, by unanimously passing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; believes that, by taking what it sees as a maximalist approach to incorporating children’s rights into Scots law, Scotland would deliver a fundamental cultural shift that would transform the life chances and outcomes for children and young people, including in the South Scotland region; understands that the Bill was passed after over 10 years of campaigning by children, young people and their families, and was supported by children’s organisations across Scotland; acknowledges reports that the passage of the Bill was celebrated widely by children and young people through to teachers, social workers, the police, MSPs across all political parties and members of UN committees; accepts that the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom ruled that the Bill needs to be amended to bring it within the competence of the Scottish Parliament; welcomes the Deputy First Minister’s commitment to address the Supreme Court judgment through the Scottish Parliament’s reconsideration process; acknowledges the view that children and young people still do not know what timescale the Scottish Government is working to, or how long this process will take, and understands that, as the second anniversary of the Bill being passed approaches, charities are urging MSPs to set out to children their continued commitment to the incorporation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots law and to supporting reconsideration of the Bill that brings it within the Parliament’s competence, and are requesting that the Scottish Government sets out a timescale for the reconsideration process so that children and young people know when UNCRC incorporation will be a reality in their lives.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 5th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Charlie Bethune, Valproate Scotland;
Marie Lyon, Chair, Association for Children Damaged by Hormone Pregnancy Tests;
Fraser Morton, Individual;
Irene Oldfather, Director of Strategy and Engagement, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
Bill Wright, Chair, Haemophilia Scotland;
and then from—
Rosemary Agnew, Ombudsman, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman;
Alison Cave, Chief Safety Officer, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency;
Dr Arun Chopra, Medical Director, Mental Welfare Commission Scotland;
Dr Anna Lamont, Medical Director, Procurement Commissioning and Facilities, NHS National Services Scotland;
Simon Watson, Medical Director, Healthcare Improvement Scotland.
3. **Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Inquiry into female participation in sport and physical activity:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 4th Meeting, 2023

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 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2023:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Cliff Hague, Chartered Town Planner and Chair, Cockburn Association;
Rob Dickson, Director of Industry and Destination Development, VisitScotland;
Gillian McNaught, Legal Manager, Licensing and Democratic Services, Glasgow City Council;
Ailsa Raeburn, Chair, Community Land Scotland;
Gary Somers, Solicitor, Licensing, Highland Council;
and then from—
Julia Amour, Director, Festivals Edinburgh;
Fiona Campbell, Chief Executive, Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers.
3. **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2023:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

4. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 5th Meeting, 2023

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 items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023](#) [draft] from—
Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, Carolyn Boyd, Solicitor, Charles Holmes, Head of Extended Producer Responsibility, and Tirion Rees Davies, Senior Policy Officer, Extended Producer Responsibility, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Lorna Slater (Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity) to move—[S6M-07583](#)—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 be approved.
4. **A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Hibbert, Technical Superintendent, Marine Services, Orkney Islands Council;
Cllr Moraig Lyall, Chair, ZetTrans and Chair, Environment and Transport Committee, Shetland Islands Council;
and then from—
Murray Bain, Project Manager, Corran Ferry, The Highland Council;
Russell McCutcheon, Executive Director, Place, North Ayrshire Council;
Scott Reid, Marine Operations Manager, Argyll and Bute Council;
Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Chair, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Packaging Waste \(Data Reporting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/007)
6. **A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 4th Meeting, 2023

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 item 4 in private.
2. **Inquiry into Race Inequality in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Suzanne Munday, Gypsy / Traveller Service Lead, MECOPP;
Farah Farzana, Race Equality Mainstreaming Officer, CEMVO Scotland;
Danny Boyle, Senior Parliamentary and Policy Officer, BEMIS;
Jatin Haria, Executive Director, CRER.
3. **Inquiry into Race Inequality in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence, in a roundtable format, from—
Trishna Singh OBE, Director, Sikh Sanjog;

Pinar Aksu, Human Rights and Advocacy Coordinator, Maryhill Integration Network;
Graham O'Neill, Policy Manager, Scottish Refugee Council;
Pervin Ahmad, Strategic Development Manager, Saheliya;
Mariam Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, AMINA - Muslim Women's Resource Centre.

4. **Inquiry into Race Inequality in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 2 and 3.
5. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from The Rt Hon Alister Jack, Secretary of State for Scotland, UK Government.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 5th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2023-24:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's response to its Budget Scrutiny 2023-24 report from—
John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery, Alison Cumming, Director of Budget and Public Spending, and Lorraine King, Deputy Director, Tax and Revenues Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 5th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#)(SSI 2023/Draft)
[Alcoholic Beverages, Fruit and Vegetables \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Amendment of Expiry Dates and Rent Cap Modification\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Independent Child Trafficking Guardians\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/18)
[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/19)
[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/20)
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/21)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Commencement No. 5\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/17)

5. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—
George Adam, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Rachel Rayner, Deputy Legislation Co-ordinator, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, and Susan Herbert, Head of Subordinate Legislation Team, Parliament and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.
6. **Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Government and the UK Government on the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on UK Ministers and Scottish Ministers in devolved areas in the Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation). The Committee will also consider a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum recently lodged in relation to the Bill.
8. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

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