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Business Bulletin

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Revised at 2:50pm



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Updated Guidance volumes

The Parliament's Guidance on Committees has been updated and expanded, and now incorporates guidance for conveners (previously published separately).

The Guidance on Private Bills and the Guidance on Hybrid Bills have been updated with new Presiding Officer determinations on the contents of Environmental Statements required for certain Private and Hybrid Bills. These determinations are set out in Annex N of the Guidance on Private Bills and Annex L of the Guidance on Hybrid Bills.

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Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Mike Gargrave, Minister, Thornliebank Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Economy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Retail and Town Centres in Scotland

followed by Urgent Question: Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the constitution secretary reportedly referred to the statistic that Scotland has 25% of Europe's offshore wind resources at a meeting with European delegates on 4 October and in newspaper columns of 17 and 18 October 2022, in light of an email indicating that officials had advised that the statistic was inaccurate on 28 September 2022.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-07857 Joe FitzPatrick: Celebrating LGBT+ History Month

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

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Mike Gargrave, Minister, Thornliebank Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it can provide to the investigation into the capsizing of the tugboat, MV Biter, on the River Clyde on 24 February. ([S6T-01218](#))

2. Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when the Deposit Return Scheme will launch. ([S6T-01200](#))

followed by Economy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Retail and Town Centres in Scotland

[S6M-07942](#) **Claire Baker on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee : Retail and Town Centres in Scotland**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy and Fair Work Committee's 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6), *Inquiry into Retail and Town Centres in Scotland* (SP Paper 268).

followed by Urgent Question: Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason the constitution secretary reportedly referred to the statistic that Scotland has 25% of Europe's offshore wind resources at a meeting with European delegates on 4 October and in newspaper columns of 17 and 18 October 2022, in light of an email indicating that officials had advised that the statistic was inaccurate on 28 September 2022.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-08062](#) **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) Wednesday 1 March 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Dementia Strategy

insert

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 2 March 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Policing in Scotland – 10 Years on from Reform

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-08062.1](#) Stephen Kerr: Revision to Business Programme—As an amendment to motion S6M-08062 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme" insert "*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Teacher Strikes".

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-08063](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Referral of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

5:00 pm Decision Time

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

[S6M-07857](#) Joe FitzPatrick: Celebrating LGBT+ History Month—That the Parliament recognises that February is LGBT+ History Month; notes that LGBT+ History Month exists to raise awareness of the LGBT+ community's history and promote equality; welcomes the theme for 2023 LGBT+ History Month, "Behind the Lens", which aims to celebrate LGBT+ people's hard work and contributions made to the production of film and cinema from "behind the lens", such as directors, producers, cinematographers, screenwriters, costume designers, musical score composers,

choreographers, special effects artists, makeup artists, set designers, lighting specialists, sound specialists, and support staff, such as caterers; further welcomes LGBT+ History Month's celebration of people in all their diversity, through raising awareness and tackling prejudice with education; understands that LGBT+ History Month is coordinated by LGBT Youth Scotland, a national charity aimed at promoting health and wellbeing among LGBTQIA young people aged 13 to 25 across the country, hosting in-person and online events in partnership with other organisations; wishes all involved every success in their endeavours, and notes the call for everyone to support the campaign and raise awareness of the part that everyone can play in making Scotland a fairer, just and more equal society for all.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 7th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 6th 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 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on —
The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Dates and Rent Cap Modification) Regulations 2023; and
The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act (Early Expiry and Suspension of Provisions) Regulations 2023 from—
Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights ,
Yvonne Gavan, Team Leader, Housing Services and Rented Sector Reform Unit,
Adam Krawczyk, Head of Housing, Homelessness and Regeneration, Communities Analytical Division, Poppy Prior, Lawyer, and Yvette Sheppard, Head of Housing Services and Rented Sector Reform Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights to move—S6M-07703— That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Dates and Rent Cap Modification) Regulations 2023 be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Early Expiry and Suspension of Provisions\) Regulations 2023](#)
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#)
5. **Community Planning Inquiry: Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment Act 2015:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;
Stuart Graham, Representative , Community Planning Network;
Tim McKay, Deputy Chair, Accounts Commission;
and then from—
David Allan, Deputy Director, Scottish Community Development Centre;
Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance;
Kirsty McNeill, Policy and Research Officer, Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (CRER);
Ruth Whatling, Head of Policy and Equality, Homeless Network Scotland.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

7. **Community Planning Inquiry: Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment Act 2015:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Understanding Barriers to Local Elected Office:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence.
9. **Review of Local Governance:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 7th 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 item 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023](#) [draft] from—
Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, Aedan MacRae, Energy Policy Officer, and Robert Martin, Team Leader, Electricity Security, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Michael Matheson (Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport) to move—[S6M-07677](#)—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.
4. **A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Morag McNeill, Chair, Kevin Hobbs, Chief Executive Officer, James Anderson, Director of Vessels, and Ramsay Muirhead, Director of Port Infrastructure and Planning, Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited;
and then from—
Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport, Scottish Government;
Laurence Kenney, Head of Ferries Policy, and Chris Wilcock, Head of Ferries Unit, Transport Scotland.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#) [draft] from—
Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport, Scottish Government;
Gary McIntyre, Economic Adviser, and Debbie Walker, Operations and Business Manager, Transport Scotland.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenny Gilruth (Minister for Transport) to move—[S6M-07689](#)—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.
7. **A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4 and at its meeting on 21 February 2023 under agenda item 4.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 7th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Crime \(International Co-operation\) Act 2003 \(Designation of Participating Countries\) \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
[Health and Care \(Staffing\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Restriction of Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/28)
[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/29)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/30)
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/31)
[Road Works \(Reinstatement Quality Plans, Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/33)
[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development and Use Classes\) \(Scotland\) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/35)
[Council Tax \(Exempt Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/36)
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/37)
[Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax \(Discounts\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/38)
[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/39)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 6th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Public petitions: PE01787** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government on petition PE01787, on the use of Makaton sign language in the legal system.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider future business.

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