

Wednesday 7 June 2023

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-09390, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Prioritising Scottish Tourism

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:40 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-09106 Mark Ruskell: Transforming Local Bus Services

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**9:30am** Education, Children and Young People Committee

**10:00am** Criminal Justice Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

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### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S6M-09390](#) 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 7 June 2023—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

- Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to Pakistan, following the severe flooding that the country experienced in 2022. ([S6O-02324](#))
- Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting community-based facilities in the West Scotland region to preserve Scottish culture and heritage. ([S6O-02325](#))
- Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported comments by Scottish Opera, regarding the disbanding of an orchestra due to the lack of young people in the industry. ([S6O-02326](#))
- Bill Kidd:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02327](#))
- Paul O'Kane:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting local theatres. ([S6O-02328](#))
- Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of Creative Scotland's total awards funding was allocated to the Highlands and Islands in the last financial year. ([S6O-02329](#))
- Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in establishing a Peace Institute by the end of 2022, as set out in its 2021-22 Programme for Government. ([S6O-02330](#))
- Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to accelerate the reopening of any sites that are currently closed due to inspections by Historic Environment Scotland. ([S6O-02331](#))

#### Justice and Home Affairs

- Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government when the next regular review of the *Sentencing young people* guidelines is due to take place. ([S6O-02332](#))

2. **Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how forthcoming legislation will advance the rights of child victims of crime. ([S6O-02333](#))
3. **Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the introduction of whole life sentences as an option for judges in relation to the most serious offences. ([S6O-02334](#))
4. **Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Act 2021 has assisted the police in responding to reports of assault, threat or abuse of retail workers. ([S6O-02335](#))
5. **Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that police officers are fully resourced. ([S6O-02336](#))
6. **Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it will put in place to support women in the immediate days and weeks after they leave a coercive and abusive relationship. ([S6O-02337](#))
7. **Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether there are any gaps in Scots law in relation to tackling image-based sexual abuse. ([S6O-02338](#))
8. **Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the second appliance at Methil Fire Station will be withdrawn from service by 4 September 2023. ([S6O-02339](#))

#### followed by Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme

#### followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers

[S6M-09339](#) **Liam Kerr: A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers**—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that oil and gas plays in Scotland's energy mix and in supporting tens of thousands of Scottish jobs, particularly in the north east; condemns Labour Party plans to ban new production from the North Sea, and the Scottish Government's stated presumption against new exploration for oil and gas in the North Sea, contained in the Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan; acknowledges that there is a climate emergency and that the Scottish Government must deliver on carbon emissions targets and achieve net zero by 2045, but further acknowledges that a just transition for workers to green jobs, so that no communities are left behind, cannot be achieved without the investment, innovation and skills from the oil and gas sector and support for the North Sea industries, and calls, therefore, for the Labour Party to reverse its opposition, and for the Scottish Government to remove its presumption from the Draft Energy Strategy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-09339.3](#) **Neil Gray: A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers**—As an amendment to motion S6M-09339 in the name of Liam Kerr (A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers), leave out from "vital" to end and insert "role that is played by oil and gas in the energy profile of Scotland, the tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, and the essential contribution that the sector's skilled workforce must make to Scotland's present and future energy security; recognises that the draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan sets out a future energy pathway for Scotland and highlights that, to realise its climate change ambitions, Scotland needs to transform the way it generates, transports and uses energy; notes that the Scottish Government has consulted on whether, in order to support the fastest

possible and most effective just transition, there should be a presumption against new exploration for oil and gas, with a final decision to be made later in 2023; acknowledges that huge progress has been made in the energy transition in the last 20 years; reiterates its firm commitment to ensuring a just transition and that just transition principles are embedded in legislation; calls, therefore, on the UK Government to support the fastest possible just transition for the oil and gas sector; expresses deep disappointment that the UK Government has repeatedly refused to match the Scottish Government's £500 million Just Transition Fund for the north east and Moray, despite benefitting to the tune of hundreds of billions of pounds at today's prices over decades from North Sea oil and gas, and calls on the UK Government to support the deployment of carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) for the Scottish Cluster to capitalise on Scotland's competitive advantage, including its world-leading workforce, who will drive forward the just transition and help industry to decarbonise at pace."

**[S6M-09339.2](#) Sarah Boyack: A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers**—As an amendment to motion S6M-09339 in the name of Liam Kerr (A Thriving Future for Scotland's Oil and Gas Sector and its Workers), leave out from "condemns" to end and insert "believes that the only way to break out of 13 years of rising energy bills and energy insecurity is to decisively move to clean, cheap, homegrown power, with a full range of energy sources; agrees that oil and gas production in the North Sea will continue for decades to come and the skills of the oil and gas workforce will be crucial to delivering this energy transformation; understands that it is vital that a phased and responsible transition is delivered and that partnership with government, business and workers will be crucial to achieving this, while managing existing oil fields for the entirety of their lifespan; further understands that the Labour Party announcement of the Green Prosperity Plan would mean an annual £28 billion investment into clean energy and green technology, which would ensure the creation of hundreds of thousands of good jobs, with decent wages, in Scotland and the UK for the decades ahead, and would give people working in energy security for the future, while transforming the UK into a clean energy superpower, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver on carbon emissions targets and achieve net zero by 2045."

### **followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Prioritising Scottish Tourism**

**[S6M-09340](#) Liz Smith: Prioritising Scottish Tourism**—That the Parliament believes that the tourism sector is a crucial element in the future sustainability of the Scottish economy; regrets the SNP-Scottish Green Party administration's failure to prioritise tourism, and the weaknesses in Scotland's infrastructure with the resulting detrimental effect on connectivity across rural and island areas, including failures in ferry services and the delay in progressing the dualling of both the A9 and the A96; notes the concern amongst the hospitality sector about the introduction of a visitor levy; condemns the flawed short-term lets policy and an anti-business agenda, which has resulted in additional costs and red tape for those across the tourism sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward an urgent blueprint to address the deep-seated concerns of the tourism sector and its related industries.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-09340.2](#) Neil Gray: Prioritising Scottish Tourism**—As an amendment to motion S6M-09340 in the name of Liz Smith (Prioritising Scottish Tourism), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "welcomes the role that Scotland's world-class tourism offering plays in creating jobs, sustaining communities and enhancing appreciation of the outstanding natural environment and cultural assets right across the country; notes that there were an estimated 3.2 million overseas visits to Scotland in 2022, which is only 7% lower than in 2019, whereas the comparable figure for

the rest of the UK remained 25% below 2019; further notes that the proposed legislation for a visitor levy will provide local authorities with the powers to raise additional revenue if they choose and that revenue will be invested in improving services, with benefit for both visitors and the wider community in their area, further strengthening Scotland's tourism offer; considers that energy costs, the need to cut VAT, the impact of high inflation and the impact of Brexit on labour shortages are the key issues facing the Scottish tourism sector; calls on the UK Government to use its reserved powers in a manner that supports rather than hampers Scottish tourism, and notes that all the signs are that 2023 will be a successful year for Scotland's tourism sector."

**[S6M-09340.1 Daniel Johnson: Prioritising Scottish Tourism](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-09340 in the name of Liz Smith (Prioritising Scottish Tourism), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "understands that the economic crisis and cost of living are impacting the tourism industry at a time when it is still recovering from previous shocks; notes with concern the flaws in the Scottish Government's short-term lets policy and the issues raised by businesses in the tourism sector; recognises the need for a more joined-up and proactive economic strategy, which takes into account the reality that Scottish retail, tourism and leisure businesses are operating in, including an assessment of the impact of existing Scottish Government policy decisions on the sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward an urgent blueprint to address the concerns of business in the tourism sector and related industries."

### **followed by Business Motions**

**[S6M-09361 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme](#)**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2022-23

*followed by* Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: College Regionalisation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 14 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

*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 15 June 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn

*followed by* Debate on the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 June 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

7.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 June 2023

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: Social Justice

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 12 June 2023, 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-09362](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 January 2024.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-09363](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

**followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**5:40 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**

**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-09106](#) Mark Ruskell: Transforming Local Bus Services**—That the Parliament considers that buses have a critical role in tackling the climate emergency, building a fairer transport system, and improving access to opportunities; believes that the roll-out of the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme has inspired a new generation of bus users, with, it understands, over 62 million journeys made so far; commends the work of community groups, such as the Glenfarg Community Transport Group, for transforming bus networks where they live and providing local communities with lifeline services; recognises what it sees as the central role of communities and local authorities in strengthening public transport connections and breaking the cycle of decline in bus services, including by using powers available through the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019;

understands that section 34 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 provides local transport authorities the ability to set up their own publicly-owned bus services, and welcomes the Scottish Government's Community Bus Fund, which aims to provide start-up funding to empower local transport authorities to transform local bus services where they live.



## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 18th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Just Transition for the Grangemouth area (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 18th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the SSI 2023/142: The Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from—  
Graeme Dey, Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans, and Nicola Nisbet, Head of Strategic Policy, SAAS, Scottish Government;  
Magdalene Boyd, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1
3. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

### Criminal Justice Committee 18th Meeting, 2023

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 Police Negotiating Board for Scotland (Constitution, Arbitration and Qualifying Cases) Regulations 2023 [draft] from—  
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Peter Jamieson, Police Division, Graham Thomson, Police Division, and Louise Miller, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs) to move—  
S6M-08783—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Police Negotiating Board for Scotland (Constitution, Arbitration and Qualifying Cases) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

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