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# 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** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas

**followed by** Urgent Question: Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further explanation of the removal of the previously announced £46 million of funding for universities and colleges in Scotland.

**followed by** Business Motions

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**5:20 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-07369 Sharon Dowey: Impact of Long-term Historical Site Closures Managed by Historic Environment Scotland

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

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

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

**10:00am** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy

- 1. Mercedes Villalba:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made on the Energy Skills Passport for offshore energy workers. ([S6O-02164](#))
- 2. Kenneth Gibson:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02165](#))
- 3. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the recommendations of the independent review into women in entrepreneurship in Scotland. ([S6O-02166](#))
- 4. Jim Fairlie:** To ask the Scottish Government what its latest engagement has been with the UK Government regarding financial pressures that households in Scotland are facing as a result of energy costs. ([S6O-02167](#))
- 5. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it anticipates that the reported closure of Tayside Aviation will have on the financial sustainability of Dundee Airport and associated Tay Cities Deal funding. ([S6O-02168](#))
- 6. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its interim goals of reaching 50% of disabled people in employment by 2023 and 60% in employment by 2030. ([S6O-02169](#))
- 7. Gordon MacDonald:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02170](#))
- 8. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the regeneration and development of Granton Waterfront. ([S6O-02171](#))

#### Finance and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated from its Budget to cover the costs of its challenge of the decision of the UK Secretary of State for Scotland to issue an order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 in respect of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill. ([S6O-02172](#))
- 2. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government what financial assessment has been made of any impact on the capital budget of delays in delivering infrastructure projects. ([S6O-02173](#))
- 3. Meghan Gallacher:** To ask the Scottish Government how much it has allocated from its Budget to cover any additional costs resulting from the delay to the Deposit Return Scheme. ([S6O-02174](#))
- 4. Bill Kidd:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02175](#))
- 5. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support responsible and ethical tax collection practices. ([S6O-02176](#))
- 6. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact assessment it has undertaken regarding any reductions to core funding allocations in its Budget for third sector organisations. ([S6O-02177](#))
- 7. Alex Rowley:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02178](#))
- 8. Willie Coffey:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02179](#))

## followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party

**[S6M-08764 Douglas Ross: Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party](#)**—That the Parliament believes that the First Minister, as leader of the governing party of Scotland, should make a statement to the chamber of the Scottish Parliament about the governance of the Scottish National Party (SNP); agrees that these are matters of public interest and should be properly scrutinised and debated in the national parliament; notes that the Scottish Government has lacked transparency and openness in its administration of government across Scotland; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to end its pre-release access of statistics, deliver a more transparent budget process, give arm's-length bodies control over information publication, publish a transparency list of public sector officials who earn more than the First Minister, set swifter publication dates for ministerial expenses and transport dates and improve scrutiny of breaches of the ministerial code, and condemns the SNP for its lack of candour about its membership and governance, and for its abject failure to concentrate on the priorities of the people of Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-08764.2 George Adam: Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-08764 in the name of Douglas Ross (Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "agrees that good governance and transparency are matters of the utmost importance; believes that democracy is best served when all political parties are transparent on their party membership and sources of income; recognises the improvements made to the transparency and openness of the Scottish budget process as a result of cooperation between the Scottish Government and parliamentary committees; welcomes the upcoming review of the Chief Executive Pay Framework and encourages all parties to clearly lay out their position on public sector pay policy ahead of the annual budget process; calls on all political parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to refuse and return any donations from unincorporated associations that do not publish their sources of funding in full; believes that all political parties should refuse to nominate their donors for any form of honour bestowed by the Crown, including membership of the House of Lords; recognises that the only parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to have published up-to-date membership numbers are the Scottish National Party and the Scottish Green Party, and calls on the leaders of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Scottish Labour Party and Scottish Liberal Democrats, in the interests of democracy and transparency, to publish their membership numbers as a matter of urgency."

**[S6M-08764.1 Jackie Baillie: Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party](#)**—As an amendment to motion S6M-08764 in the name of Douglas Ross (Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party), insert at end "; believes that the culture of secrecy, spin and cover-up has no place in good government; considers that there is a need to strengthen the ability of the Parliament to hold the governing party to account, and so calls for a limit on the number of MSPs who can take up cabinet secretary or ministerial roles in government and the creation of binding sanctions for breaches of the Ministerial Code, and supports the introduction of parliamentary privilege for MSPs, the election of committee conveners by the whole Parliament, stronger powers for parliamentary committees to compel the provision of evidence and the appearance of witnesses, and a right of recall for MSPs who have been convicted of a crime or face serious sanction by the Scottish Parliament."

## followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas

**[S6M-08766](#) Rachael Hamilton: Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas**—That the Parliament values the £560 million that fishing contributes to Scotland's economy and the communities that rely on that industry; recognises fish and shellfish as Scotland's climate-smart food; further recognises that the fishing industry has worked constructively with the Scottish Government for many years on the network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) covering 37% of Scotland's seas; notes that the Scottish Government's plans to arbitrarily designate 10% of Scotland's waters as Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs) with no scientific basis, or proper analysis of any ecological justification; further notes the significant concerns of the fishing sector as a whole and the coastal communities that rely on it, in relation to the Scottish Government's HPMA proposals and that those proposals have failed to gain the support of coastal communities and that many local authorities also oppose them; notes the lack of any baseline, reliable methodology or modelling and a lack of suitable indicators for assessing their impact; believes that the HPMA policy is at odds with the Scottish Government's own established cycle of reviewing the MPA network that has been carefully and rigorously developed, and calls upon the Scottish Government to fundamentally reconsider its HPMA proposals and the timeframe for their introduction.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-08766.3](#) Màiri McAllan: Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas**—As an amendment to motion S6M-08766 in the name of Rachael Hamilton (Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas), leave out from "the Scottish Government's plans" to end and insert "Scotland is in the midst of a climate and nature crisis and that decision-makers must be prepared to take action commensurate with the scale of that challenge, including enhanced marine protection, through a fair and just transition; believes that Scotland's seas must remain a source of economic prosperity for the nation, especially in remote, coastal and island communities; recognises the considerable strength of feeling on Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs); highlights that no sites have been selected, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to work with island and coastal communities, including the fishing sector, throughout the site selection process to ensure that their views are listened to and understood; notes the Scottish Government's commitment that it will not impose HPMAs on communities that are vehemently opposed to them; understands that comparable levels of high protection are found internationally, and that Scotland's proposals are similar to the EU's commitment; notes the clear evidence base that shows the positive impact that enhanced marine protection makes, once in place, on recovering ecosystems and supporting a sustainable fishery sector; believes that the experience of the Lamlash Bay no-take zone has shown the benefits for both the marine environment and the people who rely on it; remains committed to supporting Scotland's fishing sector, which plays such a key role in contributing to the country's economic prosperity, especially in remote, rural and island communities, and believes that the real threat to the Scottish fishing industry is the continuing adverse impacts of Brexit and the UK Government's immigration policies."

**[S6M-08766.1](#) Rhoda Grant: Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas**—As an amendment to motion S6M-08766 in the name of Rachael Hamilton (Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas), insert at end “, and urges the Scottish Government to work with fishing communities and economies that have safeguarded the seas for generations to support and empower them to protect these fishing grounds for future generations, and to ensure that appropriate exclusions are put in place to benefit local communities and economies without being to the detriment of the marine environment.”

**[S6M-08766.2](#) Liam McArthur: Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas**—As an amendment to motion S6M-08766 in the name of Rachael Hamilton (Reconsidering Highly

Protected Marine Areas), insert at end “; recalls the passing of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, which allows for the ‘island proofing’ of legislation, meaning that the needs of island communities must be taken into consideration when creating policy or legislation, and believes that this approach must be followed in relation to Highly Protected Marine Areas.”

**followed by Urgent Question: Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further explanation of the removal of the previously announced £46 million of funding for universities and colleges in Scotland.**

### **followed by Business Motions**

#### **S6M-08795 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* The Coronation of King Charles III and The Queen

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Europe Day 2023 – The Scottish Government’s Commitment to Remain Aligned with EU Laws

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Transforming Justice in Scotland – Person-centred and Trauma-informed Approaches for Victims and Witnesses

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 10 May 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 1 Debate: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 11 May 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: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 May 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 17 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 18 May 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 Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 May 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.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-08796](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Keith Brown be appointed to replace Fergus Ewing as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

**[S6M-08797](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

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

**5:20 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-07369](#) Sharon Dowey: Impact of Long-term Historical Site Closures Managed by Historic Environment Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of historic sites to communities across the South Scotland region, and the rest of Scotland; believes that any long-term closures to sites managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) could have a severe impact for Scotland’s tourism industry, and a devastating impact on any communities and businesses that rely on these attractions being fully open; understands that the heritage sector is a vital part of Scotland’s tourism industry, and considers that it is responsible for attracting millions of visitors from around the world to Scotland each year; further understands that 60 historical sites managed by HES are closed, and that the inspection programme is expected to conclude in April 2024; recognises what it sees as the need to address the shortage of skilled labourers, such as stonemasons; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to make additional funding available to accelerate the reopening of closed sites, and further notes the view that it is vital that all efforts are made to secure the long-term viability of Scotland’s historic sites.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 7th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Foysol Choudhury will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
  - PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act
  - PE1928: Provide free rail travel for disabled people who meet the qualifications for free bus travel
  - PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme
  - PE1945: Ban the extraction and use of peat for horticulture and all growing media by 2023
  - PE1946: To call on the Scottish Government to pay all charges for homeless temporary accommodation
  - PE1949: Review the rules concerning Dual Mandate MSPs
  - PE1971: Take Robust Action to Stop Motorcycle Theft
3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
  - PE2003: Prohibit reward systems in fast food chains
  - PE2004: Abolish the use of Public Private Partnerships in Scotland
  - PE2005: Formal response to the annual Adoption Barometer Report in Scotland
  - PE2006: Review and simplify the legislation in relation to dismissal of property factors
4. **Public Participation Inquiry** The Committee will consider issues arising from the inquiry, in order to inform drafting of its report

### Criminal Justice Committee 13th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Consequential Modifications, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 [draft] and on correspondence from the Minister, from—

Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Mary Hockenhull, Safer Communities Policy, Fiona McDiarmid, Unit Head, Building Safer Communities, and Clare McKinlay, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—

S6M-08408—That the Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Consequential Modifications, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Designation of Events and Incidental Provision\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/98)



5. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Education, Children and Young People Committee.
6. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its initial approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 13th 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 the main themes arising from evidence received during the inquiry to inform the drafting of its report.
2. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Convener of the Public Audit Committee.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider a call for views on the impact of proposed Royal Mail service changes and associated industrial action on businesses in Scotland.

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 13th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise, Brendan Rooney, Bill Manager, Deborah Nolan, Bill Team Professional Adviser, Hazel Crawford, Head of Children's Residential Care Unit, and Barry McCaffrey, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it has heard on the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 13th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Rhoda Grant will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Claire Calder, Head of Public Affairs, Dogs Trust;  
Sam Gaines, Head of Companion Animals, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA);  
Gilly Mendes-Ferreira, Director of Innovation and Strategic Relations, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
3. **Petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Future agriculture policy (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

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