

Thursday 16 November 2023

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-11310, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10827 Paul O'Kane: Dying in the Margins

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Personal Statement: Michael Matheson

followed by Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service Contract

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate:
Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

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11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the ADHD medication shortages, as referred to in the National Patient Safety Alert of 27 September. ([S6O-02736](#))
- 2. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its plans for a Human Rights Bill. ([S6O-02737](#))
- 3. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to carry out its commitment to put community audiology services on a par with free community eye care services. ([S6O-02738](#))
- 4. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Transport Scotland about motorway gantry signage ahead of winter. ([S6O-02739](#))
- 5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the role that peatland plays in climate change mitigation and adaptation. ([S6O-02740](#))
- 6. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will publish a delivery plan for improvements to the A75 and A77 trunk roads. ([S6O-02741](#))
- 7. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of UK Government migration policy on Scotland's economy and workforce. ([S6O-02742](#))
- 8. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any impact that preventable illnesses have on the Scottish economy. ([S6O-02743](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02528](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02529](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S6F-02537](#))
- 4. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the impact of the Low Emission Zone in Glasgow. ([S6F-02550](#))
- 5. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the First Minister whether he will provide an update on when the Scottish Government will review its ban on alcohol consumption on ScotRail train services. ([S6F-02532](#))
- 6. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the First Minister what immediate action the Scottish Government is taking to address the reported crisis in social care, in light of the letter from the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland stating that the social care pay uplift is insufficient. ([S6F-02538](#))

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-10827](#) Paul O'Kane: Dying in the Margins—That the Parliament welcomes the University of Glasgow and Marie Curie research project, *Dying in the Margins*, as well as *The Cost of Dying* photography exhibition taken from the project; understands that the project ran from 2019 to 2023, and was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI); further understands that the project shed light on what it sees as the profound effect that people's socio-economic circumstances can have on their end of life experience; understands that, as part of the project, participants who were living with a terminal illness were photographed by Margaret Mitchell to create images conveying aspects of their end of life experience, and were given a camera to document their end of life experience themselves; considers that the project highlights the important challenges that are faced by people with a terminal illness who are living with poverty, and what it sees as structural disadvantage, including, but not limited to, unsuitable housing, energy costs and lack of income support; commends the bravery of the project's participants, their families and carers, who documented their lives at, it considers, the most challenging time, to inform the public conversation around improving the end of life care for those living with poverty, including those in the West Scotland region, and what it sees as structural disadvantage; recognises the expertise of those who worked on the project, including University of Glasgow researchers, Dr Naomi Richards and Dr Sam Quinn, University of Auckland researcher, Professor Merryn Gott, and Marie Curie Head of Research and Innovation, Dr Emma Carduff; notes that the photography exhibition will be displayed in the Scottish Parliament on the week commencing 13 November 2023, and further notes the encouragement for MSPs to visit it and consider how they can tackle some of the issues that it raises.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-11310](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 November 2023—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

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Education and Skills

1. Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what clarification on teacher number arrangements will be provided to local authorities this year. ([S6O-02728](#))

2. James Dornan: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02729](#))

3. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to increase the number of probationer teachers choosing the preference waiver scheme. ([S6O-02730](#))

- 4. Alex Rowley:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether schools should publish monthly reports on any reported incidents of abusive and violent behaviour. ([S6O-02731](#))
- 5. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its planning for skills and training provision, what information it has on the skills needs of Scotland's economy in specific vocations over the next five years. ([S6O-02732](#))
- 6. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on when it last met with Fife Council education officials, and what was discussed. ([S6O-02733](#))
- 7. Foysol Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to help schools to support children who wish to pursue a career in the culture and arts sector. ([S6O-02734](#))
- 8. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the provision of electronic devices to all school pupils to support their studies. ([S6O-02735](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service Contract

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach

[S6M-11153](#) Clare Adamson on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee: **Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6), *Culture in Communities: The challenges and opportunities in delivering a place-based approach* (SP Paper 431).

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-11305](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: **Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Colin Smyth be appointed to replace Mercedes Villalba as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 31st Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **The Scottish Government's Policy of EU Alignment – Annual Reports 2023:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Elliot Robertson, Head of EU Secretariat, and George Macpherson, Head of EU Policy and Alignment, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Greig Walker, Retained EU Law Act Management Lead, and David MacLennan, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture to move—S6M-10876—That the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee recommends that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.
5. **Touring Artists:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alice Black, Scottish Live Events branch, BECTU;
Sam Dunkley, Acting Regional Organiser, Musicians' Union;
Alistair Mackie, Chief Executive, Royal Scottish National Orchestra;
Lisa Whytock, Director, Active Events;
Ewan Robertson, Board Member, Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland.
6. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2 and item 5.

Public Audit Committee 29th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda item 3 in private.
2. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Mike Burns, Chief Executive, Penumbra Mental Health;
Derek Frew, Temporary Chief Superintendent, Head of Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing, Police Scotland;
Stephen Low, Policy Officer, UNISON;
Christiana Melam, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Link Workers;
Anne Rowan, Founder, Chris's House;
Dr Pavan Srireddy, Vice Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland;
Dr Chris Williams, Deputy Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland.
3. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 29th 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 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Lucy Kenyon, Non-executive Director and Past-President, iOH, The Association of Occupational Health and Wellbeing Professionals;
Professor Ewan Macdonald, Chair of the Academic Forum for work and health, which the Society of Occupational Medicine hosts.
3. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committees will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Poverty and Inequality Commission Appointment Process:** The Committee will further consider its response to the Scottish Government's Poverty and Inequality Commission Appointment Plan.
5. **Child Poverty and Parental Employment Inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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