

Thursday 23 November 2023

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

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-11227 Martin Whitfield: Keeping the Promise Oversight Board Report

2:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Urgent Question: Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support those affected by the decision of Petroineos to close its refinery.

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

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Committee Meetings

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9:30am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress towards addressing the reported concerns raised by local residents about HMP Stirling. ([S6O-02773](#))
- 2. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it has in place to reduce disruption to public services due to severe winter weather. ([S6O-02774](#))
- 3. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government how many civil servants worked on the production of the latest *Building a New Scotland* paper on immigration and EU policy. ([S6O-02775](#))
- 4. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how many health services across the Highlands and Islands have been downgraded or lost entirely over the last 16 years. ([S6O-02776](#))
- 5. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when the education secretary last met with Renfrewshire Council, and what issues were discussed. ([S6O-02777](#))
- 6. Bob Doris:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-02778](#))
- 7. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with third sector agencies to improve outcomes for vulnerable people. ([S6O-02779](#))
- 8. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the roll-out of HPV home testing and plans to prevent and eradicate cervical cancer. ([S6O-02780](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02551](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-02552](#))
- 3. Edward Mountain:** To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government policy to require households to replace their fossil fuel boilers with heat pumps or other green energy systems in off gas properties from 2025 and in on gas areas from 2030 is still going ahead. ([S6F-02557](#))
- 4. Alasdair Allan:** To ask the First Minister what support the Scottish Government is providing to households that are experiencing the pressure of increased energy bills, in light of Citizens Advice Scotland launching its Worried This Winter awareness campaign. ([S6F-02572](#))
- 5. Sue Webber:** To ask the First Minister what work is being done to support the expanding role of the GP surgery. ([S6F-02562](#))
- 6. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Autumn Statement. ([S6F-02554](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11227](#) Martin Whitfield: Keeping the Promise Oversight Board Report—That the Parliament notes that on 16 March 2021 the Scottish Parliament committed to delivering what it considers a “revolution in children’s rights”, by unanimously passing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; acknowledges *The Promise Oversight Board Report Two*, which was published in June 2023; notes that the report examines three thematic areas, including education, brothers and sisters and homelessness; further notes the Oversight Board’s concern that Keeping the Promise is not being fully considered and implemented across all relevant policy areas; notes the findings of the report, which highlight the challenging financial landscape facing local authorities and the fears that resources focus more on supporting existing services, rather than upscaling to meet the aims of The Promise; further notes the request in the report for greater evidence that funding is not being used to simply mitigate cuts, and for a strategic investment plan to deliver the required change so that at least 5% of all community-based health and social care spend will be on preventative whole-family support measures by 2030; notes the view that all care experienced children and young people must have a range of individual in-school relationships that they can trust and rely on, with school staff being trauma-informed and using nurture practices, and school moves avoided; further notes the view, according to the report, that there must be more data transparency on informal exclusions, as well as on the use of limited timetables and attendance data specifically for care experienced young people, and that reduced timetables must be reviewed regularly and must not become another form of exclusion, with care experienced young people being supported in attending and attaining all subjects, at all levels; notes the belief that, where living with their family is not possible, children must stay with their brothers and sisters, where it is safe to do so, so that they belong to a loving home; understands that care experienced people have more than double the chance of experiencing homelessness, usually before their 30th birthday; notes the view that more must be done so that there are housing pathways for care experienced young people, including restarting the prevention pathway for care leavers; further notes that, according to the report, “care experienced” is not defined in statute and that this is expected to be rectified in the Scottish Government’s forthcoming The Promise Bill; notes the view that it is important to recognise all types of care experience and to understand what it means for the individual person and their family so that their experiences are not discounted, and further notes the belief that Keeping the Promise is non-negotiable and that any delay would not keep the promise made to children, families and the care experienced community, including in the South Scotland region.

2:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

1. **Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body under what circumstances Fairtrade products are used in catering in the Scottish Parliament. ([S6O-02785](#))
2. **John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consider having a third exhibition area, in light of there being considerable demand for such spaces. ([S6O-02784](#))
3. **Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body how the Staff Cost Provision uprating for 2024-25 will be calculated. ([S6O-02795](#))
4. **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what difficulties there are, if any, in recruiting staff for jobs in the Scottish Parliament. ([S6O-02781](#))

5. Kate Forbes: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will provide an update on its work to ensure that the crèche facility can offer more than four hours per week per child. ([S6O-02747](#))

6. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body when SPCB staff were notified by Michael Matheson of his holiday to Morocco and intention to take a parliamentary device abroad. ([S6O-02796](#))

7. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what its position is on whether the £3,000 used from Michael Matheson's office expenses for roaming charges constituted value for money, as required of all expense claims under the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme. ([S6O-02788](#))

8. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what consideration it has given to allowing events to start in the Parliament building while Members' Business debates are ongoing. ([S6O-02790](#))

9. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body when the most recent energy efficiency assessment of the Scottish Parliament building was completed, and what the results were. ([S6O-02782](#))

10. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body when it will make a decision on the Staff Cost Provision uprating for the financial year 2024-25. ([S6O-02786](#))

11. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what discussions it has had regarding support for children and young people from rural areas to visit the Scottish Parliament. ([S6O-02746](#))

12. Paul O'Kane: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what mental health support it has in place for SPCB and MSP staff, and what work it has done to promote available resources. ([S6O-02787](#))

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

1. Daniel Johnson: [Withdrawn] ([S6O-02765](#))

2. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the just transition secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding whether a national strategy for battery energy storage system sites could form part of Scotland's plans for a just transition. ([S6O-02766](#))

3. Sharon Dowey: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce accidents and improve overall safety on the A77. ([S6O-02767](#))

4. Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the effectiveness of the British Transport Police on Scotland's railways. ([S6O-02768](#))

5. Fulton MacGregor: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce air pollution levels in urban towns such as Coatbridge. ([S6O-02769](#))

6. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making towards achieving a circular economy, including through the development of the wind turbine decommissioning sector. ([S6O-02770](#))

7. Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support the development of hydrogen fuelling infrastructure for use by heavy goods vehicles and other roadgoing heavy machinery. ([S6O-02771](#))

8. Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that Low Emission Zones do not have any negative impact on disabled people and carers. ([S6O-02772](#))

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[S6M-11381](#) **Pam Duncan-Glancy: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-11416](#) **George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Extension**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 9 February 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit Committee 30th 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Hannah Axon, Policy Manager, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA);
Simon Burt, General Manager, Mental Health and Learning Disability Services, Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership;
Pamela Cremin, Chief Officer, Highland Health and Social Care;
Fiona Davies, Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board (also representing the Health and Social Care Scotland Chief Officer network);
Richmond Davies, Head of Public Health Analytics and Intelligence, Public Health Scotland;
Jillian Galloway, Acting Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership;
Jo Gibson, Head of Wellbeing and Recovery, East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership;
Tracey McKigen, Services Director, Royal Edinburgh and Associated Services, NHS Lothian.
3. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Mark MacPherson, Audit Director, and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Adult mental health:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 30th 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 3 in private.
2. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
John McKenzie, Regional Secretary, Fire Brigade Union (Scotland);
Mike Corbett, National Official (Scotland), NASUWT;
Norman Provan, RCN Scotland's Associate Director, Employment Relations, Royal College of Nursing;
Linda Somerville, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;
Lorna Glen, Unite Regional Officer, Scotland, Unite the Union;
and then from—
Anna Ritchie Allan, Executive Director, Close the Gap;
Ian Tasker, Chief Executive, Scottish Hazards;
Tony Higgins, President, PFA Scotland;

Professor Andrew Watterson, Occupational and Environmental Health Researcher, University of Stirling.

3. **Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill:** The Committees will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 19th 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 item 3 in private.
2. **The Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—
George Adam, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Iain Hockenhull, Elections Bill Team Leader, Jill McPherson, Freedom of Information, and Steven Macgregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Evidence Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 32nd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Historic Environment Strategy:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Bryan Dickson, Head of Buildings Conservation Policy, National Trust for Scotland;
Caroline Clark, Director for Scotland, National Lottery Heritage Fund;
Ailsa Macfarlane, Director, Built Environment Forum Scotland;
Lucy Casot, Chief Executive Officer, Museums Galleries Scotland;
Jocelyn Cunliffe, Acting Chariman, Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland;
Elaine Ellis, Skills Planning Manager, Skills Development Scotland;
Caroline Warburton, Destination Development Director (Central and North East), VisitScotland.

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