

Tuesday 24 October 2023

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 1:20pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-10948, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Father Krzysztof Garwolinski, Parish Priest of St Patrick's Shieldmuir and St Thomas' Wishaw

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** First Minister's Statement: Gaza and Israel

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter 2023-24 and Ongoing Resilience Across Health and Social Care

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Transvaginal Mesh

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Committee Announcement: Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee inquiry into the human rights of asylum seekers in Scotland

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**6:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-10526 Collette Stevenson: Challenge Poverty Week 2023

### Committee Meetings

**9:15am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**9:15am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**9:30am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:30am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**10:30am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**S6M-10948 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(i) Tuesday 24 October 2023—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: Gaza and Israel

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(ii) Wednesday 25 October 2023—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Response to Storm Babet

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(iii) Thursday 26 October 2023—

after

*followed by* Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill - UK Legislation

(b) that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be considered by the Parliament;

(c) for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

### **followed by Topical Questions**

- 1. Audrey Nicoll:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the impact of Storm Babet on communities in Aberdeenshire, Angus, Tayside and Perthshire. ([S6T-01591](#))
- 2. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the statement issued by COSLA that the handling of the recent announcement about the council tax freeze undermined the spirit and the letter of the Verity House Agreement. ([S6T-01598](#))
- 3. Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the recently announced Centre of Teaching Excellence. ([S6T-01590](#))

### **followed by First Minister's Statement: Gaza and Israel**

### **followed by Ministerial Statement: Planning for Winter 2023-24 and Ongoing Resilience Across Health and Social Care**

### **followed by Scottish Government Debate: Transvaginal Mesh**

[S6M-10915 Jenni Minto: Transvaginal Mesh](#)—That the Parliament welcomes the report of the independent Transvaginal Mesh Case Record Review; acknowledges the severe and painful complications endured by women after the implantation of transvaginal mesh and regrets that their trauma may have been exacerbated by initial service responses that doubted their lived experiences; notes the continuing improvement in support, informed by the views of affected women, offered by the specialist mesh surgical service at the New Victoria Hospital in Glasgow in

particular and NHS Scotland in general, in ways well aligned with the recommendations of Professor Britton's review; further notes the Chief Medical Officer's request of NHS boards to sustain good practice in the seeking and recording of patients' informed consent and to be assured locally that affected women are able to access the national mesh removal referral pathway, and supports the Scottish Government's continuing commitment to offering women a choice of surgeon, if mesh removal surgery is considered appropriate, and to reimbursing women who had previously arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S6M-10915.1 Tess White: Transvaginal Mesh**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10915 in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “recognises that waiting times for mesh-injured women accessing the specialist mesh surgical service are significant and that urgent action is required by the Scottish Government and NHS National Services Scotland to reduce long waits; notes with concern that affected women must be seen by a local urogynaecologist within their NHS board before being referred to specialist services and that a GP referral is not available; further notes that the referral pathway is lengthy and complex, especially relating to independent providers and post-operative care; urges the Scottish Government to implement the full recommendations of Professor Britton's review to improve the support and outcomes available for women affected by surgical mesh, including the implementation of a new register for patients; requires the Scottish Government to report back to the Scottish Parliament on progress towards the implementation of the review's recommendations, including on how the management of women's healthcare and the communication of treatment implications are being addressed by NHS boards; seeks assurances that there will be a patient role in shaping how services supporting mesh-injured women are provided, and calls for clarity around the reimbursement arrangements for women who have arranged qualifying mesh removal surgery privately.”

**S6M-10915.2 Jackie Baillie: Transvaginal Mesh**—As an amendment to motion S6M-10915 in the name of Jenni Minto (Transvaginal Mesh), insert at end “; is concerned by the long waits for a first appointment at the Complex Mesh Surgical Service, whilst some women have reported a lack of clarity around accessing the full range of support available for mesh-related injuries; regrets that not all of the recommendations of the reviews by Professor Britton have been implemented; agrees that a realistic medicine approach is essential going forward, where patients are empowered and supported to be in control of their healthcare, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will eradicate long waits for appointments and ensure that women affected by transvaginal mesh are informed and able to easily access the range of support available, which should be person-centred and trauma-informed ongoing care, and to publish both a strategy for increased surgical training and capacity building in alternative procedures to mesh, and data on waiting times for alternative procedures.”

## followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation

**S6M-10916 Shona Robison: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in Part 3 – Chapter 1, Part 6, Part 12 and Schedules 14-15 and 25 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 May 2022 and subsequently amended, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by **Committee Announcement: Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee inquiry into the human rights of asylum seekers in Scotland**

followed by **Business Motions**

followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**6:00 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-10526](#) Collette Stevenson: Challenge Poverty Week 2023**—That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2023, which is coordinated by the Poverty Alliance, Scotland's anti-poverty network, and which runs from 2 to 8 October; notes that activities, events and actions will take place across Scotland to highlight the realities of, and solutions to, poverty, as well as increasing public support for tackling poverty; understands that the week emphasises the importance of a number of key policy asks, to help to unlock people from the grip of poverty, including the role of communities, access to food and adequate incomes; believes that over one million people in Scotland, including 250,000 children, are living in the grip of poverty and that the ongoing cost of living crisis continues to pull even more into hardship; notes the view that governments, politicians, civil society and communities all have a role to play in solving poverty; understands that particular groups of people, including low-paid women, lone parents, disabled people and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds are disproportionately experiencing poverty; notes the view that poverty in Scotland can be solved by utilising all levers to boost incomes and reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis; further notes the view that people in Scotland support action to end poverty and believe in compassion and social justice; celebrates the work undertaken by organisations and communities across Scotland to stem what it sees as the rising tide of poverty, and notes the view that people across Scotland, including all MSPs, should attend and support events and activities in their areas to mark Challenge Poverty Week 2023.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 30th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 to 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 from— Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Tom Ferris, Chief Dental Officer, Ailsa Garland, Principal Legal Officer, and Tim McDonnell, Director of Primary Care, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#)  
[Health and Care Professions Council \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Rules Order of Council 2023](#)
4. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Eddie Follan, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care, COSLA;  
Eddie Fraser, Chief Executive, East Ayrshire Council, SOLACE Scotland;  
Professor Soumen Sengupta, Director of Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Health and Social Care Scotland Chief Officers.
5. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.
6. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care.
7. **Vaping:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny.
8. **Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 29th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jim Fairlie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
3. **MV Glen Sannox (Hull 801) and MV Glen Rosa (Hull 802):** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Andrew Miller, Chairman, and David Tydeman, Chief Executive Officer, Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Ltd.
4. **Documents subject to Parliamentary control:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment](#) (SG 2023/162)
5. **Environmental governance:** The Committee will consider the responses it received from stakeholders regarding their views on Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment:

Statutory Guidance (SG 2023/162) and the Scottish Government's recent report on the Effectiveness of Environmental Governance Arrangements.

6. **MV Glen Sannox (Hull 801) and MV Glen Rosa (Hull 802):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
7. **Climate change and net zero:** The Committee will consider whether to seek approval for the appointment of an adviser on climate change and net zero issues.
8. **Environmental regulation (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 3 October 2023 under agenda item 4.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 28th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Parking Prohibitions \(Enforcement and Accounts\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
  - [Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights and Lebanon\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/268)
  - [Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Conservation Bodies and Rural Housing Bodies\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Order 2023](#) (SSI 2023/278)
  - [National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/281)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
  - [Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment\)\(Witness Citations in Solemn Proceedings\) 2023](#) (SSI 2023/276)
5. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Esther Robertson, Author of Fit for the Future, Report of the Independent Review of Legal Services Regulation in Scotland;  
and then from—  
Rachel Wood, Executive Director of Regulation, The Law Society of Scotland;  
Morag Ross KC, Faculty of Advocates.
6. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
8. **Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Bill.
9. **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

## Finance and Public Administration Committee 26th Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Charlie Devine, Service Manager - Waste Partnership, Dundee City Council;  
Kirsty McGuire, Waste Manager, South Lanarkshire Council;  
Jim Jack, Head of Operational Services, West Lothian Council.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 24th 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Fiona Campbell, Chief Executive, Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers;  
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy and External Affairs, Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses;  
Ben Edgar-Spier, Head of Regulation and Policy, Sykes Cottages;  
David Weston, Chair, Scottish Bed and Breakfast Association (SBBA);  
Stephen Young, Head of Policy, Scottish Land and Estates;  
and then from—  
Sarah Allanson, Policy and Membership Director for Scotland and Northern Ireland, British Holiday and Home Parks Association;  
Neil Ellis, Chair, Edinburgh Hotels Association;  
Simon McGrath, Head of Communications and External Relations, The Camping and Caravanning Club;  
Margo Paterson, Chief Executive, Hostelling Scotland;  
Frank Whittaker, Chair, Aberdeen City & Shire Hotels Association (ACSHA).
3. **Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter on Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

## Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 20th Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will take evidence from members of the Whole Family Equality Project.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Emma Roddick, Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees, Rob Priestley, Head of Mainstreaming and Strategy Unit, Directorate of Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights, and Fi Robertson, Head of Scottish Budget Team, Directorate of Budget and Public Spending, Scottish Government.



4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 2 and 3.

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