

Tuesday 16 April 2024

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 12:55pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-12864, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Superior of the Jesuits in Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement:  
Implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Scotland's International Culture Strategy

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion:  
Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-12617 Oliver Mundell: Putting Langholm on the Map

### Committee Meetings

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

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

**9:30am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:00am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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**2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Superior of the Jesuits in Scotland**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-12864](#) 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—

(a) Tuesday 16 April 2024—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 18 April 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

and insert

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*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Committee Scotland Report: Next Steps

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**[S6M-12864.1](#) Meghan Gallacher: Revision to Business Programme**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12864 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Committee Scotland Report: Next Steps" insert—

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Cass Review

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time".

### followed by Topical Questions

- 1. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will next review the New Build Heat Standard. ([S6T-01924](#))
- 2. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its pledge to provide a free bike to every school-age child who cannot afford one. ([S6T-01914](#))

### followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021

### followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's International Culture Strategy

[S6M-12845](#) **Angus Robertson: Scotland's International Culture Strategy**—That the Parliament welcomes the publication on 28 March 2024 of *Inspiring Connections: Scotland's International Culture Strategy*; recognises the central importance of international engagement, collaboration and exchange to Scotland's culture and creative sector, cultural innovation and financial health; further recognises that the impacts of Brexit and inflation pressures driven by UK Government decisions have had a detrimental impact on the sector's international activity; acknowledges that COVID-19 has also exacerbated these impacts; notes the strong starting position for this strategy, with Scotland's culture and creative sector's global reputation and existing connections; further notes that this strategy recognises the challenges posed by the importance of international cultural activity and the need to achieve net zero by 2045; recognises the role that the culture and creative sector can play in addressing Scotland's role in colonialism and slavery, and agrees that this strategic approach to supporting international connections can play an important role in the sector's long-term development.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-12845.2](#) **Meghan Gallacher: Scotland's International Culture Strategy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12845 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's International Culture Strategy), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “believes that Scotland's culture is among the most vibrant in the world and should be promoted internationally; recognises that some of the points in the International Culture Strategy can help to promote Scotland's culture overseas, but that the document provides another forum for the Scottish Government to promote independence and grievance-mongering; further recognises that local tourism and cultural services have not reopened or are being forced to close, and compels the Scottish Government to dedicate more time to restoring Scotland's cultural sector.”

[S6M-12845.1](#) **Neil Bibby: Scotland's International Culture Strategy**—As an amendment to motion S6M-12845 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's International Culture Strategy), insert at end “; recognises the urgent need for a touring agreement with the EU to ease the regulatory burden on internationally touring artists and musicians; notes the significant concerns of the culture sector at the closure of and threats to a variety of festivals across Scotland due to a lack of funding; believes that Scotland's festivals are an integral part of both domestic and international culture strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to convene an urgent summit

with the culture sector to discuss how to protect and support Scotland's festivals with sustainable and predictable funding as part of its commitment to more than double culture funding over the next five years."

### followed by **Legislative Consent Motion: Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation**

**[S6M-12834](#) Jim Fairlie: Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in Part 1, Chapter 6, clause 40, Part 2, Chapter 1, clauses 46 to 49 and 51, Part 5, clauses 82 to 85, 87 to 90 and Schedule 6 of the Automated Vehicles Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023 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 Announcements**

### followed by **Business Motions**

### followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-12865](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Thursday 18 April 2024.

### **5:30 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-12617](#) Oliver Mundell: Putting Langholm on the Map**—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the outstanding efforts of local campaigners in the Muckle Toon to ensure that Langholm is not forgotten when it comes to vital road signage on the trunk road and motorway network; celebrates what it considers the passion and dedication of many local individuals and organisations who work tirelessly to raise the profile of Langholm; understands that it has an extremely proud history and many claims to fame, including its Common Riding, textile heritage, links to Neil Armstrong, the Border Reivers, natural capital, including incredible scenery, walks and wildlife, and what it sees as a number of outstanding local businesses, such as Latimer's of Langholm, as well as being home to the *Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser* and so much more; considers that Transport Scotland does not have sufficient flexibility when it comes to making sure that trunk roads work for local people and understands that this has caused frustration among local residents; recognises the reported concerns voiced by many smaller, more remote and rural communities that they are often not served well by the trunk road network; notes the calls for Transport Scotland and operating companies to do more to support communities in encouraging drivers to stop and take advantage of the many services and visitor attractions available; welcomes that some progress has been made in relation to enhanced signage for Langholm but

understands that the town is still absent from signs on the M74, and that residents believe that the signage remains inadequate on the A7 itself; notes the belief that all communities on trunk roads should be better supported and funded when it comes to brown tourism signs; further notes the view regarding the A7 corridor that more work is needed to promote the Borders Historic Route and all its communities and attractions; recognises what it sees as the importance of the visitor economy and tourism in protecting local livelihoods and addressing rural depopulation, and notes the view that there are many untapped opportunities for the Scottish Government and its agencies to do more to get behind proactive communities like Langholm.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Finance and Public Administration Committee 13th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Katy MacMillan, Director, Research Scotland.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 11th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Colin Beattie MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
3. **Building Safety and Maintenance and Housing to 2040:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Joe Brown, Deputy Director of More Homes, and Laura Dougan, Unit Head of Housing Strategy and Delivery, Better Homes Division, Scottish Government.
4. **Building Safety and Maintenance and Housing to 2040:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Community Wealth Building (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at its last meeting.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 13th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2, 3 and 5 in private.
2. **Resources and Waste Common Framework:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
3. **Net zero - Strengthening the scrutiny process:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.
4. **Climate Change People's Panel:** Not before 11:20 am, the Committee will take evidence on the report of the Scottish Parliament People's Panel reviewing the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 from—  
Scott Cruikshank, Participant, Louise Franklin, Participant, David Harrold, Participant, Elil Jeyakumar, Participant, Kevin Roarty, Participant, and Karen Shakespeare, Participant, People's Panel.
5. **Climate Change People's Panel:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 12th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Alexander Stewart will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
3. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Patrick Layden KC TD, former lead Commissioner, and Charles Garland, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Law Commission.
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Sea Fisheries \(Remote Electronic Monitoring and Regulation of Scallop Fishing\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)  
[Transport Partnerships \(Transfer of Functions\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment \(Denmark\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/101)
6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment\) \(National Security Prevention and Investigation\) 2024](#) (SSI 2024/84)  
[Avian Influenza \(Preventive Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/87)
7. **Scottish Languages 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. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

## Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 11th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Scottish Social Services Council \(Appointments, Procedure and Access to the Register\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
3. **Scrutiny of proposed National Outcomes:** The Committee will consider a draft approach.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its future work programme.

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