

Tuesday 9 January 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Professor Bob Akroyd, Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Urgent Question: Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the administrators of Stewart Milne Group following the news that the firm, which employs over 200 people, has been placed into administration.

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: How Devolution is Changing Post-EU

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-10378 Jeremy Balfour: Addressing the Availability of Changing Places Toilets

Committee Meetings

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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1. Foyso! Choudhury: To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to ensure that all people who were potentially wrongfully convicted as a result of the reported Horizon scandal are supported in coming forward if they wish for their conviction to be overturned. ([S6T-01726](#))

2. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reconsider its position on further regulating the ownership of American XL bully dogs in Scotland, in light of reports that widespread rehoming from England to Scotland is raising public safety and animal welfare concerns. ([S6T-01718](#))

3. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide funding for grants for those households and businesses flooded during Storm Gerrit, in light of it providing such funding for those affected by Storm Babet. ([S6T-01721](#))

followed by Urgent Question: Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the administrators of Stewart Milne Group following the news that the firm, which employs over 200 people, has been placed into administration.

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: How Devolution is Changing Post-EU

[S6M-11698](#) **Clare Adamson on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee: How Devolution is Changing Post-EU**—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): *How Devolution is Changing Post-EU* (SP Paper 453).

followed by Committee Announcements

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5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-10378](#) Jeremy Balfour: Addressing the Availability of Changing Places Toilets—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of providing Changing Places toilets in suitable locations across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, to ensure that the country is as accessible and inclusive as possible; notes that the Scottish Government, in its 2021-22 Programme for Government, set out to “invest £10 million to increase the number of Changing Places toilets across the country”, but notes with concern reports that no fund has yet been set up to allow this budget to be allocated; further notes that the UK Government made a similar commitment in its 2021 budget to invest £30.5 million in a Changing Places toilet fund and has already allocated the first round of funding, which amounted to £23.5 million, and is now in the process of allocating the further £7 million to complete its programme, on target, by the end of the financial year 2023-24; notes the comments made by the Scottish Government Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport in June 2023, in relation to the Petition PE2027, which is currently being considered by the Scottish Parliament, who stated that “funding for the construction of Changing Places Toilets has not yet been allocated and the timeframes for the distribution of this funding have not yet been announced”, and further notes the calls urging the Scottish Government to open this promised fund to ensure that Scotland is welcoming and accessible for all people with disabilities who require a Changing Places toilet.

Committee Meetings

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 1st Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 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 and 4 in private.
2. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (draft Delivery Plan):** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Caroline Brown, Director of Scotland, Ireland and English Regions, Royal Town Planning Institute;
Sarah Cowie, Policy Manager, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Ailsa Raeburn, Chairperson, Community Land Scotland;
Dr Hannah Rudman, Co-Lead, Scottish Nature Finance Pioneers;
Dr Paul Walton, Head of Habitats and Species, RSPB Scotland;
Bruce Wilson, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Scottish Wildlife Trust.
3. **Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (draft Delivery Plan):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 1st Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2024-25:** The Committee will take evidence from—
João Sousa, Deputy Director, Fraser of Allander Institute;
Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling;
and then from—
Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland;
Dr Jenny Peachey, Senior Policy Advocate, Carnegie UK;
Shona Struthers, Chief Executive Officer, Colleges Scotland;
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy and External Affairs (Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses;
Martin Booth, Executive Director of Finance, Glasgow City Council;
Keir Greenaway, Senior Organiser for Public Services, GMB Scotland;
Francesca Osowska, Chief Executive, NatureScot;
Kirsten Hogg, Head of Policy and Research, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 1st Meeting, 2024

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 3 in private.

2. **Budget Scrutiny 2024/25:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2024-25 from—
Martin Booth, Executive Director of Finance, Glasgow City Council;
Kirsty Flanagan, Director of Finance, Argyll & Bute Council;
Sarah Fortune, Executive Director for Council Resources, East Lothian Council;
Jamie Robertson, Chief Finance Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2024/25:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 1st Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024](#) (SI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Use of Member Information\) \(Scotland\) Revocation Regulations 2023](#) (SSI 2023/375)
4. **Documents subject to parliamentary control:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice](#) (SG 2023/300)
5. **Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

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