

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular
Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular
Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas
Matters) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Urgent Question: Maurice
Golden: To ask the Scottish Government
what its response is to the Climate Change
Committee stating that the scale of reductions
in emissions needed for Scotland to meet its
2030 climate change targets is “beyond what
is credible”.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
11864 Kate Forbes: The Economic
Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland

Committee Meetings

9:00am Criminal Justice Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Citizen Participation and Public
Petitions Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

- 1. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it has taken to support the provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza. ([S6O-03216](#))
- 2. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to support the development of cultural cinema. ([S6O-03217](#))
- 3. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the culture secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding what cultural events and activities it has planned to mark the 40th anniversary of the miners' strike. ([S6O-03218](#))
- 4. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to address any barriers to women's participation in the creative workforce. ([S6O-03219](#))
- 5. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it is providing to the arts sector in Dumfries and Galloway. ([S6O-03220](#))
- 6. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to grow Scotland's creative industries. ([S6O-03221](#))
- 7. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how the projects and activities that it funds through its international development programmes contribute to promoting human rights. ([S6O-03222](#))
- 8. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to support public interest journalism. ([S6O-03223](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to support victims and witnesses, particularly in domestic abuse cases. ([S6O-03224](#))
- 2. Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent report by the Scottish Human Rights Commission to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, which referred to the need to improve conditions across the prison estate and improve access to appropriate healthcare for those in detention. ([S6O-03225](#))
- 3. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how many individuals have been charged and successfully prosecuted under any of the provisions in the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022. ([S6O-03226](#))
- 4. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the BBC Scotland *Disclosure* programme, *Surviving Domestic Abuse*, which was broadcast on 11 March. ([S6O-03227](#))

5. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any implications for its role in supporting the delivery of Prevent in Scotland of the UK Government's new definition of extremism. ([S6O-03228](#))

6. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government what representations it can make to the UK Government regarding the potential amendment of its Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill to cover Scotland, to ensure that there is parity and equality for all sub-postmasters and sub-postmistresses who have been affected. ([S6O-03229](#))

7. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of reports that hundreds of sex offenders have been able to change their name in the past two years, what it can do to ensure the safety of the public, particularly in areas like EH14 and EH54, which reportedly have the joint highest number of sex offenders registered across Edinburgh and West Lothian. ([S6O-03230](#))

8. Ruth Maguire: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what action it is taking to challenge and deter men's demand for prostitution. ([S6O-03231](#))

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-12552](#) **Lorna Slater: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution

[S6M-12386](#) **Shona Robison: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill - UK Legislation

[S6M-12551](#) **Tom Arthur: Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 19 July 2023; agrees not to give consent to the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill; believes that the Bill would represent a wholly unnecessary and unwelcome limitation of the Scottish Ministers' executive competence, and would act to stifle democracy, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Bill to remove the Scottish Ministers from its scope.

followed by Urgent Question: Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Climate Change Committee stating that the scale of reductions in emissions needed for Scotland to meet its 2030 climate change targets is "beyond what is credible".

followed by Business Motions

S6M-12566 George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 March 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Widening Access - Equality of Access to Higher Education

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 March 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 March 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Public Transport - The Fair Fares Review

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 April 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 March 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

[S6M-12567](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Languages Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 September 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-12568](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-12569](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-12570](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-12571](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-12572](#) 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 Public Audit Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 11.40 am and 12.00 pm on Thursday 21 March 2024.

[S6M-12573](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-11864](#) Kate Forbes: The Economic Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland—That the Parliament celebrates the third sector in Scotland, which includes charities, community and voluntary groups and other non-profit distributing organisations, including those in the Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency; understands that the third sector primarily provides services that are important in reducing inequality and disadvantage, and in improving health, wellbeing and community cohesion; believes that there is an important relationship between the third sector, the private sector and the public sector; welcomes the publication of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) advice paper on 13 December 2023, titled *The economic contribution of the third sector in Scotland*, which identifies that the sector is "often overlooked as a source of wealth generation and seldom included in national or local growth strategies", leading to missed opportunities to enhance regional and national economies; considers that the RSE's report highlights the substantive economic contribution of the sector, whilst identifying the barriers to a wider recognition of the third sector's economic contribution; notes the belief that overcoming such

barriers to the third sector's recognition in the Scottish Government's economic strategy is of increasing importance in the context of the financial and funding challenges currently facing the sector, and notes the RSE's call to stimulate debate on how these blocks might be overcome.

Committee Meetings

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

Criminal Justice Committee 12th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 9th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (2024/draft) from—
Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, John Speirs, Senior Policy Advisor, and Emily Williams Boylston, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to move—S6M-12218—That the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee recommends that the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 be approved.
3. **Petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland** The Committee will take evidence from—
Daniel Alcorn, Michael Connolly, and George Stark, registered owners, trainers, and breeders, Greyhound Board of Great Britain.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 5th Meeting, 2024

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 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme and will take evidence from—
Shona Robison - Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance
Lyndsay Wilson, Unit Head - Policy and Communications, Redress, Relations and Response Division
Barry McCaffrey, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Children, Education, Rights Incorporation and Disclosure Division
and then consider—
PE1865: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices;
PE1953: Review Education Support staff roles;
PE1960: Formally recognise private hire cars and taxis as modes of public transport;
PE1961: Make it a specific offence to assault, threaten or abuse a private hire or taxi driver while at work;

PE2016: Raise awareness of Thrombosis in Scotland;

PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open; and

PE1906: Investigate options for removing and reducing the impact of the central Glasgow section of the M8.

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
PE2063: Increase funding for local authorities to enable better management and protection of conservation areas;
PE2067: Improve data on young people affected by conditions causing Sudden Cardiac Death;
PE2068: Review and cap public sector senior management salaries; and
PE2070: Stop same-day-only GP appointment systems.
4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 10th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Education, Children and Young People Committee 10th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Additional Support for Learning:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Laura Meikle, Head of Support and Wellbeing Unit, Clair Henderson, Team Leader- Supporting Learners, and Alison Taylor, Deputy Director for Improvement, Attainment and Wellbeing, Scottish Government.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

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