

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:05pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Portfolio Questions: Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 23 April: Justice and Home Affairs – Questions 4 and 8.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-17265, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Norman Afrin, Minister, Sandyhills Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Motion of Condolence

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Supreme Court's Judgment in Relation to Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The International Situation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17011 Douglas Lumsden: Addressing Waiting Times in NHS Grampian

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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

Meeting of the Parliament

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Norman Afrin, Minister, Sandyhills Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-17265](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 22 April 2025—

delete

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

and insert

followed by Motion of Condolence

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Supreme Court's Judgment in Relation to Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Motion of Condolence

[S6M-17250](#) John Swinney: Motion of Condolence—That the Parliament expresses its deep sadness at the death of Pope Francis; conveys its condolences to all those in the Roman Catholic community in Scotland and beyond; affirms the affection in which His Holiness was held by people across the world, and expresses gratitude for his lifetime of devotion and dedicated public service.

followed by Topical Questions

1. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government when it expects to conclude negotiations with Peel Ports regarding the purchase of Ardrossan Harbour. ([S6T-02475](#))

2. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that 506 sex offenders in Scotland have changed their name in the past two years. ([S6T-02471](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Supreme Court's Judgment in Relation to Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The International Situation

followed by **Committee Announcements**

followed by **Business Motions**

followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

[S6M-17266](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Emma Roddick be appointed to replace Joe FitzPatrick as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

[S6M-17267](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Stephanie Callaghan be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

5:45 pm Decision Time

followed by **Members' Business**

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-17011](#) Douglas Lumsden: Addressing Waiting Times in NHS Grampian—That the Parliament notes the reported concerns regarding challenges that NHS Grampian is facing in relation to staffing shortages and resource limitations, which it understands has contributed to delays in patient care and increased pressure on existing medical personnel; acknowledges that, in September 2024, NHS Grampian reported that over 3,000 patients were waiting over two years for hospital treatment, which it believes was the highest number among Scottish NHS boards; understands that, in November 2024, NHS Grampian declared a board level critical incident, which led to the diversion of ambulance patients to hospitals outside the region due in part to sustained pressures at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; notes that, in late November 2024, NHS Grampian experienced a significant rise in delayed discharges, with 199 cases, which according to the NHS board accounted for 13% of all beds in the region; believes that hospitals in the area are using outdated medical equipment, including an MRI scanner and an X-ray machine that are 15 and 27 years old, respectively, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to develop an urgent plan to tackle what it regards as the ongoing issues within NHS Grampian that are impacting on patient care and service delivery.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

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 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/78)
3. **Scotland's train and bus services:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Greig MacKay, Director for Scotland, Bus Users UK;
Islay Jackson MSYP, Deputy Convener of the Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, Scottish Youth Parliament;
Robert Samson, Senior Engagement Manager, Transport Focus;
and then from—
Stephen Smellie, Member of UNISON's National Executive Council and Scottish Committee, UNISON Scotland;
Jackson Cullinane, Head of Unite Scotland's Politics & Campaigns Unit, UNITE;
Gordon Martin, RMT Scotland Organiser, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT);
Kevin Lindsay, District Organiser, Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.
4. **Scotland's train and bus services:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to a Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **The Scottish budget process in practice:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tom Josephs, Member, Budget Responsibility Committee, and Laura Gardiner, Acting Chief of Staff, Office for Budget Responsibility;
and then from—
Professor Mairi Spowage, Director, Fraser of Allander Institute;
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling.

2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 11th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Building safety and maintenance:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Stephen Garvin, Deputy Director, Building Standards, Alan Johnston, Deputy Director, Cladding Remediation, and Ruth Whatling, Housing Standards team leader, Better Homes, Scottish Government.
3. **Building safety and maintenance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Cladding remediation programme:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Minister for Housing.
5. **Council Tax inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.
6. **Housing inquiry:** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.
7. **National Planning Framework 4 annual review:** The Committee will consider its approach to its annual review of the fourth National Planning Framework.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
9. **Child poverty:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

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 items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/101)
3. **Care Reform (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
4. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the response from the Member-in-charge to points raised on the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on UK Ministers in the Bill.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider scrutiny of subordinate legislation made under Acts resulting from Scottish Law Commission Bills.

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