

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:45pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-17606, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Pastor Paul Coventry, Greenock Baptist Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Outcome of the EU-UK Summit on 19 May

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2025

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17484 Beatrice Wishart: Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off

Committee Meetings

8:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:45am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:40am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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1. Ross Greer: To ask the Scottish Government whether the Scottish Ministers will call in appeal PPA-002-2021 on the Flamingo Land Lomond Banks resort development. ([S6T-02531](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Outcome of the EU-UK Summit on 19 May

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2025

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-17585](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 45 minutes

Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 9 to 13: 2 hours.

[S6M-17584](#) Siobhian Brown: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-17484](#) Beatrice Wishart: Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off—That the Parliament is concerned that the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS), used by energy suppliers for some electricity meters, particularly in island and rural areas, to control heating and hot water systems, is set to end on 30 June 2025, with tens of thousands of customers across Scotland reportedly expected to be impacted as they are yet to have their RTS meter exchanged; understands that, in areas such as the Highlands and Islands region and other parts of rural Scotland, many households are still waiting for a meter exchange and that, as of the end of April 2025, Shetland still had 4,490 meters to be exchanged ahead of the deadline; further understands that energy companies are not replacing meters at the pace required before the deadline; considers that large areas of Scotland face technical issues with connecting smart meters and a lack of engineers; notes the view that functioning heating and hot water systems are fundamental to an adequate standard of living and that changes to metering technology should not leave households, particularly those in island and rural communities, financially worse off than they are on their current tariff, or facing the possibility of losing heating and hot water after the switch-off of the RTS signal; further notes the calls on local resilience partnerships to ready themselves for the potential adverse outcomes of the RTS switch-off, which may include thousands of homes being left without heating and hot water, and notes the calls to plug the gaps in smart meter coverage to ensure that rural areas are not disadvantaged due to their poor connectivity.

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Committees Comataidhean				

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
(SS1 2025/124)
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
(SS1 2025/125)
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Local Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
(SS1 2025/126)
- Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4).

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 18th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Plans for future of Grangemouth (Project Willow study):** The Committee will take evidence on hydrogen aspects of the study from—
Lewis Elder, Commercial Operations and Policy Director, Statera Energy Limited;
Bill Ireland, Chief Executive Officer, Logan Energy Limited;
Mark Bradley, Hydrogen Director, ScottishPower;
David Amos, Managing Director, PlusZero;
Tim Dumenil, Head of Business Development, Hydrogen , Storegga;
and then from—
Professor Stuart Haszeldine , Professor of Carbon Capture and Storage, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh;
Nic Braley, General Manager, Acorn Project;
Professor Hannah Chalmers, Personal Chair of Sustainable Energy Systems, School of Engineering, Institute for Energy Systems, University of Edinburgh;
Professor Mercedes Maroto-Valer, Director UK Industrial Decarbonisation Research an Innovation Centre (IDRIC), Heriot-Watt University.
- Plans for future of Grangemouth (Project Willow study):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 13th Meeting, 2025

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

- Civil Legal Aid Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kevin Kane, Chief Executive, Shared Parenting Scotland;
Fiona McPhail, Lecturer in Social Justice, University of Glasgow;

Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid;
Sabir Zazai, Chief Executive, Scottish Refugee Council;
and then from—

Professor Katie Boyle, Chair of Human Rights Law and Social Justice, School of Law,
University of Strathclyde;

Dr Ben Christman, Legal Director, Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland;

Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland.

2. **Civil Legal Aid Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.
3. **British Sign Language Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will further consider its approach to the inquiry.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 17th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **The Scottish budget process in practice:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Alasdair Black, Deputy Director, Budget and Fiscal Coordination, and Jamie MacDougall, Deputy Director, Spending and Pay Strategy, Scottish Government.
2. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Sandy Cameron CBE.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 17th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:45 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, 9, 10 and 11 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Restitution Fund \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland \(Designation of Scheme Administrator\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Environmental Regulation \(Enforcement Measures\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Public Service Vehicles \(Registration of Local Services\) \(Local Services Franchises Transitional Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/137)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Lands Valuation Appeal Court\) 2025](#) (SSI 2025/140)
[Act of Sederunt \(Registration Appeal Court\) 2025](#) (SSI 2025/141)
5. **Leases (Automatic Scotland etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Michael Paparakis, Policy and Bill Programme Manager, Private Law, and Lori Pidgeon, Constitutional and Civil Law, Scottish Government.

6. **Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill:** The Committee will consider the response from the Member-in-charge to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **Care Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
9. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider correspondence regarding points raised with the UK and Scottish Government in relation to powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
10. **Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter from 24 February to 12 May 2025.
11. **Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:40 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lesley de Jaeger, Director of People and Culture, Cornerstone attending on behalf of, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS);
Karen Hedge, Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish Care;
Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Human Tissue \(Supply of Information about Transplants\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
4. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Morven Davidson, Lawyer, and Laura Zeballos, Deputy Director, Drugs Policy Division, Scottish Government.
5. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
6. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 4.

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