

Tuesday 14 September 2021

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-01227, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Linda Britton, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

**followed by** Urgent SPCB Question: Gillian Mackay: To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body for what reason it applied for designated status for the Scottish Parliament under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, and whether it will publish the background paper upon which this decision was based.

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland

**followed by** Approval of SSIs

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-00946 Karen Adam: 2020 Tokyo Paralympics

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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

**9:30am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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

**10:00am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

**10:00am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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**2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Linda Britton, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-01227](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

- (a) that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be considered by the Parliament;
- (b) the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 14 September 2021—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland

insert

*followed by* Approval of SSIs

**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the announcement by the UK Government not to proceed with plans to introduce vaccine passports. ([S6T-00146](#))

**2. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it is in discussions with the UK Government regarding its decision to terminate its supply agreement with Valneva for its COVID-19 vaccine candidate, VLA2001. ([S6T-00151](#))

**followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update**

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**followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland**

**S6M-01190 Humza Yousaf: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland**—That the Parliament thanks Scotland’s NHS and social care staff for their heroic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that the pandemic has been the biggest shock that the NHS and social care services have ever faced; notes that the NHS is currently under intense pressure due to the pandemic and that primary care, ambulance and hospital staff are working around the clock to deliver care to patients; recognises that well in excess of £1 billion has already been provided this year to address COVID-19 pressures in health and social care and that further funding will be allocated to support service pressures; welcomes the £1 billion NHS Recovery Plan that will significantly increase NHS inpatient, outpatient and diagnostic capacity; notes that this increase includes recruiting an additional 1,500 staff to work in the network of National Treatment Centres; recognises that the Plan puts particular focus on early cancer diagnostics and referral pathways as well as child and adult mental health services; agrees that the mental health and wellbeing of health and social care staff is a key priority and central focus of the Plan; supports the commitment to create a National Care Service; recognises that ethical commissioning, and setting terms and conditions that meet the Fair Work principles, could greatly improve how social care is delivered, and believes that the voices of lived experience, including those who access support and care, the workforce and unpaid carers must be central to the ongoing consultation on the service.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S6M-01190.3 Craig Hoy: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-01190 in the name of Humza Yousaf (A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland), leave out from second “recognises” to end and insert “believes that concrete plans should be set out on tackling the immediate crisis in the NHS, such as the record A&E waiting times; recognises the publication of the consultation for a National Care Service; notes that the proposed scope of the National Care Service is a significant expansion of the recommendations contained in the Feeley Review and that the health and social care system is already under immense strain due to the pandemic and previous Scottish Government failures; considers that such a significant service reorganisation could be hugely damaging at this time, and believes that local delivery is key in delivering services.”

**S6M-01190.2 Jackie Baillie: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-01190 in the name of Humza Yousaf (A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland), leave out from “thanks” to end and insert “appreciates all health and social care staff for their hard work both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that the pressure they are currently facing is compounded by the historic workforce planning failures of the Scottish Government; regrets that the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the NHS has been exacerbated by 14 years of Scottish Government mismanagement, which left NHS services struggling to keep up with demand long before the pandemic, with patients waiting too long to access medical treatment, and hardworking staff facing burnout and stress, and feeling undervalued; considers that the NHS is currently in crisis, with the average wait for an ambulance now at an alarming six hours, and recent statistics showing A&E under significant pressure as only 81.5% of patients were admitted, transferred or discharged within the four-hour target in July 2021, which is the lowest monthly percentage for at least 14 years; acknowledges that, despite there being over 600,000 people on NHS waiting lists for treatment, diagnosis or outpatient appointments in Scotland, the NHS Recovery Plan published by the Scottish Government does not include proposals on how to increase activity to address this backlog until next year; agrees

with the BMA that the commitments within the plan are 'unrealistic' and that it has a number of 'worrying gaps', especially on how to address staff shortages; believes that tackling the mental health crisis facing Scotland should be an immediate priority for the Scottish Government, with new statistics showing that the number of children and young people waiting for appointments is at a record high, with almost 12,000 young people waiting to be seen at the end of June 2021; strongly believes that the Scottish Government urgently needs to get the pandemic under control by improving the Test and Protect system, which is currently failing to meet the World Health Organization's standards on contact tracing, as only 60.5% of contact tracing in the week ending 29 August 2021 was completed within 72 hours; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to create a National Care Service, but urges the Scottish Government to also address immediate issues in social care by restarting respite services, ending non-residential care charges and addressing poverty pay in the sector by supporting a pay rise for social care staff to at least £15 per hour."

**[S6M-01190.4](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-01190 in the name of Humza Yousaf (A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that the NHS is under intense pressure because ministerial mistakes in workforce planning since 2007 contributed to the failure to meet key waiting times targets for years pre-pandemic; believes that the NHS Recovery Plan should be strengthened with a trajectory for meeting those targets to give new hope to overworked staff and patients waiting; further believes that there should be new national entitlements to guarantee quality of care for service users, with the funding to match, and new national fair work standards for staff to improve pay, conditions and career progression; believes, however, that Scottish Government proposals for a centralised ministerial takeover of social care will distract and detract from those ambitions; recalls the mistakes of previous centralisations conducted by the Scottish Government, and calls for the additional proposals contained in the Scottish Government consultation to use centralisation to seize control of other services, including children and young people, community justice and social work, described as an attack on local government, to also be withdrawn."

**followed by Approval of SSIs**

**[S6M-01219](#) Ben Macpherson: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament recommends that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:10 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**

## Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-00946](#) **Karen Adam: 2020 Tokyo Paralympics**—That the Parliament recognises the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, held from 24 August to 5 September 2021, for bringing people together from around the world and raising awareness of disabilities; congratulates the staff and volunteers whose tireless work makes this event possible; wishes good luck to the 33 Scots who are competing, and thanks them for the positive impact their inspiring endeavours have on society in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency, Scotland and beyond.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 4th Meeting, 2021

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 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
George Adam MSP, Minister for Parliamentary Business  
Steven Macgregor, and Susan Herbert, Scottish Government;  
Rachel Rayner, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
3. **Instruments subject to the made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/299);  
[Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(International Travel\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 17\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/301)
4. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/draft);  
[Redress for Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse in Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Form and Content of Waiver etc.\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/draft);  
[Forestry \(Exemptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/draft);  
[Social Security \(Residence Requirements\) \(Afghanistan\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/draft)
5. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[National Health Service \(General Medical Services and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/302)
6. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/304)
7. **Instruments / Documents subject to approval:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Code of Conduct for Councillors](#) (SG/2021/229);  
[Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies](#) (SG/2021/230)
8. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
9. **Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill (UK Parliament legislation).

### Finance and Public Administration Committee 4th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Ross Greer will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Pre-budget scrutiny: Scotland's public finances in 2022-23 and the impact of COVID-19:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Councillor Gail Macgregor, COSLA;  
Alan Russell, CIPFA Directors of Finance Section;  
Linda Somerville, Scottish Trades Union Congress;  
and then from—  
David Eiser, Fraser of Allander Institute;  
Susan Murray, David Hume Institute;  
Ray Perman, Royal Society of Edinburgh.

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 4th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Marie McNair will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
3. **Session 6 priorities:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
  
Angela Constance, Michael Crook, and Morris Fraser, Scottish Government.
4. **Session 6 priorities:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 3.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 4th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in [www.scottishparliament.tv](http://www.scottishparliament.tv)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Electoral Arrangements Regulations:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Karen Greaves ;  
Maggie Sandison;  
and then from—  
Councillor Margaret Davidson;  
Douglas Hendry;  
Derek Mackay.
3. **Electoral Arrangements Regulations:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 3rd Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Petition PE1817 End Conversion Therapy:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Megan Snedden, Stonewall Scotland;  
Rebecca Crowther, Doctor, Equality Network;  
Vic Valentine, Scottish Trans Alliance;  
Paul Daly, LGBT Youth Scotland.
3. **Scottish Government priorities for the equalities and human rights remit in Session 6:**  
The Committee will take evidence from—  
Shona Robison, Nick Parton, Emma Harvey, Elisabeth Campbell, and Jess Dolan,  
Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[The Age of Criminal Responsibility \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Register of Child Interview Rights Practitioners\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/233).
5. **Petition PE1817 End Conversion Therapy:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
6. **Scottish Government priorities for the equalities and human rights remit in Session 6:**  
The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 4th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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. **Determination of Committee priorities for this Session:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Michael Matheson, Kersti Berge, Sarah Hart, Sue Kearns, Alison Irvine, and  
Katriona Carmichael, Scottish Government.
3. **Environment Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Michael Matheson, Charles Stewart Roper, and Sophie Humphries, Scottish  
Government.
4. **Determination of Committee priorities for this Session:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Environment Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

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