

Thursday 30 September 2021

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

12:45 pm Members' Business — S6M-00875
Rhoda Grant: Community Wealth and the
Emergence of "Green Lairds"

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution,
External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Autumn
and Winter Vaccine Programme

followed by Urgent Question: Brian Whittle:
To ask the Scottish Government what its
response is to the publication of the Sixth
Case Study Findings by the Scottish Child
Abuse Inquiry, in which the chair Lady Smith
criticised the Scottish Government for a
"woeful and wholly avoidable" delay in setting
up an inquiry into accusations of historic child
abuse in Scotland.

followed by Scottish Government Debate:
Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain
and Labour Market

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Committee Meetings

8:30am COVID-19 Recovery Committee

9:00am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs
and Culture Committee

9:00am Public Audit Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security
Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to increase the capacity of on-street charging infrastructure as drivers switch to electric vehicles. ([S6O-00225](#))
- 2. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to recent research, which suggests that chain stores in Scotland closed at a rate of 30 per week during the first six months of 2021. ([S6O-00226](#))
- 3. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what the timescales and number of units are for the roll-out of electric vehicle charging sites across Scotland. ([S6O-00227](#))
- 4. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will implement part 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 to allow local authorities to bring forward proposals to directly run bus services in their area. ([S6O-00228](#))
- 5. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress with the dualling of the A96. ([S6O-00229](#))
- 6. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will support young people to find rewarding and sustainable employment. ([S6O-00230](#))
- 7. Neil Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action it is taking to close the poverty-related attainment gap, including in response to the reduction to universal credit. ([S6O-00231](#)) R
- 8. Willie Rennie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the scale of unemployment among qualified teachers. ([S6O-00232](#))
- 9. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that young people's views on climate change are listened to in the run up to COP26. ([S6O-00233](#))
- 10. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK and Danish governments on the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance. ([S6O-00234](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Douglas Ross:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-00294](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-00295](#))
- 3. Gillian Mackay:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the ongoing economic impact on Scotland of Brexit. ([S6F-00322](#))
- 4. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the First Minister what engagement the Scottish Government has had, and plans it has made, with key Scottish industries to support vulnerable households this winter. ([S6F-00321](#))
- 5. Miles Briggs:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that, in the last year, ministers overturned almost 50% of planning applications. ([S6F-00319](#))

6. Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that social care services in Glasgow have been temporarily suspended because of staff shortages. ([S6F-00304](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-00875](#) Rhoda Grant: Community Wealth and the Emergence of "Green Lairds"—That the Parliament notes emerging developments in the market for land, with what it sees as a growing emphasis on the purchase of land for climate-related reasons; notes recent commentary referring to new owners of such land as "green lairds"; understands that Scotland has a pattern of highly-concentrated, private land ownership by international standards; believes that the operation of the Scottish land market is largely unregulated and that the purchase of substantial areas of land serves wealthy, private buyers in particular; understands that ownership of land in Scotland provides access to substantial public funding and tax arrangements, which support the building of private wealth; regrets what it sees as the commodification and financialisation of the climate emergency through the market for land; notes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to community wealth building, to a just transition through the climate emergency, and to the progressive realisation of people's economic, social and cultural human rights; considers that securing more community ownership of land would be a key means to deliver greater community wealth, a more just transition through the climate emergency and progress toward the realisation of social, economic and cultural rights, including in the Highlands and Islands region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider land-market regulation and public expenditure controls to achieve greater equity and benefit-sharing from public policy, and to make significantly greater ownership of land and built assets by local communities a strategic priority in building community wealth and empowering communities in responding to the climate emergency.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Portfolio Questions

Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

1. Michelle Thomson: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020. ([S6O-00217](#))

2. Dean Lockhart: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the expansion of the GlobalScot network. ([S6O-00218](#)) R

3. Maggie Chapman: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Afghan refugee relocation and resettlement with reference to the different elements of the New Scots Strategy. ([S6O-00219](#))

4. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is providing to cultural organisations in Mid Scotland and Fife. ([S6O-00220](#))

5. Michael Marra: [Not Lodged] ([S6O-00221](#))

6. Emma Roddick: To ask the Scottish Government what role the Scotland on Tour fund will play in aiding the recovery of the arts sector. ([S6O-00222](#))

7. Jim Fairlie: To ask the Scottish Government whether it has met or has any plans to meet the recently appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to discuss constitutional issues in relation to Scotland. ([S6O-00223](#))

8. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the development of a National Centre for Music. ([S6O-00224](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Autumn and Winter Vaccine Programme

followed by Urgent Question: Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the publication of the Sixth Case Study Findings by the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, in which the chair Lady Smith criticised the Scottish Government for a “woeful and wholly avoidable” delay in setting up an inquiry into accusations of historic child abuse in Scotland.

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market

[S6M-01444](#) Angus Robertson: Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government's chaotic hard Brexit policy is damaging recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; deplores the decision of the UK Government to ignore detailed evidence from the Scottish Government and others about the harm that would be caused by removing Scotland and the UK from the European single market and customs union in the middle of the public health crisis; calls on the UK Government to immediately introduce a Temporary Worker Route, extended to 24 months, to alleviate some of the damage that it has caused, as part of a replacement immigration system that will both reduce the harm of Brexit and treat people with dignity and respect; recognises that the UK Government's failure to introduce such a scheme has led directly to serious levels of vacancies in hospitality, distribution, social care, construction, food production, agriculture and tourism, among other sectors; further recognises that this will only mitigate in part the negative consequence for Scotland of ending the benefits of EU membership, including freedom of movement; believes that the UK Government's actions and lack of action have led directly to serious petrol and diesel shortages on forecourts and to food supply shortages; further believes that these failures are felt across society and most acutely by the poorest, and agrees that, in a rich country like Scotland, the chaos of recent weeks and the deliberate targeting of the poorest in society make clear the heavy cost imposed on people in Scotland by a UK Government that they did not elect.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-01444.1](#) Donald Cameron: Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market—As an amendment to motion S6M-01444 in the name of Angus Robertson (Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market), leave out from “believes that the UK Government's chaotic” to end and insert “recognises that the UK Government respected the result of the EU referendum and delivered a deal with the EU, which allows the UK to trade freely with other states to the benefit of Scottish goods and services; welcomes the UK Government's response to the Europe-wide shortage of HGV drivers by issuing 5,000 temporary visas for drivers to come to the UK; further welcomes the UK Government's positive engagement with the food and drink sector resulting in 5,500 temporary visas being issued to enable the poultry industry to

prepare for Christmas, and believes that the Scottish Government should work constructively with the UK Government to ensure the success of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.”

[S6M-01444.3 Sarah Boyack: Impact of Brexit on Scotland’s Supply Chain and Labour Market](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-01444 in the name of Angus Robertson (Impact of Brexit on Scotland’s Supply Chain and Labour Market), leave out "by a UK Government that they did not elect." and insert "; recognises that breaking up economic and political unions has deeply damaging consequences, and creating borders has costs; believes that people have been let down by a lack of planning and joint working by both the Scottish and UK governments, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to act together to resolve the shortage of workers in key sectors of the economy and ensure that people have access to employment opportunities, training and financial support as Scotland comes through the COVID-19 pandemic and rebuilds its communities."

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5:10 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

COVID-19 Recovery Committee 6th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Vaccination certification:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Christopher Dye FRS, Professor, University of Oxford;
Stephen Reicher, Professor, University of St Andrews;
John Drury, Professor, University of Sussex.
3. **Ministerial statement on COVID-19:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Swinney, Gregor Smith, Dr, and Elizabeth Sadler, Scottish Government.
4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 6th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Maurice Golden will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 and future consideration of evidence heard in private.
3. **Climate Justice:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jamie Livingstone, Oxfam Scotland;
Carolyn Sawers, Corra Foundation;
Chris Hegarty, Christian Aid Scotland.
4. **Climate Justice:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tahseen Jafry, Caledonian University Centre for Climate Justice;
Muthi Nhlema, Baseflow Ltd;
Geraldine Hill, Dr, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF).
5. **Evidence Session** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 3 and 4.

Public Audit Committee 5th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Improving outcomes for young people through school education:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Joe Griffin, and Graeme Logan, Scottish Government;
Gayle Gorman, Education Scotland.
3. **Community Justice: Sustainable alternatives to custody:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle;

Antony Clark, and Nichola Williams, Audit Scotland.

4. **Community Justice: Sustainable alternatives to custody:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle;
Antony Clark, and Nichola Williams, Audit Scotland.
5. **Improving outcomes for young people through school education:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle;
Antony Clark, and Tricia Meldrum, Audit Scotland.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 6th Meeting, 2021

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 from—
Ben Macpherson, Ruari Sutherland, Dr, and Colin Armstrong, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ben Macpherson (Minister for Social Security and Local Government) to move—
S6M-00996 —That the Social Justice and Social Security Committee recommends that the Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 be approved.
4. **Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill :** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Social Security \(Claims and Payments\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/305)
[The Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/249)
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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