

Wednesday 25 January 2023

# 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

**followed by** Urgent Question: Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Prison Service's Gender Identity and Gender Reassignment Policy Review.

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Homeless Emergency

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion: Public Order Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion: UK Infrastructure Bank Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:50 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-07412 Meghan Gallacher: Future of Childcare

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

**9:15am** Education, Children and Young People Committee

**9:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

**9:45am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Rural Affairs and Islands

- 1. Fiona Hyslop:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding any impact on Scottish agriculture, what its most recent assessment is of the UK–New Zealand free trade agreement. ([S6O-01804](#))
- 2. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to how its Blue Economy Vision for Scotland can support developing industries within the blue economy in the drive to net zero. ([S6O-01805](#))
- 3. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on avian flu, including any measures it is taking to tackle its spread. ([S6O-01806](#))
- 4. Tess White:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-01807](#))
- 5. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last engaged with the UK Government regarding the reported impact on farmers in Scotland whose livestock may be exposed to animal diseases as a result of delays to the introduction of post-Brexit border controls for checking meat and other products entering the country. ([S6O-01808](#))
- 6. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it will be doing in the coming year to help farmers mitigate any impacts of rising costs in the sector. ([S6O-01809](#))
- 7. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to curb the recently reported outbreak of squirrelpox. ([S6O-01810](#))
- 8. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the aquaculture regulatory framework. ([S6O-01811](#))

#### Health and Social Care

- 1. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to reduce the avoidable harms associated with drugs and alcohol. ([S6O-01812](#))
- 2. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that some women have been denied transvaginal ultrasounds on the basis of not yet being sexually active. ([S6O-01813](#))
- 3. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the number of hospice beds available in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area. ([S6O-01814](#))
- 4. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last spoke to NHS Lothian and NHS Borders. ([S6O-01815](#))
- 5. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government when non-urgent elective operations will resume in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. ([S6O-01816](#))
- 6. Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Scotland's trainee doctor workforce. ([S6O-01817](#))
- 7. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it is having with NHS Shetland to address waiting times for NHS dentistry and orthodontic treatment. ([S6O-01818](#))

**8. Richard Leonard:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, *Leave no one behind*, from The Health Foundation. ([S6O-01819](#))

**followed by Urgent Question: Russell Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Prison Service's Gender Identity and Gender Reassignment Policy Review.**

**followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Homeless Emergency**

**[S6M-07613](#) Miles Briggs: Homeless Emergency**—That the Parliament recognises the large number of homeless people in Scotland, people in temporary accommodation and people on social housing waiting lists; expresses particular concern at the number of vulnerable people in these categories, such as veterans, children and disabled people, and calls on the Scottish Government to declare a homeless emergency and to prioritise finding suitable accommodation for people in need.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-07613.2](#) Shona Robison: Homeless Emergency**—As an amendment to motion S6M-07613 in the name of Miles Briggs (Homeless Emergency), leave out from “expresses” to end and insert “shares concern at all people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, which is why tackling homelessness is a national priority through the joint Scottish Government/COSLA Ending Homelessness Together action plan; acknowledges that a Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group, co-chaired by Shelter Scotland and the Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers, has been established with the aim of reducing the number of households in temporary accommodation; notes that the Scottish Government has delivered 115,558 affordable homes since 2007, of which, over 81,300 were for social rent, including 20,520 council homes; notes the Scottish Government’s intention to legislate on both homelessness prevention and the right to housing in this parliamentary session; regrets that the UK Government’s mismanagement of the economy has caused increased inflation and significant rises in energy and basic day-to-day living costs, which has led to a cost of living crisis affecting most households that has a disproportionate impact on those on the lowest incomes, and calls on the UK Government to use all the powers at its disposal to tackle the cost of living crisis on the scale required, remove the so-called bedroom tax and benefit cap, increase the Local Housing Allowance, which, as of 2023-24, has been frozen for the third year, and change the no recourse to public funds rules to allow all people, regardless of their nationality, to access homelessness support.”

**[S6M-07613.1](#) Mark Griffin: Homeless Emergency**—As an amendment to motion S6M-07613 in the name of Miles Briggs (Homeless Emergency), insert at end “; notes that the continued lack of sufficient funds for local authorities granted by the Scottish Government is having a direct effect on the ability of councils to meaningfully tackle the housing emergency in Scotland; urges the Scottish Government to designate a single housing minister with overall and direct responsibility for tackling Scotland’s housing emergency and addressing the housing needs of people in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to use all the policy levers at its disposal to tackle this crisis, including reversing the delay to its proposed Housing Bill, urgently extending and revamping the Home Owners' Support Fund Mortgage to Shared Equity scheme, and making changes to its affordable housing supply programme grant rules to facilitate the purchases of properties with tenants in-situ to expand stock and prevent further homelessness.”

## followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs

**[S6M-07614](#) Miles Briggs: Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs**—That the Parliament believes that building new homes is the best way to address the housing crisis; expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government missed its housebuilding target deadline by a year; is dismayed by the cuts to the housing budget in the Scottish Government's proposed Budget 2023-24 and that residents in Scotland will be forced to pay higher property taxes than in the rest of the UK; believes that restrictions on rent and evictions reduce investment in housing markets; recognises that Scotland is currently experiencing a housing crisis, and calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise the delivery of new homes, particularly for the social rent sector and in rural and remote areas.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-07614.2](#) Shona Robison: Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs**—As an amendment to motion S6M-07614 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs), leave out from "building new" to end and insert "everyone should have access to a warm and affordable home that meets their needs; notes that the previous 50,000 affordable homes target was met in March 2022 following delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes that global supply issues, rising costs and the impact of Brexit have affected the delivery of homes; acknowledges that £752 million is being made available in 2023-24 as part of more than £3.5 billion in the current parliamentary session towards the delivery of the Scottish Government's commitment to delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, of which at least 70% will be for social rent and 10% in remote, rural and island communities, and agrees with the importance of giving tenants stability in their housing costs and housing security at a time of an unprecedented rise in the cost of living."

**[S6M-07614.1](#) Mark Griffin: Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs**—As an amendment to motion S6M-07614 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs), leave out from "expresses" to end and insert "urges the Scottish Ministers to remove local authorities' liability for additional dwelling supplement when purchasing second hand and off-the-shelf homes, which risks councils' ability to increase affordable stock; agrees that the UK Government's disastrous mini-budget has vastly increased lending costs for owner occupiers, registered social landlords and investors in all housing tenures, exacerbating Scotland's housing and cost of living crisis; believes that protections for tenants, and proposed changes to the Home Owners' Support Fund Mortgage to Shared Equity scheme, which would reduce equity requirements and increase price thresholds to reflect true house values, are vital interventions to support people to stay in their homes during a cost of living crisis made worse by the UK Conservative administration; believes that urgent interventions are required to unlock the 67,152 empty and second homes across Scotland and return them to their primary purpose as residential dwellings; is disappointed that the Scottish Government missed its housebuilding target deadline by a year; is dismayed by the cuts to the housing budget in the Scottish Government's proposed Budget 2023-24; notes with concern further declines in affordable housing approvals and starts in the year to September 2022, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently prioritise the delivery of new homes, particularly for the social rent sector and in rural and remote areas."

## followed by Scottish Government Debate: Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill - UK Legislation

**[S6M-07615](#) Màiri McAllan: Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill - UK Legislation—**

That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 12 December 2022; agrees not to give consent to the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Bill to restrict the geographical application of clause 42, or to otherwise make it a requirement for it to seek the consent of the Scottish Ministers when making provision within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, in order to properly respect devolved responsibilities.

**followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Order Bill - UK Legislation**

**[S6M-07617](#) Keith Brown: Public Order Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the relevant amendments of the Public Order Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 9 November 2022, relating to the extension of existing powers at Part II of the Public Order Act 1986 to the British Transport Police (BTP) in Scotland for policing public processions and assemblies on the railway, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

**followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Infrastructure Bank Bill - UK Legislation**

**[S6M-07616](#) John Swinney: UK Infrastructure Bank Bill - UK Legislation—**That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 11 May 2022 and subsequently amended, relating to the investment activities of the UK Infrastructure Bank in Scotland so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive function of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S6M-07643](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—**

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Three Years On – Brexit and Workers' Rights

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Electoral Reform Consultation

*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 2 February 2023

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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 February 2023

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 8 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrats 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 9 February 2023

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: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2023-24

*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 30 January 2023, 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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**S6M-07643.1 Neil Bibby: Business Programme**—As an amendment to motion S6M-07643 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from "Scottish Government Debate: Three Years On – Brexit and Workers' Rights" to "Tuesday 7 February" and insert—

"Scottish Government Debate: Three Years On – Brexit and Workers' Rights

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Electoral Reform Consultation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

1.40 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.40pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans; Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Tuesday 7 February 2023."

### **followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-07644](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/375) be approved.

**[S6M-07645](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-07646](#) George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as a secondary committee, in consideration of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

### **followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**5:50 pm Decision Time**

### **followed by Members' Business**

#### **Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-07412](#) Meghan Gallacher: Future of Childcare**—That the Parliament notes what it considers the serious concerns reportedly raised by stakeholders in the Central Scotland region and throughout the country regarding the roll-out of the 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare programme; understands that the issues raised by nursery owners in the private, voluntary and independent sector relate to the fairness of the 1,140 hours roll-out and their ability to run a successful business while providing first-class childcare; notes the reported comments by the National Day Nurseries Association that what it considers the emerging “crisis” in the early learning and childcare sector is attributed to the growth of the local authority sector and the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that the Scottish Government has failed to address embedded issues such as staffing, childminders leaving the profession and private nursery pay, which have led to this reported crisis; considers that the Scottish Government has a responsibility to ensure that this programme is a success, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to address these issues as a matter of urgency to secure the future of the 1,140 hours programme, in order to give children the best possible start in life.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee 2nd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Shark Fins Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-31 from—  
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands, Allan Gibb, Acting Deputy Director, Marine Scotland, and Emma Phillips, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-32 from—  
Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment and Land Reform, Rosemary Anfield, GMO Policy Officer, Caspian Richards, Head of Policy and Pesticide Survey Unit, Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate, and Emily Williams Boylston, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Agriculture \(Retained EU Law and Data\) \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Consequential Modifications\) and Agricultural Products, Aquatic Animal Health and Genetically Modified Organisms \(EU Exit\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#)  
[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2022](#)
5. **Shark Fins Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
6. **Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Education, Children and Young People Committee 3rd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#)
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Criminal Justice Committee 3rd Meeting, 2023

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

1. **Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
John Watt, Chair, Parole Board for Scotland;  
Mark McSherry, Chief Executive, Risk Management Authority;  
Jim Kerr, Interim Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service;

and then from—

Kenny Donnelly, Procurator Fiscal, Policy and Engagement, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

David Fraser, Executive Director Court Operations, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service.

2. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.
3. **Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 3rd Meeting, 2023

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Disability employment gap:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Emma Congreve, Deputy Director, Fraser of Allander Institute;  
Ashley Ryan, Director of ENABLE Works, ENABLE Scotland.
3. **Disability employment gap:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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