

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

TIMETABLING OF BILLS AT STAGE 1

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill

1. The Parliament agreed on 24 October 2023 to designate the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee as the lead committee in consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1. The Committee is currently undertaking scrutiny of the Bill.
2. **The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 3 May 2024.**

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

3. The Parliament agreed on 13 September 2023 that Stage 1 consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 24 November 2023.
4. The Economy and Fair Work Committee has requested an extension to the Stage 1 deadline. The request is being made as the Committee has requested further evidence on the Bill from the Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance on 29 November 2023 and the Committee will be unable to complete its consideration within the currently agreed deadline. The Government has indicated that it is content to extend the deadline.
5. **The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 23 February 2024.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
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