

Tuesday 21 May 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:05pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-13317, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Esther Elliott,
Church of Scotland Community Chaplain

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by First Minister's Statement:
Infected Blood Inquiry

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Post Office
(Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Post Office
(Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
13087 Marie McNair: National Epilepsy Week

Committee Meetings

8:30am Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport
Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration
Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and
Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

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

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-13317, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Esther Elliott, Church of Scotland Community Chaplain

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-13317](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 21 May 2024—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Infected Blood Inquiry

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 22 May 2024—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Priorities for Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Miles Briggs: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported figures showing that average rents increased at a higher rate in Scotland than any other region or nation in the UK between September 2022 and March 2024. ([S6T-02000](#))

2. Pam Duncan-Glancy: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has reportedly withdrawn all funding for the National Parent Forum of Scotland. ([S6T-01995](#))

3. John Mason: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is regarding any implications for community safety to the events that occurred in Trongate, Glasgow, following Celtic Football Club's league title win. ([S6T-01996](#))

followed by First Minister's Statement: Infected Blood Inquiry

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-13292](#) **Angela Constance: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Financial Resolution: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-13232](#) **Shona Robison: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S6M-13087](#) **Marie McNair: National Epilepsy Week**—That the Parliament recognises National Epilepsy Week, which runs from 20 to 26 May 2024; notes that this takes place to raise awareness of epilepsy, the challenges that those living with the condition face and to promote greater understanding and inclusion; further notes, in particular, the employment challenges that can face

those living with epilepsy; understands that it is the most prevalent of the main neurological conditions, with around 58,000 people living with epilepsy in Scotland; recognises what it sees as the importance of National Epilepsy Week to foster conversations and greater understanding amongst the general public of the condition and what to do when someone has a seizure; welcomes the work of local groups such as West Dunbartonshire Epilepsy Support Group and, nationally, Epilepsy Scotland, for what it regards as the vital social support services that they provide to those living with epilepsy, but notes the reported difficulties that they are facing through independently funding these services, and hopes for a productive and successful National Epilepsy Week.

Committee Meetings

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 18th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 16th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7, 8, 9 and 11 in private.
2. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, and Stephen Lea-Ross, Deputy Director of Health Workforce Planning and Development, Scottish Government;
Paula Speirs, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Health Care) Modification Order 2024 [draft] and the Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Inspections) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] from—
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Lorraine Alcock, Team Lead, Safety, Openness and Learning, Kirndeeep Kaur, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, and Robert Law, Senior Policy Manager, Safety, Openness and Learning, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Neil Gray (Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care) to move—
S6M-13020—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Health Care) Modification Order 2024 [draft] be approved.
S6M-13021—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Inspections) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Healthcare Improvement Scotland \(Fees\) Regulations 2024: SSI 2024/130](#)
6. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-44](#) from—
Dr Pete Cheema OBE, Chief Executive, Scottish Grocers Federation;
John Dunne, Director General, UK Vaping Industry Association;
and then from—
Sheila Duffy, Chief Executive, ASH Scotland;
Dr Garth Reid, Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Scotland.
7. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Health Care) Modification Order 2024 [draft] and the Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Inspections) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft].

9. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024.
10. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
11. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 6.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 18th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Public administration in government:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John-Paul Marks, Permanent Secretary, Lesley Fraser, Director General Corporate, Gregor Irwin, Director General Economy, and Jackie McAllister, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish Government.
2. **Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Lynda Towers, Convener, Constitutional Law and Human Rights Committee, Law Society of Scotland;
Dr Ian Elliott, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy, Centre for Public Policy, University of Glasgow;
Professor Alan Page, Emeritus Professor of Public Law, University of Dundee.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 16th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **National Planning Framework 4 annual review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Fiona Simpson, Chief Planner, Director of Planning, Architecture and Regeneration, and Andy Kinnaird, Head of Transforming Planning, Planning, Architecture and Regeneration Division, Scottish Government.
3. **National Planning Framework 4 annual review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 17th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Pubs Code Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
[Tied Pubs \(Fees and Financial Penalties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/140)

[Disability Assistance for Older People \(Consequential Amendment and Transitional Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/141)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 12th Meeting, 2024

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

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on—
The Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft];
and
The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Jenny Hunt, Senior Policy Manager, Safety Openness and Learning Legislation Team, Rachel Innes, Community Interventions Team Leader, Community Justice Division, and Jordan McGrory, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—
S6M-12908—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved; and
S6M-12909—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2024 [draft] from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Lisa Davidson, Tribunals Policy Team Leader, and Natalie Milligan, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—S6M-12847—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Damages (Review of Rate of Return) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Michael Paparakis, Policy and Bill Programme Manager, Private Law Unit, and Scott Matheson, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—S6M-12994—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Damages (Review of Rate of Return) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.
- Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

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