

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:50pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-15226, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Graham K Blount

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4:45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14922 Karen Adam: Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14784 Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024

Committee Meetings

9:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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

10:20am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

10:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-15226, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Graham K Blount

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-15226](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 5 November 2024—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any increased risk to public safety resulting from industrial action by the Scottish Police Federation. ([S6T-02168](#))

2. Richard Leonard: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of any potential implications for accessibility, equality and safety for passengers and the public, whether it will permit the reduction in opening hours of ticket offices by ScotRail. ([S6T-02170](#)) **R**

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-15206](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 45 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour and 20 minutes.

[S6M-15168](#) Gillian Martin: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by **Business Motions**

followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

4:45 pm Decision Time

followed by **Members' Business**

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-14922](#) Karen Adam: Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary—That the Parliament congratulates One Parent Families Scotland on reaching the remarkable milestone of its 80th anniversary, and commends the charity for its unwavering dedication to empowering single parents to realise their full potential; recognises what it sees as the charity's crucial role in offering a comprehensive range of support services, including family, employability, young parent support, welfare rights, and financial advice through its five family centres in Dundee, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow and North Lanarkshire, as well as its national lone parent helpline and digital services; acknowledges that the charity, originally established in the 1940s as the Scottish Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child, was founded with a mission to keep unmarried mothers and their children together; celebrates the charity's extraordinary growth into an impactful organisation, employing 97 dedicated staff members, supporting over 8,000 parents, children, and young people each year, and providing what it considers to be life-changing welfare rights and financial advice that has, it understands, benefited nearly 4,000 families to date, resulting in financial gains for families exceeding £1.6 million; recognises that one in four families with children in Scotland are single-parent households, with 90% of these led by women; believes that, despite significant progress since the 1940s, gender inequality continues to fuel discrimination against many single mothers; understands the unique challenges faced by single parents combining the roles of sole carer and provider without the support of another adult, often facing a higher risk of poverty than other households; applauds the charity for its tireless advocacy for single parents at every level of government, working to create lasting solutions to what it sees as the widespread poverty that many face, and celebrates what it considers to be the remarkable resilience of single parents and the exceptional strength that they demonstrate every day in raising their families.

followed by **Members' Business**

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-14784](#) Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024—That the Parliament marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place every November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which takes place on 21 November 2024; believes that, for decades, pancreatic cancer has been left behind, receiving just 3% of the UK cancer research budget; considers that an increase in long-term investment in such research could transform persistent low survival rates; welcomes Pancreatic Cancer UK's recent announcement of nearly £600,000 in funding for research taking place in Scotland into early diagnosis and treatment for the disease; acknowledges that pancreatic cancer is tough to detect and diagnose and understands that, once diagnosed, only three out of 10 people get any treatment, the lowest proportion of all cancer types; acknowledges that half of people die within three months of diagnosis; believes that, once diagnosed, people often face obstacles getting the information and care that they need to be well enough to have treatment, with scarce patient

experience data and many people feeling "written off", with no support plan in place or help to manage symptoms; understands that, at present, there are shortages in the availability of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT), directly affecting the quality of life for people living with pancreatic cancer and other conditions; commends the health professionals and pancreatic cancer charities coming together to develop holistic support and guidance on what to do if a patient is running low or cannot get PERT; further commends all of the charities and activist organisations, and their dedicated supporters, on what it sees as their tireless efforts to improve outcomes for people with this condition, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day every success in raising awareness of this devastating disease.

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 29th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Housing Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;
Professor Ken Gibb, Director, UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence, University of Glasgow;
Professor Christian Hilber, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economic and Political Science;
and then from—
Donna Bogdanovic, Head of Housing Strategy and Development, Scottish Borders Council;
Stephen Llewellyn, Chief Housing Officer, North Lanarkshire Council;
Derek McGowan, Service Director for Housing and Homelessness, City of Edinburgh Council;
Blair Millar, Head of Housing and Communities, East Ayrshire Council;
Edward Thomas, Head of Housing and Property Services, Moray Council.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of Local Development Plan\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
[Town and Country Planning \(Masterplan Consent Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
4. **Housing Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at its last meeting from the Minister for Public Finance on the following instruments—
Town and Country Planning (Amendment of National Planning Framework) (Scotland) Regulations 2024;
Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024;
Town and Country Planning (Amendment of Local Development Plan) (Scotland) Regulations 2024; and
Town and Country Planning (Masterplan Consent Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2024.
7. **Tracker report 2023-24:** The Committee will consider a draft report.
8. **Housing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will further consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 32nd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.

2. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr Josh Doble, Policy Manager, Community Land Scotland;
Jon Hollingdale, Policy Adviser, Scottish Community Alliance;
Linda Gillespie, Head of Community Ownership, Development Trusts Association Scotland.
3. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Appointments to the Board of the Scottish Land Commission:** The Committee will consider a list of recommended candidates for appointment to the Board of the Scottish Land Commission.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
6. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 30th 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—
[Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2025](#) (SI 2024/Draft)
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/272)
[Property Factors \(Registration\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/274)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 23rd Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Nick Bland, Deputy Director of Mainstreaming and Inclusion, and Matt Elsby, Deputy Director of Fiscal Policy and Constitution, Scottish Government.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.
3. **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 29th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:20 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Elena Whitham will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
3. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Julian Gardner AM, Chairperson, Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board;
Katherine Waller, Voluntary Assisted Dying Training - Project Manager, and Professor
Ben White, Professor of End-of-Life Law and Regulation, The Australian Centre for
Health Law Research.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages \(Scotland\) Act 1965 \(Prohibition on Disposal of a Body without Authorisation\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
5. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its future work programme.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 30th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: Managing Scotland's Public Finances: A Strategic Approach (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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