

Wednesday 6 November 2024

# 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** Scottish Government Debate:  
Keeping The Promise

**followed by** Urgent Question: Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure resilience across the Clyde and Hebrides ferry network this winter, in light of the announcement that the MV Caledonian Isles will continue to be out of service until at least the end of the year.

**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 — S6M-12918 Fulton MacGregor: Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

**9:30am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**10:00am** Criminal Justice Committee

**10:00am** Education, Children and Young People Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands – Questions 4 and 8

#### Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

- 1. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the most accurate and up-to-date science and data is used when making decisions that impact Scotland's fishing sector. ([S6O-03877](#))
- 2. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of the UK Government's decision to reform agricultural property relief on the future of family farms in Scotland. ([S6O-03878](#))
- 3. Sarah Boyack:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03879](#))
- 4. Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government by what date it expects all farmers to receive payment through the Basic Payment Scheme. ([S6O-03880](#))
- 5. Ruth Maguire:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-03881](#))
- 6. David Torrance:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03882](#))
- 7. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the rural affairs secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding the potential implications for its policies on land reform and land use of a carbon emissions land tax. ([S6O-03883](#))
- 8. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of payments under the Basic Payment Scheme had been made to farmers by 15 October 2024. ([S6O-03884](#)) **R**

#### Health and Social Care

- 1. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what recent discussions it has had with NHS Lanarkshire about the replacement Monklands Hospital. ([S6O-03885](#))
- 2. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what it is doing to establish a care pathway for people living with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and hypermobility spectrum disorders. ([S6O-03886](#))
- 3. Karen Adam:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03887](#))
- 4. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recent reports that Chalmers Gender Identity Clinic has paused gender-affirming surgery referrals for people under 25, what work it is doing to ensure that such referrals for 18- to 24-year-olds can be reinstated as soon as possible. ([S6O-03888](#))
- 5. Colin Smyth:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported decision by members of the Integrated Joint Board of Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership to reject the recommendations of an independent review to re-open the Clenoch Birthing Centre at the Galloway Community Hospital in Stranraer for in-hospital births. ([S6O-03889](#))
- 6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to improve life expectancy and tackle any health inequalities affecting the most disadvantaged communities. ([S6O-03890](#))

**7. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is improving outcomes for people affected by breast cancer. ([S6O-03891](#))

**8. Sharon Dowey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what steps it is taking to eliminate long waits in A&E departments across Scotland. ([S6O-03892](#))

### followed by Scottish Government Debate: Keeping The Promise

**[S6M-15205](#) Natalie Don-Innes: Keeping The Promise**—That the Parliament reaffirms its collective commitment to Keep The Promise by 2030.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S6M-15205.2](#) Roz McCall: Keeping The Promise**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15205 in the name of Natalie Don-Innes (Keeping The Promise), insert at end "; notes with concern the findings of The Promise Oversight Board's second report, which raised doubts about Scotland's progress towards delivering The Promise by 2030; acknowledges the February 2024 report from Who Cares? Scotland highlighting that \*in one local authority area\* over 83% of social workers experienced sickness-related absences in 2023; is concerned that local authorities lack adequate resources to ensure sufficient staffing, thus impacting support for care experienced children, young people and families; notes The Promise Oversight Board's call for a focused approach to effective implementation, sufficient resources, and workforce recruitment and retention; understands that care experienced pupils are often removed from school to attend social work meetings and hearings, resulting in 1,304,088 days of missed school across 22 reporting local authorities; acknowledges Who Cares? Scotland's October 2024 report, which found that income gaps for care experienced individuals have grown from between 25% and 29% to as much as 38%, amounting to nearly £10,000; highlights persistent health inequalities among care experienced people, who face greater risks of chronic illnesses like hepatitis, depression, lung cancer and heart disease due to adverse childhood experiences, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that funding reaches those in need to implement effective, empowering solutions for care experienced individuals."

**[S6M-15205.1](#) Martin Whitfield: Keeping The Promise**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15205 in the name of Natalie Don-Innes (Keeping The Promise), insert at end ", and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment that the proposed The Promise Bill will be in place before the end of the current parliamentary session, and its commitment to productive cross-party engagement on the Bill's contents."

**followed by Urgent Question: Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure resilience across the Clyde and Hebrides ferry network this winter, in light of the announcement that the MV Caledonian Isles will continue to be out of service until at least the end of the year.**

### followed by Business Motions

**[S6M-15227](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 November 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Planning System – Supporting Investment and Economic Growth and Delivering Quality Homes

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Women's Health Plan 2021- 2024 – Progress and Next Steps

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 13 November 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party 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 14 November 2024

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* Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 November 2024

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 20 November 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*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 21 November 2024

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 and Energy, and Transport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*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 11 November 2024, 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.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-15228](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.**

**[S6M-15229](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Building Safety) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-15230](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Upper Tribunal for Scotland Bus Registration Appeals (Composition) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-15231](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Transport Tribunal) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-15232](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Kevin Stewart be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

**[S6M-15233](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Claire Baker as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

**[S6M-15234](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Meghan Gallacher be appointed to replace Pam Gosal as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Stephen Kerr be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

Oliver Mundell be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Pam Gosal be appointed to replace Liz Smith as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Rachael Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Annie Wells be appointed to replace Sue Webber as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Graham Simpson be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Brian Whittle be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee; and

Roz McCall be appointed to replace Miles Briggs as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

**[S6M-15235](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Claire Baker be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

**[S6M-15236](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Office of the Clerk**—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Tuesday 24 (am), Friday 27, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December 2024.

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

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-12918](#) Fulton MacGregor: Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland**—That the Parliament commends the recent paper, *Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland*, published by the Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse; notes with concern the lack of Scotland-specific data regarding sibling sexual abuse (SSA); understands that SSA is the most common form of intra-familial child sexual abuse; acknowledges research that suggests that it is estimated that at least twice as many children are sexually abused by a child sibling than by a parent; recognises that many survivors who talk of their experiences of rape or sexual assault perpetrated by a sibling find that their abuse can be met by disbelief or minimisation by adults and professionals as "sexual experimentation" or "natural curiosity"; understands that SSA is less likely to be disclosed than other forms of sexual abuse, due to shame, fears of punishment or blame, or not being believed; further understands that the consequences of SSA may include post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, substance and alcohol misuse, eating disorders and relationship difficulties throughout life; believes that there is credible evidence that SSA often goes unrecognised or is minimised by professionals, which it considers is adverse to the needs of survivors and their families; acknowledges what it considers the complex issue of SSA whereby perpetrators are often underage themselves and may be in need of additional support; notes the support for any measures to highlight the prevalence of sibling sexual abuse, its impact and what parents can do if they are concerned about sexual behaviour between siblings; further notes the belief that it is valuable to launch a reference group bringing together key agencies and those with lived experience to consolidate learning, identify best practices and steer future policy and practice so that scalable, proportionate and trauma-informed responses are available to address this issue, and notes the belief that it is beneficial to establish dedicated training courses for social workers and other safeguarding professionals, including those in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, specifically on disclosure and communicating with children when there are concerns about SSA.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 27th Meeting, 2024

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 4 in private.
2. **Amendment to the Joint Fisheries Statement:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Jane Macpherson, Head of Fisheries Management Strategy, and Emma Stevenson, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Wildlife Management \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)  
(SSI 2024/268)
4. **Amendment to the Joint Fisheries Statement:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 28th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (LCM(S6)50).
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-2026 (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft letter to the Scottish Government.
3. **Correspondence (in private):** The Committee will consider correspondence from GrowBiz.

### Criminal Justice Committee 33rd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—  
Malcolm Graham, Chief Executive, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service;  
John Logue, Crown Agent, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;  
and then from—  
Teresa Medhurst, Chief Executive, Linda Pollock, Deputy Chief Executive, and Gerry O'Donnell, Director of Finance, Scottish Prison Service.
3. **National Outcomes:** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.



## Education, Children and Young People Committee 28th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Emeritus Professor Chris Loynes, Professor in Human Nature Relations, Institute of Science and Environment, Centre for National Parks and Protected Areas (CNPPA) & Outdoor Studies, University of Cumbria;  
Professor Greg Mannion, Senior Lecturer in Education, University of Stirling;  
Dr Roger Scrutton, Honorary Research Fellow in Outdoor Education, University of Edinburgh.
2. **Consideration of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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