

Tuesday 1 October 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-14730, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Dr Musharraf Hussain OBE

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering the Homes that Scotland Needs

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings:
Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes
Administration (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14496 Tess White: Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls

followed by Members' Business — S6M-12165 David Torrance: Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College

Committee Meetings

8:45am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport 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

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Dr Musharraf Hussain OBE

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-14730](#) 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 Tuesday 1 October 2024—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering the Homes that Scotland Needs

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to council leaders withdrawing support for its National Care Service Bill. ([S6T-02122](#))

2. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that pensioners can afford to heat their homes this winter. ([S6T-02121](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering the Homes that Scotland Needs

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-14710](#) Ivan McKee: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by **Committee Announcements**

followed by **Business Motions**

followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

4:10 pm Decision Time

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

[S6M-14496](#) Tess White: Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls—That the Parliament recognises the importance of safe and fair sport for women and girls as it marks Scottish Women & Girls in Sport Week, which takes place between 30 September and 6 October 2024; acknowledges the reported concerns of some that emerged during the 2024 Paris Olympics regarding the gender eligibility of two athletes in the women's boxing competition, as well as the participation of a transgender runner in the women's T12 200m and 400m sprints at the Paralympics; highlights the action taken by some governing sports' bodies, including World Athletics, Fina, World Rugby and World Netball, to prevent transgender women from competing in the female category while further research is carried out into physical performance and male advantage; recognises the findings of the report, *Violence against women and girls in sports*, by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, including that “males' average punching power has been measured as 162% greater than females” and that “by 30 March 2024, over 600 female athletes in more than 400 competitions have lost more than 890 medals in 29 different sports” as a result of the introduction of a mixed-sex category; further recognises the findings of the BBC Elite British Sportswomen's Study 2024, in which, it understands, more than 100 elite sportswomen said they would be “uncomfortable with transgender women competing in female categories in their sport”, but that they reportedly expressed fears over being seen as discriminatory if they went public with their opinions; understands that, across the north east and the rest of Scotland more widely, there is a persistent gender gap in participation rates in sport between females and males; believes that, as society seeks to tackle the barriers that prevent female participation in sport, parliamentarians, public figures and the media should be able to discuss freely the implications of inclusion policies in sport for women and girls without recrimination or condemnation, and further believes that single-sex categories in sport, from grassroots to elite level, should be protected.

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

[S6M-12165](#) David Torrance: Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College—That the Parliament celebrates the 125th anniversary of Fife College, the first ever college to be set up in Fife following the opening of the Lauder Technical College in 1899; understands that local politician and businessman, George Lauder, established the college with funding from his nephew, the famous industrialist, Andrew Carnegie; believes that, for 125 years, the provision of college education in Fife has offered opportunities for thousands of students and benefited the people, communities, and businesses of the area; further believes that the 125th anniversary will be

celebrated through a series of special events and initiatives, each of which will pay tribute to what it sees as the incredible legacy of those who laid the groundwork for the success of Fife College all those years ago; notes the launch of a new 125th anniversary scholarship programme to "empower and support" students in their educational journey, while the college builds upon its relationships with institutions in the USA as it aims to explore mutually beneficial opportunities and continue the legacy of its founding benefactors; welcomes the series of events planned for across Fife, which will highlight its alumni programme to celebrate the achievements of former students who have since gone on to make their mark across the globe; further notes the planned revival of the annual Lauder Lecture, coinciding with the college's birthday in October 2024; considers that the event will serve as a platform for thought leaders to share insights and knowledge, embodying the spirit of George Lauder's commitment to education; understands that the aims of the college remain the same today as they did 125 years ago, and that they are to provide opportunity for all, to deliver outstanding education and training, to contribute to the economic prosperity of the region and its communities, and to help students, staff and the communities that it serves to be the best that they can be; commends what it sees as the hard work and dedication of all staff, past and present, and wishes everyone at Fife College a bright future.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 26th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Gordon MacDonald 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. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 2 from—
 - Fiona Davies, Chief Executive of NHS Highland and Board Chief Executive Lead, NHS Board Chief Executives' Group;
 - Julie Murray, Chief Officer, East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Health and Social Care Scotland;
 - Karen Reid, Chief Executive of NHS Education for Scotland and Board Chief Executive Lead, NHS Board Chief Executives' Group;
 and then from—
 - Rosemary Agnew, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman;
 - Maree Allison, Chief Executive, Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC);
 - Edith Macintosh, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Strategy and Improvement, Care Inspectorate;
 - Robbie Pearson, Chief Executive, Healthcare Improvement Scotland;
 and then from—
 - Isla Davie KC, Faculty of Advocates;
 - Suzanne McGuinness, Executive Director of Social Work, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland;
 - Jennifer Paton, Head of Policy, Law Society of Scotland;
 - Jan Savage, Executive Director, Scottish Human Rights Commission.
4. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
5. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
6. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a revised approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 27th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2025-26: Managing Scotland's Finances: A Strategic Approach:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Cllr Katie Hagmann, Resources Spokesperson, COSLA;
 - Jamie Robertson, Chair, CIPFA Directors of Finance;
 - Malcolm Burr, Chief Executive, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar;
 - David Robertson, Chief Executive, Scottish Borders Council.

2. **National Performance Framework: Inquiry into proposed National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Joanne Davidson, Director of Policy, Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce;
Allan Faulds, Senior Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
Dr Shoba John, Head, Obesity Action Scotland;
Carmen Martinez, Policy and Engagement Lead, Scottish Women's Budget Group;
Adam Boey, Business Planning and Performance Manager, Stirling Council;
Sarah Latto, Senior Policy Officer, Volunteer Scotland.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 28th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 26th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its pre-budget scrutiny for 2025-26 from—
Professor David Heald, Emeritus Professor, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow;
Bill Howat, Member, The Mercat Group;
Alison Payne, Research Director, Reform Scotland;
Keith Yates, Member, The Mercat Group.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Renters' Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to the legislative consent memorandum.
5. **Housing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 27th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Extension of Temporary Justice Measures\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
[Upper Tribunal for Scotland Bus Registration Appeals \(Composition\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Transport Tribunal\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)

- [Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of National Planning Framework\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
- [Masterplan Consent Area Scheme \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
- [Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Early Expiry of Provisions\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/246)
- [Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/247)
- [Public Service Vehicles \(Registration of Local Services\) \(Bus Services Improvement Partnerships Service Standards Decisions\) \(Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/248)
- [Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of Local Development Plan\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/250)
- [Town and Country Planning \(Masterplan Consent Areas\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/253)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
- [Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 14\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/252 (C.21))
5. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—
- Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Douglas Kerr, Deputy Legislation Co-ordinator, Scottish Government Legal Department, Steven Macgregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, and Nicola Wisdahl, LCM and Subordinate Legislation Programme Team Leader, Scottish Government.
6. **Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 20th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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. **Human Rights (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
- Neil Cowan, Scotland Programme Director, Amnesty International UK;
Emma Hutton, Chief Executive Officer, JustRight Scotland;
Lucy Miller, Policy and Communications Lead, Human Rights Consortium Scotland;
Professor Angela O'Hagan, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
John Wilkes, Head of Scotland, Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland;
- and then from—
- Professor Katie Boyle, Chair of Human Rights Law and Social Justice, University of Strathclyde;
Nicole Busby, Professor of Human Rights, Equality and Justice, University of Glasgow;
Professor Aileen McHarg, Professor of Public Law and Human Rights, Durham University;
Alan Miller, Professor of Practice in Human Rights Law, University of Strathclyde;

Dr Andrew Tickell, Senior Lecturer in Law, Glasgow Caledonian University.

3. **Human Rights (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach.

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