

Tuesday 17 September 2024

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-14533, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm Time for Reflection:** Professor Rowan Cruft, Professor of Philosophy, University of Stirling

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Languages Bill

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Securing a Sustainable Future for the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-13753 Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating the Federation of Small Businesses' 50th Anniversary

### Committee Meetings

**8:45am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:00am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:00am** Health, Social Care and Sport 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

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**[S6M-14533](#) 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 17 September 2024—

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Languages Bill

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Securing a Sustainable Future for the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster

(b) Thursday 19 September 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

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*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021-2022

**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what discussions it has had with Harland & Wolff regarding the future of its construction yards at Methil and Arnish. ([S6T-02099](#))

**2. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent independent inquiry, carried out by Vicky Ling, into the Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre and the subsequent resignation of its chief executive, Mridul Wadhwa. ([S6T-02095](#))

**followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Languages Bill**

[S6M-14484](#) **Kate Forbes: Scottish Languages Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Languages Bill.

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Securing a Sustainable Future for the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster**

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**followed by Business Motions**

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**5:00 pm Decision Time**

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

[S6M-13753](#) **Audrey Nicoll: Celebrating the Federation of Small Businesses' 50th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) on celebrating its 50th anniversary on 15 September 2024; understands that micro and small businesses comprise almost all enterprises in Scotland, at 98% of the total, and employ 900,000 people with a turnover of £82 billion; further understands that, since its formation in 1974 in response to what it sees as unfair increases in national insurance for the self-employed by the UK Government, which was later repealed, the FSB has gone on to become the largest direct business membership organisation in the UK, and recognises what it considers the vital non-profit, non-party-political business services that it offers, including advice, financial expertise, support and a powerful advocating voice to government at all levels, as well as its aim to achieve changes for 5.5 million small businesses and the self-employed.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 26th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Michael Matheson will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 6 in private.
4. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Dr Alina Averchenkova, Distinguished Policy Fellow, and Catherine Higham, Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment;  
Dr Thomas Muinzer, Reader in Energy Transition Law, University of Aberdeen, School of Law;  
Mike Robinson, Chair, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland;  
Neil Langhorn, Head of Strategy and Analysis, Environmental Standards Scotland;  
and then from—  
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Philip Raines, Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, Amy Hill, Climate Change Legislation Team Leader, and Norman Munro, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
6. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee 26th 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 Public Finances: A Strategic Approach:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—  
Allan Faulds, Senior Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);  
Alice Telfer, Head of Business Policy and Public Sector, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;  
Euan Lochhead, Architect, Retrofit Coordinator, North East Scotland Retrofit Hub;  
Lewis Ryder-Jones, Advocacy Advisor, Oxfam Scotland;  
Michael Kellet, Director of Strategy, Governance and Performance, Public Health Scotland;  
David Melhuish, Director, Scottish Property Federation;  
Heather Williams, Training Lead, Scottish Women's Budget Group, Women's Economic Empowerment Project.
2. **National Performance Framework: Inquiry into proposed National Outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Sarah Davidson, Chief Executive, Carnegie UK;

Dr Max French, Assistant Professor, Newcastle Business School, Northumbria University;

Dr Alison Hosie, Research Officer, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Lukas Bunse, Policy and Engagement Lead, Wellbeing Economy Alliance Scotland.

3. **Proposed Contingent Liability (In Private):** The Committee will further consider the evidence received on a proposed Contingent Liability.
4. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 24th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private, and whether to take equivalent items in private at future meetings.
2. **Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Emilia Crighton, Director of Public Health, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;  
Tracey Gillies, Medical Director, NHS Lothian;  
Rhoda MacLeod, Head of Adult Services (Sexual Health, Police Custody & Prison Healthcare), Sandyford Sexual Health Service, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#)
4. **Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Healthcare in remote and rural areas:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 24th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Fulton MacGregor MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
3. **Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC):** The Committee will take evidence on SLARC's Recommendations for Councillors' Remuneration and Expenses from—  
David Heaney, Former member, Angela Leitch CBE, Former Convenor, and Martin McElroy, Former member, Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC);  
Jane O'Donnell, Chief Executive, COSLA;  
and then from—  
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, and Fiona Campbell, Local Government Strategy Manager, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Valuation \(Proposals Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)
5. **Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 25th 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 item 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Rural Development \(Continuation of Operation\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)  
[Scotland Act 1998 \(Specification of Devolved Tax\) \(Building Safety\) Order 2024](#) (SI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Local Services Franchises \(Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/229)  
[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/230)  
[National Health Service \(Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/233)  
[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/236)  
[High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/237)  
[Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/238)  
[Justice of the Peace Court Fees \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/239)  
[Adults with Incapacity \(Public Guardian's Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/240)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/231 C.18))  
[Abortion Services \(Safe Access Zones\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/232 C.19))
5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Fiona Leslie, Head of Agricultural Holdings and Women in Agriculture Team, Andy Crawley, Lawyer, and Andy Proudfoot, Land Reform Bill Team Leader, Scottish Government.
6. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

## Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 18th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/178)  
[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/216)
2. **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Jeremy Balfour MSP, Member in Charge of the Bill, Nick Hawthorne, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Liz Anderson, Assistant Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Alison Fraser, Solicitor, Legal Services, Scottish Parliament.

3. **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme (In Private) (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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