

Tuesday 3 December 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-15709, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rt Rev Frank Dougan, Bishop of the Diocese of Galloway

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Urgent Question: Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of Audit Scotland's report, NHS in Scotland 2024, that the Scottish Government has no clear plan to deliver its NHS vision.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-14749 Craig Hoy: Findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs Report, What Does "Brand Scotland" Mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub Sector?

Committee Meetings

9:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-15709](#) 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 3 December 2024—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Tess White: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of capacity in the NHS, in light of the critical incident declared by NHS Grampian on 28 November 2024. ([S6T-02222](#))

followed by Urgent Question: Brian Whittle: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of Audit Scotland's report, NHS in Scotland 2024, that the Scottish Government has no clear plan to deliver its NHS vision.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-15685](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Social Security (Amendment) (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: 50 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 25 minutes

Groups 7 and 8: 1 hour 45 minutes.

[S6M-15683](#) Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by **Business Motions**

followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

5:20 pm Decision Time

followed by **Members' Business**

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-14749](#) Craig Hoy: Findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs Report, What Does "Brand Scotland" Mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub Sector?—That the Parliament notes the publication of the findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs' report, *What does "Brand Scotland" mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub sector?*; believes that Scotland should be a highly desirable country to live, work, study, visit, trade and invest; understands that the Scottish beer and pub sector contributes significantly to Brand Scotland; welcomes the inquiry carried out by MSPs, who took written and oral evidence from a wide section of witnesses, including breweries, pub operators, trade groups and research organisations; understands that witnesses told the inquiry about the dynamic and vibrant contribution that the sector makes to communities and the economy across Scotland, including in the South Scotland region, with over 100 breweries and 4,340 pubs employing 65,000 people and contributing £1.8 billion in wider economic benefits; notes what it sees as the largely unacknowledged and unique benefits that Scotland's pubs and breweries provide, including preventing social exclusion, boosting tourism, supporting local festivals, music, arts and sport, and acting as a catalyst for local events and charity fundraising; further notes, with concern, reports that Scotland's pubs are closing at a faster rate than elsewhere in the UK, with investment being diverted as, it understands, a lack of certainty makes it difficult to plan ahead, including as a result of regulatory proposals, complex and time consuming planning processes, employment challenges and business rates; notes that the report calls for a new hospitality strategy that aligns with Brand Scotland, which includes a review of business rates, the promotion of employment opportunities and a recognition of the need for a period of regulatory calm, and which should be developed in partnership with the sector, trade representatives and the Scottish Government, and further notes the calls for MSPs to commit to implementing these changes for the social and economic wellbeing of the Scottish hospitality sector.

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 33rd 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 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Bookbinder, Director, Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations;
Tony Cain, Policy Manager, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO);
Patrick Gilbride, Retired Director, Dalmuir Park Housing Association;
Daryl McIntosh, Chief Executive Officer, SHARE Ltd;
Alan Stokes, Policy Lead, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA);
and then from—
Lindsay Anderson, Chair, Link's Tenant Scrutiny Panel;
James Calder, National Policy and Engagement Officer, MECOPP;
Shona Gorman, Vice-Chair, Tenants Together Scotland;
Robyn Kane, Secretary, Edinburgh Tenants Federation.
3. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **EU Law Tracker:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 36th 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 and 4 in private.
2. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Magnus Linklater CBE, Journalist;
Laurie Macfarlane, Co-Director of Future Economy Scotland;
Peter Peacock, Formerly - Leader Highland Council; MSP for Highlands and Islands;
Scottish Executive Cabinet Minister; Policy Director Community Land Scotland;
Andy Wightman, Researcher, "Who Owns Scotland" Project.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider an approach to consideration of the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025.
4. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 34th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: UK context:** The Committee will take evidence from— David Phillips, Associate Director, and Ben Zaranko, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 34th 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 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Burial \(Applications and Register\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/334)
[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/352)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 2021 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment\) \(Statutory Interveners\) 2024](#) (SSI 2024/353)
4. **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
5. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
6. **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the responses from the Scottish Government and the UK Government on the powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence conferred on UK Ministers in the Bill.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 27th 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. **Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Jacqueline Campbell, Unit Head, Learning Disabilities and Autism Policy, and Carmen Murray, Team Leader, Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill, Scottish Government.
3. **Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

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