

Tuesday 17 December 2024

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 12:30pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-15917, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Dr Alexander Leslie Milton, Minister, St. Andrew's High Parish Church, Musselburgh

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Martins Review on the use of Mobile Messaging Apps and Non-corporate Technology

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:40 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15775 Emma Roddick: Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:30am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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

**10:00am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-15917](#) 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 17 December 2024—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Martins Review on the Use of Mobile Messaging Apps and Non-corporate Technology

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish Information Commissioner letter to it expressing "disappointment" in the way that it complied with Decision 193/2024, regarding legal advice that it received. ([S6T-02254](#))

**2. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to improve the recruitment and retention of nurses, in light of recent reports that the number of students accepted onto nursing courses remains below its targets. ([S6T-02253](#))

**3. Fergus Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the reported delay in the publication of the A96 Corridor Review document, three months after it was understood to be provided to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, is acceptable. ([S6T-02250](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Martins Review on the use of Mobile Messaging Apps and Non-corporate Technology**

**followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill**

**[S6M-15884](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) 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 and 2: 1 hour 10 minutes

Groups 3 and 4: 1 hour 25 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 45 minutes.

**[S6M-15875](#) Jamie Hepburn: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill be passed.

**followed by Committee Announcements**

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:40 pm Decision Time**

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

**[S6M-15775](#) Emma Roddick: Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland**—That the Parliament celebrates 10 years since the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 came into force, legalising same-sex marriage in Scotland; welcomes what it sees as the decade of love, respect and freedom of choice that has followed the implementation of the Act on 16 December 2014; understands that over 9,300 same-sex marriages have been recorded by National Records of Scotland to date; recognises what it sees as the bravery and tenacity of LGBTQI+ and equalities campaigners who brought about the conditions for change, and who, it considers, continue to advance the rights of minorities; further recognises what it sees as the ongoing international struggle for marriage equality, with, it understands, same-sex marriage being legal in only 36 states across the globe; considers that Scotland is one of the most LGBTQI+ friendly nations in Europe, with strong LGBTQI+ legal equality and the world's first LGBTQI+ inclusive curriculum, and notes the calls on the Scottish Parliament to stay determined in its defence of the rights and wellbeing of LGBTQI+ people in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands region, and to act as a progressive global exemplar in the face of what it sees as reactionary political currents.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 38th 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 items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Proposed Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the proposed Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 from—  
Lin Bunten, Chief Operating Officer, Regulation, Business and Environment, Scott Crawford, Senior Manager, Compliance and Beyond, Permitting, and Wendy Thornton, Senior Manager, Compliance and Beyond, Environmental Performance, Scottish Environment Protection Agency.
3. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Hamish Lean, Partner and Head of Rural Property, Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP;  
Martin Hall, Senior Director, Davidson & Robertson;  
Tom Oates, Director, Oates Rural;  
Andrew Wood, Partner, Residential Development, Bidwells.
4. **Proposed Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee 36th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—  
Andy Witty, Director of Strategic Policy and Corporate Governance, Colleges Scotland;  
Reuben Aitken, Managing Director, Scottish Development International;  
Sandy Begbie CBE, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Financial Enterprise;  
Claire Mack, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Renewables;  
Gordon McGuinness, Director of Industry and Enterprise Networks, Skills Development Scotland;  
Dr Alastair McNroy, Chief Executive Officer, Technology Scotland;  
Professor Alastair Florence, Director, Continuous Manufacturing and Crystallisation Centre (CMAC), University of Strathclyde.
2. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Liam McArthur, Member in Charge of the Bill, Nick Hawthorne, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Liz Anderson, Assistant Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.

## Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 36th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 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.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-2026:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2025-2026 from—  
Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Shiree Donnelly, Deputy Director, Health and Social Care Financial Management, and Alan Gray, Director of Health and Social Care Finance, Scottish Government.
3. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-51](#) from—  
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Professor Linda Bauld OBE, Chief Social Policy Adviser, Fiona Dill, Teams Leader for Tobacco, Gambling, Diet and Healthy Weight Directorate, and Ruth Foulis, Lawyer, Legal Services Directorate (SGLD), Scottish Government.
4. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-2026:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 36th 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 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/367)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Conservation of Salmon \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/368)  
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/369)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Housing \(Cladding Remediation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/370 (C.24))
5. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Statutory Instrument Protocol 2:** The Committee will consider an update on Statutory Instrument Protocol 2.

## Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 29th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider any follow-up to its work on the report of the Gender Sensitive Parliament Advisory Group.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 36th 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 items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, and George Walker, Chair, Scottish Housing Regulator.
3. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Scrutiny of SPCB Supported Bodies:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence to the Ethical Standards Commissioner, Standards Commission for Scotland and the Finance and Public Administration Committee.
5. **Housing emergency inquiry:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its visit to Argyll & Bute Council.
6. **Renters' Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on Legislative Consent Memorandum LCM-(S6)-49.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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