

Tuesday 7 May 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:40pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Selection of the Parliament's Nominee for First Minister

The Presiding Officer notifies the Parliament that the First Minister has tendered his resignation, to take effect from the start of plenary business. which has been accepted by His Majesty the King.

Members may now make nominations for selection of the Parliament's nominee for a new First Minister. Nominations must be submitted on official nomination forms. These are available from the Parliamentary Business Team in T1.03 and completed forms should be returned there from 2pm onwards and no later than 30 minutes before the time appointed for the voting period for selection of a nominee. The time for the selection of the nominee for First Minister will be included in a revised business motion to be agreed by the Parliament.

The process for selection of the nominee for First Minister will take place at 3.00 pm, subject to the agreement of a revised business motion by the Parliament. At the start of proceedings, each of the nominees will be called in alphabetical order to address the Chamber for up to five minutes.

Where more than one Member is nominated, Members will be given the opportunity to vote "yes" for one candidate, using the electronic voting system. The votes for each candidate will be taken in alphabetical order and Members may vote only once. Only "yes" votes will be counted.

Once the voting for candidates is completed, Members who have not voted for a candidate will then have an opportunity to vote to abstain by pressing their "yes" button. If any Member records a vote more than once, all of that Member's votes will be treated as spoiled.

Where only one nomination is received, that candidate will be invited to address the Chamber. Members will then be invited to vote for or against that candidate or to abstain.

Members are reminded that the digital voting system will be used in this process.

Portfolio Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 8 May: NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care – Questions 2 and 7.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-13118, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rabbi Eliran Shabo, Honorary Jewish Chaplain for the Scottish Universities
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions
followed by Statement by the First Minister
3:00 pm Selection of First Minister
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5:00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business — S6M-12540 Richard Leonard: Supporting the Further Education Workforce

Committee Meetings

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee
9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
9:00am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
9:00am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee
10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rabbi Eliran Shabo, Honorary Jewish Chaplain for the Scottish Universities

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-13118](#) George Adam 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 7 May 2024—

delete

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Personal Statement: Humza Yousaf

3.00 pm Selection of First Minister

(b) Wednesday 8 May 2024—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

and insert

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Social Justice

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Implementing the Cass Review in Scotland

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Supporting Scotland's Colleges

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.35 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 9 May 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: 2024-25 Finance Update Following UK Government Spring Budget

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Appointment of Scottish Ministers

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Data Protection and Digital Information Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-13118.1 Douglas Ross: Revision to Business Programme](#)—As an amendment to motion S6M-13118 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "3.00 pm Selection of First Minister" insert—

"followed by Statement by the Lord Advocate on Post Office Horizon Prosecutions

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time".

followed by Topical Questions

1. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that a large volume of data has been published onto the dark web, following the recent cyber attack on NHS Dumfries and Galloway. ([S6T-01965](#))

2. Stephen Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of recently reported developments, what plans are being made to support the continued operation of the Grangemouth refinery. ([S6T-01964](#))

followed by Statement by the First Minister

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followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S6M-12540 Richard Leonard: Supporting the Further Education Workforce—That the Parliament recognises that members of the EIS-FELA, including those in the Central Scotland region, have been engaged in industrial action in pursuit of a fair pay settlement; understands that this began with action short of a strike, but that it has escalated to taking strike action in the face of a pay offer from College Employers Scotland that is reportedly below the current rate of inflation, and therefore a real-terms pay reduction; further understands that the pay offer is below the Scottish Government's public sector pay policy; regrets reports that Scotland's further education lecturers last received a pay uplift in August 2021, and that they should have received a pay rise in August 2022, but are still waiting for an acceptable offer from college employers a year and a half later; believes that management in some colleges have taken draconian action, outwith the spirit of the Fair Work Framework, including pay deductions for action short of strike, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to intervene, as it has in other public sector pay disputes, to ensure that workers in the further education sector receive a fair pay settlement that properly reflects what it sees as the invaluable work that they do.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 16th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach:** The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—
Adam Stachura, Associate Director for Policy, Communications and External Affairs, Age Scotland;
Vicki Cahill, Policy and Public Affairs Lead, Alzheimer Scotland;
Jo McGilvray, Senior Policy Advocate, Carnegie UK;
Craig Dalzell, Head of Policy and Research, Common Weal;
Allan Faulds, Senior Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);
Rob Holland, Director, National Autistic Society Scotland.
2. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Donald McGillivray, Director of Safer Communities, and Steven Bunch, Bill Team Leader, Scottish Government.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 15th 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.
2. **Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Hilary Cass, Chair, The Cass Review.
3. **Food Standards Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Heather Kelman, Chair, Geoff Ogle, Chief Executive, and Dr Gillian Purdon, Chief Nutritionist, Food Standards Scotland.
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. **Food Standards Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 14th 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 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **National Planning Framework 4 annual review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Catriona Hill, Chair of the Highlands Islands' Architectural Association, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland;

Ailsa Macfarlane, Director, Built Environment Forum Scotland;
Craig McLaren, National Planning Improvement Champion, Improvement Service;
Jenny Munro, Policy and Practice Officer, Royal Town Planning Institute;

and then from—

Tony Cain, Policy Manager, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO);

Kevin Murphy, Head of Planning, Homes for Scotland;

Ailsa Raeburn, Chair, Community Land Scotland;

Donna Young, Coordinator, Rural Housing Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#)
4. **National Planning Framework 4 annual review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Community Wealth Building:** The Committee will further consider its approach to work on the inquiry.
6. **Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach:** The Committee will consider correspondence to the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 16th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 15th 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—
[Damages \(Review of Rate of Return\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
[National Health Service \(Scotland\) Act 1978 \(Independent Health Care\) Modification Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
[Healthcare Improvement Scotland \(Inspections\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Healthcare Improvement Scotland \(Fees\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/130)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Commencement No. 8\) Order 2024](#) (SSI 2024/131 (C.11))
5. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Michael Paparakis, Policy and Bill Programme Manager, and Megan Stefaniak, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
6. **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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