

Wednesday 22 May 2024

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by First Minister's Statement:
Priorities for Scotland

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate:
Adult Mental Health

followed by Urgent Question: Meghan
Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government
what its response is to reports that Creative
Scotland was aware that the project, Rein,
which received £76,196 of funding from the
organisation, had scenes that were of a
sexually explicit nature before awarding it
funding.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
12082 Alexander Burnett: National Lyme
Disease Awareness Month

Committee Meetings

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy

- 1. Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to promote Scottish manufacturing. ([S6O-03452](#))
- 2. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what elements it has identified that led to it not meeting its household recycling targets in 2013 and 2020. ([S6O-03453](#))
- 3. David Torrance:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-03454](#))
- 4. Christine Grahame:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had and will have with rural communities, such as residents and businesses in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency, regarding the restrictions on the installation of wood burning stoves. ([S6O-03455](#))
- 5. Daniel Johnson:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03456](#))
- 6. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the net zero secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding any plans to review any unintended impacts of the fourth National Planning Framework on energy policy. ([S6O-03457](#))
- 7. Stephanie Callaghan:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-03458](#))
- 8. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to support businesses to address reported declining retail sales. ([S6O-03459](#))

Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the impact of the updated fiscal framework. ([S6O-03460](#))
- 2. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes ethical procurement processes across the public sector, to embed principles such as fair work and sustainability, including in the college and university sector. ([S6O-03461](#))
- 3. Pam Gosal:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is regarding Scotland's budgetary forecast to reports that the UK economy officially exited a recession and outperformed the first quarter of 2024 forecast of the Bank of England. ([S6O-03462](#))
- 4. Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its commitment to consult on the introduction of a carbon emissions land tax for large landowners. ([S6O-03463](#))
- 5. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the reduction in Scotland's capital budget as a result of changes to Scotland's block grant. ([S6O-03464](#))
- 6. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the fourth National Planning Framework specifically in relation to revocation of the Special Development Order at the Ardeer peninsula. ([S6O-03465](#))

7. James Dornan: To ask the Scottish Government what work has been conducted to assess any impact of repaying private finance initiative debt obligations on local authority budgets. ([S6O-03466](#))

8. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the reduction in Scotland's revenue budget as a result of changes to the block grant has had on funding allocations to local authorities in the current financial year. ([S6O-03467](#))

followed by First Minister's Statement: Priorities for Scotland

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: Adult Mental Health

[S6M-13291](#) Richard Leonard on behalf of the Public Audit Committee: Adult Mental Health—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6), *Adult mental health* (SP Paper 532).

followed by Urgent Question: Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Creative Scotland was aware that the project, Rein, which received £76,196 of funding from the organisation, had scenes that were of a sexually explicit nature before awarding it funding.

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-13318](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 May 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Vision for Health and Social Care in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 June 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 June 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 June 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 May 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

[S6M-13319](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 2 Extension—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 31 May 2024.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-13320](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-13321](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport Partnerships (Transfer of Functions) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

[S6M-13326](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Gillian Mackay as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-12082](#) Alexander Burnett: National Lyme Disease Awareness Month—That the Parliament recognises that May 2024 marks Lyme Disease Awareness Month, which aims to raise awareness of the disease in order to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment; understands

that Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can be spread to humans by infected ticks; recognises that cases of Lyme disease have been reported across Scotland, but that diagnosis and treatment of the disease can be difficult and complex due to varying symptoms, including a "bullseye" bite, rash, fatigue and flu-like symptoms; notes the importance of early diagnosis and access to antibiotic treatment, as in some cases Lyme disease can have long-term symptoms impacting someone's health, including memory problems, joint and nerve pain and heart problems, and further notes the view that there is still much more progress to be made in educating medical professionals across Scotland to help improve detection of the disease, as well as spreading public health information on how to prevent and treat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

Committee Meetings

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

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 14th 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 item 3 in private and whether to consider Petition PE1490: Control of wild goose numbers; and its Annual Report 2023 to 2024 in private at its next meeting.
2. **Petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare, Scottish Government.
3. **Petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 16th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Disability employment gap:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tracey Francis, Policy and Development Worker for Scottish Transitions Forum, Association for Real Change Scotland;
Dr Charlotte Pearson, Senior Lecturer in Social & Public Policy, University of Glasgow;
Anne-Marie Sturrock, Vice Principal – Student Experience, Colleges Scotland.
2. **Disability employment gap (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Education, Children and Young People Committee 16th Meeting, 2024

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

1. **Scottish Languages Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Claire Cullen, Head of Gaelic and Scots, and Douglas Ansdell, Team Leader, Gaelic and Scots, Scottish Government;
Nico McKenzie-Juetten, Lawyer, School Education Division, and Ninian Christie, Lawyer, Economy and Social Protection Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1 and at previous meetings.

Criminal Justice Committee 20th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Fiona McQueen, Vice Chair, Scottish Police Authority Board;
Katharina Kasper, Chair of the Complaints and Conduct Committee, and Robin
Johnston, Head of Legal, Scottish Police Authority;

and then from—

Deputy Chief Constable Alan Spiers, Professionalism, Strategy and Engagement,
Chief Superintendent Helen Harrison, Head of Professional Standards, and Nicky Page,
Head of Human Resources, Police Scotland.

2. **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

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