

Tuesday 7 January 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:45pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-16025, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Jess Pepper, Director, Climate Café® CIC (Hosts of the Global Climate Café® Network)

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health and Social Care Response to Winter

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Child Poverty and Inequality Through the Scottish Budget

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-13791 Foyso Choudhury: The Importance of Medical Technology for Patients with Diabetes

Committee Meetings

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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[S6M-16025](#) 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 7 January 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health and Social Care Response to Winter

followed by Topical Questions

1. Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is responding to reported increases in instances of youth crime and antisocial behaviour. ([S6T-02270](#))

2. Pam Gosal: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress in tackling child sexual abuse, in light of reported calls for a full UK national inquiry into child sexual abuse by grooming gangs. ([S6T-02268](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health and Social Care Response to Winter

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Child Poverty and Inequality Through the Scottish Budget

[S6M-16003](#) John Swinney: Tackling Child Poverty and Inequality Through the Scottish Budget—That the Parliament notes the investments outlined in the draft Scottish Budget for 2025-26 that focus on eradicating child poverty as a national mission and the single greatest priority for the Scottish Government, including continued investment in key policies such as funded early learning and childcare, concessionary travel for those under 22, employability services and social security; further notes increased investment in the Affordable Housing Supply Programme and investment in breakfast clubs and to support the expansion of free school meals; recognises that the Scottish Government's efforts to tackle child poverty are being undermined by the social security policies of the UK Government; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to spend £3 million to develop the systems to deliver the mitigation of the two-child cap in 2026; acknowledges analysis from the Child Poverty Action Group estimating that abolishing the two-child limit could lift 15,000 children in Scotland out of poverty; recognises that the measures in the draft Scottish Budget 2025-26 will help to drive progress towards this national mission, and calls on the UK Government to match the ambition of the Scottish Government and abolish the two-child limit and benefit cap at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-16003.4 Russell Findlay: Tackling Child Poverty and Inequality Through the Scottish Budget—As an amendment to motion S6M-16003 in the name of John Swinney (Tackling Child Poverty and Inequality Through the Scottish Budget), leave out from “the investments” to end and insert “that the Scottish Government has failed to reduce child poverty during 17 years of Scottish National Party administration; recognises that the poverty-related attainment gap between the most and least deprived pupils has grown according to the most recent statistics and that the Scottish Government will fail to meet its previously stated target of closing that attainment gap by 2026; acknowledges that Scottish Government policies, which seek to take a more lenient approach to young offenders, have contributed to vulnerable young people in deprived communities being targeted by organised gangs to carry out criminality; believes that the draft Scottish Budget 2025-26 will continue to harm Scotland’s economic growth, which is desperately needed if the country is to tackle child poverty, and calls on the Scottish Government to rethink the draft 2025-26 Scottish Budget by providing workers and businesses across Scotland with a tax cut that will help induce the economic growth that Scotland needs.”

S6M-16003.3 Paul O’Kane: Tackling Child Poverty and Inequality Through the Scottish Budget—As an amendment to motion S6M-16003 in the name of John Swinney (Tackling Child Poverty and Inequality Through the Scottish Budget), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “agrees that child poverty should be a national mission for the Scottish Government and more widely across the Parliament, but deeply regrets that, after almost 18 years of a Scottish National Party (SNP) administration, there are 30,000 more children in poverty; acknowledges that child poverty rates across the UK have risen under the economic mismanagement of the previous UK Conservative administration; recognises that Scotland has its own legally binding child poverty reduction targets, which the SNP administration is likely to miss, despite successive First Ministers declaring action on child poverty to be a priority; acknowledges an additional £5 billion of investment in Scotland as a result of the UK Labour administration’s Budget; regrets that the SNP administration has had to use its draft Budget for 2025-26 to correct many of the mistakes that it made in its Budget for 2024-25; is deeply concerned by the Scottish Government’s decision to cut measures that act as barriers to poverty; agrees that there is a need to take a multi-faceted approach, and therefore welcomes the work of the UK Labour administration to strengthen workers’ rights, review universal credit, build a fairer social security system, and deliver a pay rise for 200,000 of the lowest-paid people in Scotland with a genuine living wage; welcomes the establishment of a cross-government Child Poverty Ministerial Taskforce by the UK Government; encourages the Scottish Government to work collaboratively to tackle the root causes of poverty across Scotland, and recognises that, to end poverty, action needs to be taken to get the economy moving, to get public services working, and to create more, decent well-paid jobs.”

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-16026 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace James Dornan as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-13791](#) Foysol Choudhury: The Importance of Medical Technology for Patients with Diabetes—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital importance of medical technology, especially real-time continuous glucose monitoring (rt-CGM), for patients with diabetes; notes the Stanford University study that highlighted that type 1 diabetics, and those who use insulin to manage their condition, make about 180 more decisions each day about their health than those without diabetes, and that access to diabetes technology helps to reduce this burden; welcomes the recent SIGN guidance to improve the accessibility of such technology to patients via NHS Scotland; understands that many patients are not able to access rt-CGM or are being forced to switch to a product less suitable for their needs; is concerned about the impact that changes to product use and a lack of access to medical technology is having on patients and the potential impact on diabetes complications; recognises what it sees as the value of sustainable multi-year funding and lifecycle cost benefit analysis in diabetes care, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider what action can be taken to protect patients, including those in the Lothian region, and maximise the availability of cost-saving medical technology.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 1st Meeting, 2025

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

- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [SSI 2024/367] from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, and Ewan Cameron-Nielsen, Head, Fully Devolved Taxes Unit, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—
S6M-15749—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/367) be approved.
- Budget Scrutiny 2025-26:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Fiona Diggle, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland;
and then from—
Garry McEwan, Director of Corporate Services, Food Standards Scotland;
Mary Morgan, Chief Executive, NHS National Services Scotland;
Chris Kerr, Corporate and Policy Director, Registers of Scotland;
Lynne Raeside, Deputy Director of Policy and External Affairs, Scottish Funding Council;
Jane Morrison-Ross, Chief Executive, South of Scotland Enterprise;
Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Transport Scotland.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 1st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- Ferry Services in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kevin Hobbs, Chief Executive Officer, and Jim Anderson, Director of Vessels, Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited.
- Great British Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on a Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill from—
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Emma Shepherd, Unit Head of Public and Community Energy, Norman Macleod, Senior Principal Legal Officer, and Natalie Hakeem, Energy Engagement Team Leader, Scottish Government.
- Ferry Services in Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Great British Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

1st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Moveable Transactions \(Scotland\) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
 (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Registers of Scotland \(Fees and Plain Copies\) Miscellaneous Amendments Order 2025](#)
 (SSI 2025/Draft)
[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Order 2024](#)
 (SSI 2024/371)
[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/374)
[Building \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/376)
[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Prescribed Police Stations\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/377)
[Moveable Transactions \(Forms\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/379)
[Moveable Transactions \(Register of Assignations and Register of Statutory Pledges Rules\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/381)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Bankruptcy and Diligence \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2024](#) (SSI 2024/373 (C.25))
[Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 8\) Regulations 2024](#)
 (SSI 2024/375 (C.26))
[Moveable Transactions \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2024](#)
 (SSI 2024/378 (C.27))
5. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Dr Ruth Fox, Director, Hansard Society;
 Dr Dexter Govan, Director of Research, Constitution Society;
 Dr Pablo Grez Hidalgo, Lecturer In Public Law, University of Strathclyde;
 Professor Colin T Reid, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee;
 Dr Andrew Tickell, Head of Department for Economics and Law, Glasgow Caledonian University;
 Professor Richard Whitaker, Parliamentary Academic Fellow, University of Leicester;
 and then from—
 Jessica De Mounteney, First Parliamentary Counsel, and Diggory Bailey, Legislative Drafter, Office of the Parliamentary Counsel.
6. **Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers in this Bill at Stage 1.
7. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

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