

Tuesday 4 March 2025

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-16684, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Martha Inés Romero, Secretary General of Pax Christi International

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** First Minister's Statement: International Solidarity to Support Ukraine

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Renewable Future

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-16291 Carol Mochan: Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**9:15am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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

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#### **followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-16684](#) 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 4 March 2025—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: International Solidarity to Support Ukraine

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

#### **followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the report, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, which was commissioned by Shelter Scotland and shows the impact that a stay in temporary accommodation can have on children's safety, health and education. ([S6T-02391](#))

#### **followed by First Minister's Statement: International Solidarity to Support Ukraine**

#### **followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Renewable Future**

**[S6M-16657](#) Gillian Martin: Scotland's Renewable Future**—That the Parliament rejects the creation of new nuclear power plants in Scotland and the risk that they bring; believes that Scotland's future is as a renewables powerhouse; further believes that the expansion of renewables should have a positive impact on household energy bills; notes the challenges and dangers of producing and managing hazardous radioactive nuclear waste products, and the potentially catastrophic consequences of the failure of a nuclear power plant; recognises that the development and operation of renewable power generation is faster, cheaper and safer than that of nuclear power, and welcomes that renewables would deliver higher employment than nuclear power for the development and production of equivalent levels of generated power.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S6M-16657.3 Douglas Lumsden: Scotland's Renewable Future**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16657 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Renewable Future), leave out from "rejects" to end and insert "recognises the importance of renewable energy in Scotland's future, but believes that a balanced energy mix, including investment in new nuclear power, such as small modular reactors, is essential to ensuring a secure, clean and affordable energy source by reducing the country's reliance on foreign energy and creating a reliable energy supply for the UK; acknowledges that nuclear power is a proven, low-carbon energy source that operates independently of weather conditions, complementing the variability of renewables and reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels; notes that, while renewables will play a central role in Scotland's energy transition, they alone cannot provide the constant, stable supply required to meet demand; acknowledges that Scotland's oil and gas sector has been a cornerstone of the UK's energy security and economy for decades and will continue to play a crucial role in providing reliable energy, supporting skilled jobs and driving investment in clean energy innovation; recognises the vital contribution of energy companies in leading the transition to a cleaner future through investments in emerging technologies that will underpin net zero goals while maintaining energy resilience; notes that, whilst new renewable and electrical infrastructure is needed, the right of communities to object must be respected, with wind turbines, battery energy storage systems, pylons and other infrastructure only being built where it has the express consent of residents; calls for an energy strategy that embraces renewables, nuclear and the managed use of domestic oil and gas to ensure affordable, stable and low-carbon energy for Scotland's households and businesses, and welcomes the economic and employment opportunities that a broad-based energy mix will bring to Scotland."

**S6M-16657.2 Sarah Boyack: Scotland's Renewable Future**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16657 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Renewable Future), leave out from "rejects" to end and insert "recognises the huge potential, and progress made, in Scotland to develop renewable energy generation capacity; considers that Scotland has a future as a renewables powerhouse and that this will help with the long-term ambitions to decarbonise Scotland's energy usage; acknowledges that, to successfully transition to low- and zero-carbon energy sources and deliver energy security, it will require a sustainable generation baseline; considers that nuclear energy is therefore an essential part of the future energy mix, as a highly efficient, zero-emissions source of energy that generates over 20% of the electricity consumed in Scotland; notes that Torness nuclear power station directly supports hundreds of jobs, as well as many more in the wider economy in the region, and welcomes the decision to extend its lifespan; welcomes the support from the UK Government for the next generation of nuclear energy technology and the development of small modular reactors; regrets that Scotland will miss out on these investment and job opportunities due to the Scottish Government's opposition to new nuclear energy projects, and calls on it to end its outdated ideological opposition to small modular reactors."

**S6M-16657.1 Patrick Harvie: Scotland's Renewable Future**—As an amendment to motion S6M-16657 in the name of Gillian Martin (Scotland's Renewable Future), insert at end "; believes, however, that for the benefits of renewable energy to be maximised, further action is needed; further believes that both governments should place a higher priority on public and community ownership of renewable energy infrastructure; recognises the need for the UK Government to make changes to energy regulation and pricing to incentivise renewable generation, storage and grid infrastructure, and to make electrification of heat and transport more financially attractive, and further recognises the urgent need for the Scottish Government to end the delays to the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan and the planned Heat in Buildings Bill, which must be introduced to the Parliament as soon as possible."

followed by **Committee Announcements**

followed by **Business Motions**

followed by **Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

[S6M-16685](#) **Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

**5:30 pm Decision Time**

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

[S6M-16291](#) **Carol Mochan: Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage**—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the concerning and under-recognised issue of alcohol-related brain damage (ARBD) in the South Scotland region and across the country; believes that there are significant permanent physical, psychological and social consequences of the condition, including decreased cognitive functioning, mental health problems and harm to quality of life; notes the view that there is a need to adopt a more holistic multidisciplinary approach, integrating healthcare, social services, public health and addiction teams for people with alcohol dependence; further notes the belief in working collaboratively to prioritise the recognition, prevention and treatment of ARBD, ensuring healthcare professionals are adequately trained to identify and manage the condition, with adequate resources provided to ensure early diagnosis and treatment, and recognises the calls for public health campaigns to raise awareness and remove stigma.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 7th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—  
Maree Todd, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Geraldine Campbell, Unit Head for Adult Social Care Charging, Care at Home and Dementia, and Alice Hall, Deputy Director for Adult Social Care Local Improvement and Transformation, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Maree Todd (Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport) to move—  
S6M-16242—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft].

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 9th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2025](#)  
[Environmental Protection \(Injurious Articles\) \(Fixed Penalty Notices and Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)  
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025](#)
2. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 6th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, Orkney Islands Council;  
Martin Ingram, Principal Solicitor, Aberdeenshire Council;  
Nareen Turnbull, Service Director, Human Resources, City of Edinburgh Council;

Alyia Zaheed, Corporate Officer - Equality and Diversity, East Ayrshire Council;  
and then from—

John Dawson, Head of Strategy and Transformation, Public Health Scotland;

Jillian Matthew, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;

Nicky Page, Head of Human Resources, Police Scotland.

3. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Scottish Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will consider the Commission's report on progress in moving people from institutions to independent living.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025](#)  
(SSI 2025/Draft)
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Non-Domestic Rate \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/37)  
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/38)  
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/39)  
[Non-Domestic Rates \(Hospitality Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/40)  
[Environmental Protection \(Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/42)  
[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/43)  
[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#)  
(SSI 2025/48)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment\) \(Miscellaneous\) 2025](#)  
(SSI 2025/47)  
[Good Food Nation \(Scotland\) Act 2022 \(Commencement No. 2 \(Amendment\) and Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/49 (C.5))

### Finance and Public Administration Committee 8th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Scott Mackay, Head of Finance Co-ordination, and Claire Hughes, Head of Corporate Reporting, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—  
S6M-16306—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 7th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Council Tax Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Ellen Leaver, Acting Director for Local Government, and David Storrie, Head of Local Taxation Policy, Scottish Government;  
Cllr Katie Hagmann, Resources Spokesperson, and Mirren Kelly, Chief Officer, Local Government Finance, COSLA.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Saving Provision\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)  
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2025](#)
4. **Council Tax Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider draft correspondence to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

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