



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## **BUSINESS BULLETIN No. 80/2015**

### **Today's Business**

**Thursday 14 May 2015**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

##### **Chamber Desk Arrangements - Spring Holidays**

Members may wish to note that the Chamber Desk will be closed on Friday 22 May 2015 and Monday 25 May 2015. Arrangements for lodging of First Minister's Questions, Topical Questions, motions and amendments for debate and the random draw for General and Portfolio Questions are set out below.

The deadline for submitting First Minister's Questions for Thursday 28 May is 9.30 am on Tuesday 26 May.

The deadline for submitting Topical Questions for Tuesday 26 May is 9.30 am on Tuesday 26 May.

Motions for debate on Tuesday 26 May should be lodged with the Chamber Desk by no later than 4.30 pm on Wednesday 20 May; amendments to these motions should be lodged by 4.30 pm on Thursday 21 May.

Motions for debate on Wednesday 27 May should be lodged with the Chamber Desk by no later than 4.30 pm on Thursday 21 May; amendments to these motions should be lodged by 4.30 pm on Tuesday 26 May.

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for Portfolio Questions on 3 June 2015 and General Questions on 4 June 2015 is 4.30 pm on Thursday 21 May. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day.

## **Summary of Today's Business**

### **Meetings of Committees**

9.00 am	European and External Relations Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
10.30 am	Devolution (Further Powers) Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

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### **Meeting of the Parliament**

11.40 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am	General Questions
12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-13064 Jean Urquhart: Media, Society and Democracy
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by	Scottish Government Debate: Circular Economy (Waste Management)
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

**For full details of today's business, see Section A.**

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### **Section A – Today's Business**

#### **Meetings of Committees**

**All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified. Contact details for Committee Clerks are provided at the end of the Bulletin.**

#### **European and External Relations Committee 8th Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 9.00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Scottish Government International Framework:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs, Colin Imrie, Deputy Director, Head of European Relations, and Ian Donaldson, Deputy Director, International Division, Scottish Government.
2. **Connecting Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Elaine Ballantyne, Head of External Relations and Investor Support, Economic Development, the City of Edinburgh Council;  
Anil Gupta, Chief Officer - Communities, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA);  
Malcolm Leitch, European Officer, West of Scotland European Forum (WOSEF);  
Joanne Scobie, EU Officer Policy and Partnerships, East of Scotland European Consortium (ESEC);  
Gillian Walsh, International Officer, Glasgow City Council.
3. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2014 to 10 May 2015.
4. **Brussels Bulletin:** The Committee will consider the latest issue of the Brussels Bulletin.

#### **Devolution (Further Powers) Committee 14th Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

## Meeting of the Parliament

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

**1. Margaret McDougall:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in setting up the public consultation on fracking. (S4O-04324)

**2. Roderick Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its position on the recommendations of the Smith Commission. (S4O-04325)

**3. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government when the next meeting of the Joint Exchequer Committee will take place and what will be discussed. (S4O-04326)

**4. Mike MacKenzie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assistance it is providing to increase affordable housing in rural and remote areas. (S4O-04327)

**5. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support community policing in Edinburgh. (S4O-04328)

**6. Patricia Ferguson:** [Not Lodged]

**7. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and what issues were discussed. (S4O-04330)

**8. Cara Hilton:** [Not Lodged]

**9. Paul Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that communities are protected from dangerous dogs. (S4O-04332)

**10. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met officials from NHS Lanarkshire. (S4O-04333)

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

**1. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. (S4F-02786)

**2. Ruth Davidson:** To ask the First Minister when she will next meet the Secretary of State for Scotland. (S4F-02785)

**3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government has made an assessment of the likely impact on Scotland of a £12 billion reduction in the UK welfare system. (S4F-02793)

**4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the First Minister how Scotland compares with EU member states on LGBTI equality. (S4F-02794)

**5. Michael McMahon:** To ask the First Minister whether the Scottish Government considers that there is a need to protect private tenants from unfair rent rises. (S4F-02792)

**6. Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the concerns raised by the charity, Clan Childlaw, regarding the data-sharing aspect of the named person legislation. (S4F-02788)

*followed by* Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

**S4M-13064 Jean Urquhart: Media, Society and Democracy—**

That the Parliament believes that there is widespread debate in Scotland about the relationship between the media, political power and democracy; believes that critical and well-supported journalism is essential to a thriving democracy; believes that many Scots have lost trust in a range of media institutions; notes the development of new methods of delivering news and commentary through the internet and social media; notes the importance of local media and press in areas such as the Highlands and Islands, which rely on the many and diverse local news services available, and welcomes the continuing public debate on how media can be held to account by citizens and civil society and how to sustain and develop diverse media outlets that contribute to generating positive engagement with politics, the Parliament and the important issues facing society.

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Circular Economy (Waste Management)

**S4M-13134 Richard Lochhead: Circular Economy (Waste Management)—**That the Parliament notes the potential opportunities for Scotland of moving toward a more circular economy, in which products and materials are kept in high-value use for as long as possible; recognises that realising the substantial economic and environmental benefits means rethinking the way in which products and services are designed and procured; welcomes the progress made in establishing Resource Efficient Scotland, the Scottish Materials Brokerage Service and the Scottish Institute of Remanufacture, building on the Scottish Government's Safeguarding Scotland's Resources strategy, and believes that Scotland should continue to show leadership in this important area while proposals for EU-wide action emerge later this year.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S4M-13134.2 Claudia Beamish: Circular Economy (Waste Management)**—As an amendment to motion S4M-13134 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Circular Economy (Waste Management)), after “procured” insert “; recognises the necessity of developing new and transferable skills with Skills Development Scotland and industry and educational partners; recognises concerns about the pressures experienced by those working in waste management services, as Scotland implements its waste strategy, leading to the circular economy, evidenced in Unison Scotland’s survey, *Dumped on: Working in Scotland’s waste management services*; further acknowledges the funding pressures experienced by local authorities in meeting recycling targets and developing new models; also recognises the role of the third sector in developing the circular economy”.

**S4M-13134.1 Jamie McGrigor: Circular Economy (Waste Management)**—As an amendment to motion S4M-13134 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Circular Economy (Waste Management)), after “strategy” insert “; urges the Scottish Government to work with Scottish businesses and their representative organisations to ensure that unnecessary regulations and bureaucracy are avoided”.

*followed by*

Business Motions

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Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm

Decision Time



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