



The Scottish Parliament  
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**Today's Business  
Wednesday 27 May 2015**

## Summary of Today's Business

### Meetings of Committees

9.30 am	Finance Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
9.30 am	Public Audit Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
9.45 am	Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee	the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
10.00 am	Local Government and Regeneration Committee	the Adam Smith Room (CR5)
10.00 am	Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee	the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
10.30 am	Justice Committee	the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

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### Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by	Portfolio Question Time
	Finance, Constitution and Economy
followed by	Stage 1 Debate: Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
6.00 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-12934 Hanzala Malik: Growing Islamophobia in Scotland and Graffiti on the New Central Gurdwara Glasgow

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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.**

#### **Finance Committee 16th Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
  2. **Scotland's Fiscal Framework:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
David Phillips, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies;  
Professor Alan Trench.
  3. **Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Financial Memorandum of the Education (Scotland) Bill from—  
Douglas Ansdell, Head of Gaelic Unit, Laura Meikle, Supporting Learners Team Leader, and Scott Wood, Policy Advisor, Scottish Government.
  4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
the Scottish Tax Tribunals (Time Limits and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/184).
  5. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2014 to 10 May 2015.

#### **Public Audit Committee 10th Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
  2. **Accountability, audit and the further devolution of powers:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy,  
Stephen Sadler, Team Leader, Elections and Constitution Division, and  
Aileen Wright, Deputy Director, Finance, Scottish Government.
  3. **Section 23 report - The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service" from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

- Angela Cullen, Assistant Director, Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, and Mick Duff, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Section 23 report - The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service" from—  
Pat Watters, Chair of the Board, and Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
  5. **Section 23 report - Reshaping care for older people:** The Committee will consider a further response from the Scottish Government to the Committee's report entitled "Report on Reshaping care for older people".
  6. **Section 23 report - The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda items 3 and 4 and take evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Angela Cullen, Assistant Director, Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, and Mick Duff, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
  7. **Accountability, audit and the further devolution of powers:** The Committee will consider its response to the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee on the draft BBC Memorandum of Understanding.

### **Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee 14th Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 9.45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
1. **Security of Supply:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Simon Skillings, Director and Senior Associate with E3G, Trilemma UK Ltd;  
Professor Karen Turner, Director, Centre for Energy Policy, University of Strathclyde;  
and then from—  
Mark Crowther, General Manager and member of the UK Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association, Kiwa;  
Professor Stuart Haszeldine, Professor of Carbon Capture and Storage, University of Edinburgh;  
Andrew Jones, Electricity Storage Network;  
Professor Susan Roaf, Heriot Watt University;  
Chris Toop, General Manager, Energy Programme, Scottish Water.
  2. **Review of evidence heard (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard at today's meeting.
  3. **Annual report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2014 to 10 May 2015.

### **Local Government and Regeneration Committee 16th Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its forthcoming work programme, consideration of its draft

- 2014-15 annual report, and consideration of any approach to potential forthcoming legislation, should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
    - [Town and Country Planning \(Hazardous Substances\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/181\)](#);
    - [Town and Country Planning \(Hazardous Substances Inquiry Session Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Rules 2015 \(SSI 2015/182\)](#).
  3. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

### **Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee 18th Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
1. **Crown Estate - witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses.
  2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
    - Outer Hebrides (Landing of Crabs and Lobsters) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/183)
    - Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/185)
    - Waste (Meaning of Hazardous Waste and European Waste Catalogue) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/188)
    - Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/189)
  3. **Crown Estate:** The Committee will take evidence on the proposed devolution of Crown Estate assets to Scotland from—
    - Lindsay Leask, Senior Policy Manager - Offshore Renewables, Scottish Renewables;
    - Alastair Nairn, Farmer, Glenlivet Estate;
    - Brian Swinbanks, Chair, Tobermory Harbour Association;
    - James Allan, Chief Executive, Royal Yachting Association Scotland;
    - John McArthur, Treasurer, West Highland Anchorages and Moorings Association;
    - Scott Landsburgh, Chief Executive, Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation;
    - Elgar Finlay, Local Development Officer, Glendale Trust;
 and then from—
    - Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation, Argyll and Bute Council;
    - George Hamilton, Head of Environment and Development, Development and Infrastructure, Highland Council;
    - Roddy Burns, Chief Executive, Moray Council;
    - Paul Maxton, Solicitor, Orkney Islands Council;
    - Cllr Angus Campbell, Leader, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2014 to 10 May 2015.

**Justice Committee  
18th Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)
1. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 2 from—
    - Professor Fergus McNeill, Professor of Criminology and Social Work, University of Glasgow;
    - Professor Cyrus Tata, Professor of Law and Criminal Justice, University of Strathclyde.

## Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Portfolio Question Time

### Finance, Constitution and Economy

- 1. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether full fiscal autonomy remains its policy. (S4O-04364)
- 2. Chic Brodie:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met the Office for Budget Responsibility. (S4O-04365)
- 3. Kenny MacAskill:** To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to meet the UK Government to discuss proposed constitutional changes. (S4O-04366)
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to boost the economy of North Ayrshire. (S4O-04367)
- 5. Joan McAlpine:** [Not Lodged]
- 6. Mike MacKenzie:** To ask the Scottish Government what socioeconomic benefits would arise from providing interconnectors to the islands. (S4O-04369)
- 7. Gavin Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to publish the next *Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin*. (S4O-04370)
- 8. Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support East Lothian Council's efforts to promote the area as a tourist destination. (S4O-04371)
- 9. Jayne Baxter:** To ask the Scottish Government what planning and modelling it has carried out regarding the future of the taxation system for local government. (S4O-04372)
- 10. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its proposals for a widening of the powers suggested by the Smith Commission. (S4O-04373)
- 11. Annabel Goldie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has a timescale for the procurement of evidence and engagement in civic consultation in relation to the further powers it is seeking in addition to the Smith Commission proposals. (S4O-04374)
- 12. Ken Macintosh:** To ask the Scottish Government what the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy's position is on reclassifying Scottish Futures Trust debt as public borrowing and how much he expects the total to be. (S4O-04375)

**13. Colin Keir:** To ask the Scottish Government what issues it needs to address in light of the devolution of additional tax-raising powers. (S4O-04376)

**14. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with stakeholders regarding boosting the economy of Edinburgh and the south east of Scotland. (S4O-04377)

**15. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to assist the economy in the west of Scotland. (S4O-04378)

**16. Claire Baker:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the economy of Levenmouth in Fife. (S4O-04379)

**17. Christian Allard:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to ensure that North East Scotland has a diverse economy. (S4O-04380)

**18. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Highlands and Islands Enterprise regarding whether Wave Energy Scotland should be located in Orkney. (S4O-04381)

**19. Claudia Beamish:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure that the low-carbon economic strategy will not marginalise challenged communities, both urban and rural, and low income households. (S4O-04382)

**20. Lewis Macdonald:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the National Grid contract with Peterhead Power Station finishing in 2017, what its forecast is for electricity generation from fossil fuel sources by 2020. (S4O-04383)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill

**S4M-13258 Patrick Harvie: Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill—**  
That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill.

*followed by* Business Motions

**S4M-13265 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—**That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 June 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Can Do

*followed by* Business Motions



*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 June 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Portfolio Question Time  
Rural Affairs, Food and Environment;  
Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 June 2015

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

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Making Progress on Changing  
Scotland's Relationship with Alcohol

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 June 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 10 June 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Portfolio Question Time  
Health, Wellbeing and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 11 June 2015

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**S4M-13266 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Enhanced Enforcement Areas Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

**S4M-13268 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S4M-13269 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Remit of Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the remit of the Welfare Reform Committee is—

To monitor the implementation of the UK Welfare Reform Act 2012 and other social security legislation as it affects provision in Scotland and to consider relevant Scottish legislation and other consequential arrangements.

6.00 pm

Decision Time

*followed by*

Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

**S4M-12934 Hanzala Malik: Growing Islamophobia in Scotland and Graffiti on the New Central Gurdwara Glasgow**—That the Parliament is concerned at the reported growing Islamophobia in Scotland and notes calls for cross-party action to ensure community cohesion, with funding made available to enable a range of outreach events that will help communities live together; understands that Sikhs are often victimised by extremists who believe that they are Muslims, which causes a divide between Muslims and other ethnic minorities, and notes calls for all faiths to come together with a view to cleaning the racist graffiti from what it considers the gorgeous new Central Gurdwara Glasgow and all other religious buildings in Scotland.

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