

# Forward Look

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## Scottish Parliament: Plenary Agenda

| Wednesday (April 14)  | Thursday (April 15)   |
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| <p><b>2.30 pm</b> Time for Reflection – Rev Andrew Jolly, Chaplain, UK Oil and Gas Industry</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010</p> <p>Scottish Government Debate: Economic Recovery Plan</p> <p>Business Motion</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p><b>5.00 pm</b> Decision Time</p> <p>Members’ Business – S3M-5309 Hugh Henry: Usdaw Freedom from Fear Campaign (<i>for text of motion see <a href="#">Section F</a> of the Business Bulletin for Monday 7 December 2009</i>)</p> | <p><b>9.15 am</b> Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Scottish Liberal Democrats’ Debate – Supporting Business</p> <p>Scottish Liberal Democrats’ Debate – Fuel Prices</p> <p><b>11.40 am</b> General Question Time (<i>for names of those members selected for General Questions see <a href="#">Section D</a></i>)</p> <p><b>12 noon</b> First Minister’s Question Time</p> <p><b>2.15 pm</b> Themed Question Time</p> <p>Finance and Sustainable Growth (<i>for names of those members selected for Themed Questions see <a href="#">Section D</a></i>)</p> <p><b>2.55 pm</b> Scottish Government Debate: Gaelic – An Action Plan for Gaelic</p> |

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|  | Parliamentary Bureau Motions<br><b>5.00 pm</b> Decision Time<br>Members' Business – S3M-5759 Nigel Don: 450th Anniversary of the Reformation ( <i>for text of motion see <a href="#">Section F</a> of the Business Bulletin for Monday 15 February 2010</i> ) |
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## SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Committee Meetings

| Committee  | Date     | Time/Venue   |
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| <a href="#">Justice</a>  | April 13 | 10am in CR 1<br><br>1. <b>Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will consider whether to take evidence on a Stage 2 amendment.<br><br>2. <b>Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).<br><br>3. <b>Rehabilitation of Offenders (Amendment) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S3) 28.1.<br><br><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b><br><br>At its next meeting on 20 April, it is expected that the Committee will continue its Stage 2 consideration of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill. |
| <a href="#">William Simpson's Home (Transfer of Property Etc.) (Scotland) Bill</a> | April 13 | 11am in CR3<br><br>1. <b>Declaration of interests:</b> Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests and make a declaration of impartiality under 9A.5.4A of Standing Orders.<br><br>2. <b>Choice of Convener:</b> The Committee will choose its Convener.<br><br>3. <b>Choice of Deputy Convener:</b> The Committee will choose its Deputy Convener.<br><br>4. <b>William Simpson's Home (Transfer of Property ect.) (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses</b> The Committee will be invited to   |

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|                              |                 | <p>delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the inquiry.</p> <p><b>5. Decision on taking business in private:</b><br/>The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.</p> <p><b>6. William Simpson’s Home (Transfer of Property etc.) (Scotland) Bill Committee</b><br/>The Committee will consider its approach to the Preliminary Stage of the Bill.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting it is expected that the Committee will take oral evidence on the William Simpson’s Home (Transfer of Property etc.) (Scotland) Bill.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> | <p>April 13</p> | <p>2pm in CR1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Budget Strategy 2011-12:</b> The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government’s Budget Strategy 2011-12 from:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Eddie Frizzell;<br/>Bill Howat;<br/>John McClelland;<br/>Alan Sinclair.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Bill:</b><br/>The Committee will take evidence on the Financial Memorandum of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Bill from—<br/>Chris McCrone, Finance Policy, Denise Swanson, Policy and Programme Manager, and Kit Wyeth, Children’s Hearings Reforms Team Leader, Scottish Government.</li> <li>3. <b>Decision on taking business in private:</b><br/>The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.</li> <li>4. <b>Housing (Scotland) Bill (in private):</b><br/>The Committee will consider a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 13 April, it is expected that the Committee will continue to take</p> |

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|   |          | evidence on its Inquiry into Efficient Public Services.  |
| <a href="#"><u>Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change</u></a> | April 13 | <p>2pm in CR2</p> <p><b>1. Inquiry into the relationship between transport and land use planning policies:</b><br/>The Committee will take evidence from—<br/>Jonny Moran, Development Management Manager, Trunk Roads Network Management, Alison Irvine, Senior Transport Planner, Transport Scotland, Helen Wood, Principal Planner, Directorate for the Built Environment, and Graeme Purves, Assistant Chief Planner, Directorate for the Built Environment, Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>2. PE1181:</b> The Committee will consider a Petition by Helena Coxshall calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make representations to the UK Government about the cost of fuel in the Western Isles and other rural areas of Scotland which are now amongst the most expensive places in the world to buy petrol or diesel; to highlight in particular the refusal of the UK Government to introduce measures similar to those operating in France which reduce the tax on fuel in very remote areas; to protest at the serious consequences which high fuel prices have for fishermen, motorists and businesses in island and rural areas and to request parity with mainland city prices.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 20 April, it is expected that the Committee will continue to take evidence on its inquiry into the relationship between transport and land use planning policies. In addition, it is expected that the Committee will take evidence on the Budget Strategy Phase of the Scottish Government Budget 2011-12.</p> |
| <a href="#"><u>Subordinate Legislation</u></a>                      | April 13 | <p>2.15pm in CR6</p> <p><b>1. Instruments subject to annulment:</b><br/>The Committee will consider the following—<br/>the Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Renfrewshire Council) Designation Order 2010 (SSI2010/96);<br/>the Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Scotland)</p>  |

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|  |                 | <p>Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/127);<br/>the Special Restrictions on Adoptions from Nepal (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI2010/130).</p> <p><b>2. Instruments not laid before the Parliament:</b> The Committee will consider the following—</p> <p>the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No.7, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Amendment Order 2010 (SSI2010/114);<br/>the Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Act 2009 (Commencement) Order 2010 (SSI2010/115 (C.3));<br/>the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 (Commencement No.5 and Saving) Order 2010 (SSI2010/119 (C.4));<br/>Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause Rules) Amendment (Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008) 2010 (SSI2010/120);<br/>the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2009 (Commencement No.1) Order 2010 (SSI2010/129 (C.5));<br/>the Pollution Prevention and Control (Designation of Directives) (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI2010/131);<br/>the Scottish Local Government (Elections) Act 2009 (Commencement) Order 2010 (SSI2010/132 (C.6));<br/>the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No.3) Order 2010 (SSI2010/133 (C.7)).</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 20 April, it is expected that the Committee will consider the Scottish Government’s response to issues raised on the delegated powers provisions in the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Economy, Energy and Tourism</u></b></p> | <p>April 14</p> | <p>9.30am in CR4</p> <p><b>1. The public sector’s support for exporters, international trade and the attraction on inward investment.:</b> The Committee will take evidence from—</p> <p>Giles Blackburn, Executive Director, and Wendy Liu, Manager, Scotland, China-Britain Business Council.</p> <p><b>2. Subordinate legislation:</b> The Committee</p>   |

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|  | <p>will take evidence on the draft Census (Scotland) Order (SSI2010/draft) from—</p> <p>Jim Mather, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Peter Scrimgeour, Census Director, General Register Office for Scotland, and Duncan Macniven, Register General, General Register Office for Scotland, Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>3. Subordinate legislation:</b> Jim Mather to move S3M-05952—That the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee recommends to the Parliament that the Census (Scotland) Order 2010 to the extent that it relates to the following particulars in Schedule 2—</p> <p>(a) item 1;</p> <p>(b) in item 2, the words "and, as the case may be, where there are 5 or fewer persons in the household, the relationship of each of the previous persons mentioned in the return and where there are 6 or more persons in the household, the relationship of the sixth and subsequent persons to the two previously mentioned persons in the return";</p> <p>(c) item 7;</p> <p>(d) in item 8, the words "and, if not born in the United Kingdom, month and year of most recent arrival to live in the United Kingdom";</p> <p>(e) items 9,10,12,14,17,18,19,20;</p> <p>(f) in item 21, the words "on a Government sponsored training scheme;"</p> <p>(g) items 22,27,28,30,31,33,34; and items 1,2,3 and 4 of Schedule 3 to the Order, be approved.</p> <p><b>4. The public sector's support for exporters, international trade and the attraction on inward investment.:</b> The Committee will take evidence from—</p> <p>Robyn M. Murray, Honorary Consul-General to Mongolia;</p> <p>Kenneth H. Stewart, Consular Attaché to Mongolia;</p> <p>Wolfgang Moessinger, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany;</p> <p>Peter Horvath, Economic Investment and Trade Commissioner, Hungarian Embassy;</p> <p>Cameron Buchanan, Consul for Iceland;</p> <p>Reto Renggli, Consul General of Switzerland.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 21 April, the</p> |
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|   |          | Committee will continue to take evidence as part of its international trade inquiry and also take evidence on the Scottish Government's draft budget 2011-12 (Budget Strategy Phase).  |
| <a href="#"><u>Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture</u></a> | April 14 | <p>10am in CR5</p> <p><b>1. Children's Hearings (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—</p> <p>Tam Baillie, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People;<br/> Morag Driscoll, Director, Scottish Child Law Centre;<br/> Louise Warde Hunter, Strategic Director of Children's Services, Action for Children Scotland;<br/> SallyAnn Kelly, Head of Children's Service Operations, Barnardo's Scotland;<br/> Heather Gray, Chief Executive, Who Cares? Scotland;</p> <p>and then from—</p> <p>Paula Evans, Policy Manager, Community Resourcing and Children and Young People, COSLA;<br/> Carol Kirk, Corporate Director, Educational Services, North Ayrshire Council, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland;<br/> Fred McBride, Convener, Standing Committee of Children and Families, Association of Directors of Social Work.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 21 April, it is expected that the Committee will consider oral evidence on the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Bill.</p> |
| <a href="#"><u>Health and Sport</u></a>                         | April 14 | <p>10am in Q1-04</p> <p><b>1. Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.</p> <p><b>2. Inquiry into out-of-hours healthcare provision in rural areas (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 21 April, it is expected that the Committee will consider the a draft report on the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill. The Committee expects to take evidence on NHS board allocations as part of the Budget</p>  |

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|  |                 | <p>Strategy phase at subsequent meetings. The Committee is also planning to take oral evidence on the Patient Rights (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 later in the year.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#"><u>Local Government and Communities</u></a></p> | <p>April 14</p> | <p>10am in CR2</p> <p><b>1. Decision on taking business in private:</b> The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.</p> <p><b>2. Housing (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—</p> <p>John Gell, Chairman, and John Blackwood, Member, Private Rented Housing Forum; David Middleton, Sustainable Communities (Scotland); Russell Gunson, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, NUS Scotland;</p> <p>and then from—</p> <p>Deborah Lovell, Partner, Anderson Strathern LLP, Law Society of Scotland; Kennedy Foster, Policy Consultant Scotland, Council of Mortgage Lenders; Katharine Sacks Jones, Policy Manager, Crisis; Keith Dryburgh, Social Policy Officer, Citizen’s Advice Scotland.</p> <p><b>3. Subordinate legislation:</b> The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—</p> <p>the Registration Services (Fees, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/92);</p> <p>the Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/110);</p> <p>the Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/111).</p> <p><b>4. Equal pay in Local Government:</b> The Committee will consider whether to undertake further work on the issue.</p> <p><b>5. Housing (Scotland) Bill (in private):</b> The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the evidence heard.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 21 April, it is expected</p> |

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|  |          | that the Committee will continue taking oral evidence on the Housing (Scotland) Bill.  |
| <a href="#"><u>Public Audit</u></a>                  | April 14 | <p>10am in CR1</p> <p><b>1. Decision on taking business in private:</b> The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.</p> <p><b>2. Section 23 report - Review of orthopaedic services:</b> The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on his report entitled "Review of orthopaedic services".</p> <p><b>3. Section 23 report - Protecting and improving Scotland's environment:</b> The Committee will consider a response from the Accountable Officer on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Protecting and improving Scotland's environment".</p> <p><b>4. Consideration of approach - Review of orthopaedic services:</b> The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Review of orthopaedic services".</p> <p><b>5. Section 23 report - Overview of mental health services (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Overview of mental health services".</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 28 April, it is expected that the Committee will consider further briefings from the Auditor General for Scotland in relation to reports he has recently published.</p> |
| <a href="#"><u>Rural Affairs and Environment</u></a> | April 14 | <p>10am in CR6</p> <p><b>1. Decision on taking business in private:</b> The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.</p> <p><b>2. Subordinate legislation:</b> The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—</p> <p>the Water Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/95); and<br/> the Sea Fishing (Transitional EU Technical Conservation Measures) (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI2010/100).</p>  |

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|  |  | <p>3. <b>Work programme:</b> The Committee will consider its work programme.</p> <p>4. <b>Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting on 21 April, it is expected that the Committee will consider a draft report on the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.</p> |
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### SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Cross Party Groups Meetings

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| <a href="#"><u>Dyslexia</u></a>                            | April 13 | 14.00 (P1.02)    |
| <a href="#"><u>Heart Disease and Stroke</u></a>            | April 14 | 18.00 (CR4)      |
| <a href="#"><u>Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse</u></a> | April 21 | 13:00 (CR1)      |
| <a href="#"><u>Cancer</u></a>                              | April 21 | 17.30 (TG 20/21) |
| <a href="#"><u>Life Sciences</u></a>                       | April 21 | 18.00 (CR5)      |
| <a href="#"><u>Muscular Dystrophy</u></a>                  | April 27 | 17.30 (CR1)      |
| <a href="#"><u>International Development</u></a>           | April 28 | 17.30 (TG20.21)  |
| <a href="#"><u>Epilepsy</u></a>                            | April 29 | 13.00 (CR2)      |
| <a href="#"><u>Climate Change</u></a>                      | May 19   | 18:00 (CR5)      |

### MISC. SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Events and Exhibitions

| Date      | Event  |
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| Monday 12 | <p>Exhibition - Owenstown Exhibition (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Event - Thinking differently about Scottish Public Services (14.00 - Members' Restaurant)</p> |

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| Tuesday 13                     | <p>Exhibition - Owenstown Exhibition (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Event - The Value of Resilient Places - Academy of Urbanism (17.30 - Committee Room 2)</p> <p>Event - Scottish Mining Museum (18.00 - Committee Room 1)</p> <p>Event - PURAC's solutions for renewable and biodegradable plastics (18.00 - Committee Room 3)</p>   |
| Wednesday 14                   | <p>Exhibition - Owenstown Exhibition (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Event - NHS National Services - Bowel Screening Programme (18.00 - Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Event - Hansard Society Reception (18.00 - Committee Room 1)</p> <p>Event - Alliance of Sector Skills Council Briefing and Reception (18.00 - Committee Room 2)</p> <p>Event- Seminar on Promoting Literacy in Scottish Schools (18.00 - Committee Room 3)</p> |
| Thursday 15                    | <p>Exhibition - Owenstown Exhibition (Garden Lobby)</p>   |
| Friday 16                      | <p>Exhibition - Owenstown Exhibition (Garden Lobby)</p>   |
| <b>Week beginning April 19</b> |   |
| Monday 19                      | <p>Exhibition - Public Information (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Strathyre Primary Road Safety (MSP Foyer)</p>   |
| Tuesday 20                     | <p>Exhibition - Public Information (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Strathyre Primary Road Safety (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - Mental Health: Acting Locally, Linking Nationally (18.00 - Garden Lobby)</p>   |
| Wednesday 21                   | <p>Exhibition - Public Information (Garden Lobby)</p>   |

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|             | <p>Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Strathyre Primary Road Safety (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - The Scottish Huntington's Association (18.00 - Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Event - The Work of Common Thread (18.00 - Committee Room 6)</p> <p>Event - Scottish Food and Drink Federation (18.30 - Committee Room 2)</p> |
| Thursday 22 | <p>Exhibition - Public Information (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Strathyre Primary Road Safety (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - Supporting Modern Studies in Schools (12.30 - Committee Room 3)</p>   |
| Friday 23   | <p>Exhibition - Public Information (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Strathyre Primary Road Safety (MSP Foyer)</p>  |