

Forward Look

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Scottish Parliament: Plenary Agenda

Wednesday (Feb 10)	Thursday (Feb 11)
<p>2.00 pm Time for Reflection Parliamentary Bureau Motions SPCB Question Time</p> <p>2.20pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill <i>(for text of motion see S3M-5672 in Section F of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 4 February 2010)</i></p> <p>Stage 1 Debate: Control of Dogs (Scotland) Bill <i>(for text of motion see S3M-5581 in Section F of the Business Bulletin for Monday 25 January 2010)</i></p> <p>Scottish Government Debate: The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2010 <i>(for text of motion see S3M-5649 in Section F of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 2 February 2010)</i></p>	<p>9.15am Parliamentary Bureau Motions Stage 3 Proceedings: Home Owner and Debtor Protection (Scotland) Bill <i>(for text of motion see S3M-5650 in Section F of the Business Bulletin for Tuesday 2 February 2010)</i></p> <p>11.40am General Question Time <i>(for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 4 February 2010)</i></p> <p>12 noon First Minister's Question Time</p> <p>2.15 pm Themed Question Time - Health and Wellbeing <i>(for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 4 February 2010)</i></p> <p>2.55pm Equal Opportunities Committee Debate: 3rd Report 2009: Female offenders in the criminal justice system <i>(for text of motion see S3M-5679 in</i></p>

Business Motion Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5pm Decision Time Members' Business – S3M-5359 Ian McKee: The Bike Station Makes Climate Change a Local Challenge (<i>for text of motion see Section F of the Business Bulletin for Monday 7 December 2009</i>)	Section F Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5pm Decision Time Members' Business – S3M-5469 Dr Richard Simpson: Celebrating Scotland's First Ever General Practice Week in Scotland (<i>for text of motion see Section F of the Business Bulletin for Monday 11 January 2010</i>)
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SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Committee Meetings

Committee	Date	Time/Venue
Equal Opportunities Committee	Feb 9	10am in CR1 1. Female offenders in the criminal justice system: The Committee will consider a response to its report from the Scottish Government. 2. Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider its approach to the Bill at Stage 2. 3. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme. Proposed future business: The Committee will agree at its meeting on 9 February, what will be discussed at its next meeting.
Justice Committee	Feb 9	10am in CR6 1. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument: the Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway) etc. Amendment Order 2010 (SSI 2010/15). 2. Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report. Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 23 February, it is expected that the Committee will further consider, in private, a draft Stage 1 report on the Legal Services (Scotland) Bill.
European and	Feb 9	10.30am in CR2

<p><u>External Relations Committee</u></p>		<p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 and future consideration of the remit and of the key issues arising from oral evidence in relation to the International inquiry in private.</p> <p>2. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.</p> <p>3. International Inquiry: The Committee will take evidence from— Fiona Hyslop MSP, Minister for Culture and External Affairs, Deborah Smith, Deputy Director for International Division, and Robin Naysmith, Counsellor, North America, Scottish Government.</p> <p>4. Brussels Bulletin: The Committee will consider the Brussels Bulletin.</p> <p>5. International inquiry: The Committee will consider the key issues arising from the oral evidence session.</p> <p>6. Treaty of Lisbon: The Committee will receive a briefing from the Adviser on the inquiry and will consider the written evidence that has been received.</p> <p>7. EU 2020 Strategy: The Committee will consider its approach to undertaking work on the EU 2020 Strategy.</p> <p><u>Proposed future business</u> At its next meeting on 23 February, it is expected that the Committee will hear oral evidence on its inquiry into the impact of the Treaty of Lisbon in Scotland.</p>
<p><u>Finance Committee</u></p>	<p>Feb 9</p>	<p>10am in CR2</p> <p>1. Public Services Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).</p> <p>2. Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Financial Memorandum of the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill from: Gavin Hewitt, Chief Executive, and Campbell Evans, Director, Government and Consumer Affairs, Scotch Whisky Association; John Drummond, Chief Executive, Scottish Grocers’ Federation; and then from: Gary Cox, Head of Licensing</p>

		<p>Team, Scottish Government; Alison Douglas, Head of Alcohol Policy Team, Scottish Government; Marjorie Marshall, Economic Adviser, Public Health and Sport Team, and Alison Ferguson, Policy Manager, Licensing Team, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.</p> <p>4. Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Bill: The Committee will consider its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Bill.</p> <p>5. Work programme (in private): The Committee will consider its work programme.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 23 February, it is expected that the Committee will continue to consider the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2.</p>
<p>Public Petitions Committee</p>	<p>Feb 9</p>	<p>2pm in CR1</p> <p>1. Consideration of current petitions: The Committee will consider the following current petitions:</p> <p>PE504 Publication of criminal memoirs PE812 Stirling before pylons PE1087 Underground cabling for new electricity transmission lines PE1050 Protection of common good sites PE1095 Protection from windfarm developments PE1073 Catholics in Scottish prisons PE1106 Review of the Stewart Committee Report PE1124 Ban on snares PE1150 Community prisons PE1159 Healthcare for Gulf war veterans PE1167 Befriending services PE1169 Display of sexually graphic magazines and newspapers PE1179 Acquired brain injury services PE1185 Inclusion of sewers and drains in road bonds PE1192 Promotion of independent vehicular</p>

		<p>ferries</p> <p>PE1204 Support and promotion of bone marrow services</p> <p>PE1219 Support for talented athletes</p> <p>PE1247 Introduction of "McKenzie friend" in Scottish courts</p> <p>PE1257 Solicitors acting as court reporters</p> <p>PE1249 Party flats</p> <p>PE1250 Playing fields</p> <p>PE1293 Preserving playing fields</p> <p>PE1256 Funding of primary school sport facilities</p> <p>PE1252 Convicted police officers</p> <p>PE1253 Pre-NHS negligence compensation</p> <p>PE1254 Amendment of Section 51 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005</p> <p>PE1259 Guidelines on Vitamin D supplements</p> <p>PE1189 Standards of social housing</p> <p>PE1261 Regulation of houses in multiple occupation</p> <p>PE1281 Better regulation of houses in multiple occupation and the distribution of licences</p> <p>PE1263 Human rights for dairy farmers</p> <p>PE1276 Retirement of Justices of the Peace</p> <p>PE1277 Geodiversity duty</p> <p>PE1278 National youth volunteering policy</p> <p>PE1279 Physical disability: an end to ignoring national reports</p> <p>PE1280 Requirement for FAI</p> <p>PE1282 Cessation of overseas aid and donations</p> <p>PE1283 Misleading postal codes</p> <p>PE1285 Free calls to NHS 24 for mobile phones</p> <p>PE1286 Display of Tobacco Products</p> <p>PE1287 Information within patient medical records</p> <p>PE1289 Disclosure Scotland</p> <p>PE1291 Why 17? Saving babies lives in scotland</p> <p>PE1292 Fairtrade food in schools</p> <p>PE1290 Save our sweets</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 2 March, it is expected that the Committee will consider new petitions on support for amateur coaches and amendment of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003. The Committee is also expected to further consider current petitions on the availability of cancer treatment drugs; national and regional transport strategies;</p>
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		A92 upgrade; improving NHS translation and interpretation services; NHS availability of low dose Naltrexone; class sizes and parental choice; safe guardian law; the planning system and the protection of national scenic areas; review of the Stewart Committee report; mandatory sentencing for knife crime; permitted development rights of port authorities; A90/A937; same sex marriage; asbestos management plan for schools; right to same sex marriage and mixed civil partnership and fair access to the community for all.
<u>Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee</u>	Feb 9	<p>2pm in CR6</p> <p>1. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument: The Water Services Charges (Billing and Collection) (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/10).</p> <p>2. Sustainable Development Commission Scotland: Third annual assessment of progress by the Scottish Government: The Committee will take evidence from: Phil Matthews, Senior Policy Advisor, and Sasha Trifkovic, Policy Officer, Sustainable Development Commission Scotland.</p> <p>3. Forth Crossing Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from: Alex Macaulay, Partnership Director, SEStran; Bob McLellan, Head of Transportation Services, Fife Council; Marshall Poulton, Head of Transport, City of Edinburgh Council.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 23 February, it is expected that the Committee will consider subordinate legislation in relation to the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and the Carbon Reduction Commitment.</p>
<u>Subordinate Legislation Committee</u>	Feb 9	<p>2.15pm in CR4</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.</p> <p>2. Instruments subject to approval: The Committee will consider the following: the Budget (Scotland) Act 2009 Amendment Order 2010 (SSI 2010/draft); the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010</p>

		<p>(SSI 2010/draft); the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/draft).</p> <p>3. Instruments subject to annulment: The Committee will consider the following: the Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/23).</p> <p>4. Forth Crossing Bill: The Committee will consider the Scottish Government’s response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1, and the contents of a draft report.</p> <p>5. Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider a draft report on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 23 February, it is expected that the Committee will consider the Scottish Government’s response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1, and the contents of a draft report.</p>
<p><u>Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee</u></p>	<p>Feb 9</p>	<p>2.45pm in CR5</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 2 and 3 in private.</p> <p>2. Review of SPCB supported bodies: The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.</p> <p>3. Commission on Scottish Devolution: The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk on the recommendations of the Commission on Scottish Devolution.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 2 March, it is expected that the Committee will consider its review of Section 2 of the Code of Conduct.</p>
<p><u>Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee</u></p>	<p>Feb 10</p>	<p>10am in CR5</p> <p>1. Assessment framework under Curriculum for Excellence: The Committee will take evidence from: Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, Jackie Brock, Deputy Director and Head, Curriculum Division, Alison Coull, Deputy Director and Head, Qualifications, Assessment and Skills Division, and Charlie Penman, Team Leader, Assessment Branch,</p>

		<p>Scottish Government.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 24 February, it is expected that the Committee will consider oral evidence from Scottish Government officials on offender learning.</p>
<p><u>Health and Sport Committee</u></p>	<p>Feb 10</p>	<p>10am in CR3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private. Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from: Dr Petra Meier, Senior Lecturer in Public Health, School of Health and Related Research, University of Sheffield; Dr Peter Anderson MD, PhD, MPH, FRCP, Consultant in Public Health. Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1. Inquiry into the development of clinical portals and telehealth: The Committee will consider a draft report. <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 24 February, it is expected that the Committee will continue to take oral evidence on its Stage 1 consideration of the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill.</p>
<p><u>Local Government and Communities Committee</u></p>	<p>Feb 10</p>	<p>10am in CR2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary sector grant providers: The Committee will take evidence from: Mary Craig, Chief Executive, Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland; Giles Ruck, Chief Executive, Scottish Community Foundation; Gavin Davey, General Manager, Gannochy Trust. <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 24 February, it is expected that the Committee will take oral evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth on Single Outcome Agreements and consider the Scottish Government’s draft guidance on on social care procurement.</p>

<p><u>Public Audit Committee</u></p>	<p>Feb 10</p>	<p>10am in CR6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private. 2. Section 23 report - Protecting and improving Scotland's environment: The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on his report entitled "Protecting and improving Scotland's environment". 3. Consideration of approach - Protecting and improving Scotland's environment: The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Protecting and improving Scotland's environment". 4. Section 22 report - The 2008/09 audit of Registers of Scotland: The Committee will consider the publication arrangements for its report on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2008/09 audit of Registers of Scotland". 5. Section 23 report - Review of Cairngorm funicular railway (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Review of Cairngorm funicular railway". <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 24 February, 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>
<p><u>Rural Affairs and Environment Committee</u></p>	<p>Feb 10</p>	<p>10am in CR1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments: the Snares (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/8); and the Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/9). 2. Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from: Sir Crispin Agnew; Simon Fraser; Keith Graham, former Principal Clerk to the Scottish Land Court; and then from: Dr Jean Balfour, Chair, Crofting Group, and Richard Blake, Legal

		<p>Adviser, Scottish Rural Property and Business Association; Jonathan Hall, Head of Rural Policy, National Farmers' Union Scotland; Marina Dennis, Vice-Chair, Scottish Crofting Federation.</p> <p>3. Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>4. Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill for the remainder of Stage 1.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 23 February, to be held in Thurso, it is expected that the Committee will take evidence on the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.</p>
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee	Feb 10	<p>10.30am in CR4</p> <p>1. The way forward for Scotland's banking, building society and financial services sector The Committee will take evidence from: Jim Watson, Chairman, and Gordon McGuinness, Member, Financial Sector Jobs Task Force; Mark Tennant, Industry Deputy Chair, FiSAB;</p> <p>and then from: John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, David Wilson, Director of Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, and Dr Gary Gillespie, Deputy Director, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, Scottish Government.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 24 February, the Committee will continue to take evidence on its banking/financial services inquiry.</p>

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Cross Party Groups Meetings

CPG	Date	Time/Venue
Dyslexia	Feb 9	14.00 (Room P1.02)
Sexual Health	Feb 10	17:30 (CR4)
Sport	Feb 25	TBC

<u>Skills</u>	March 3	13.00 (CR1)
<u>Disability</u>	March 3	17:30 (venue tbc)
<u>Human Rights and Civil Liberties</u>	March 4	13:00 (venue tbc)
<u>Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism</u>	March 10	18:00 (CR4)
<u>Diabetes</u>	March 17	18:00 (Room TG20-21)
<u>Drug and Alcohol Misuse</u>	March 17	14.00 (CR1)
<u>Climate Change</u>	March 17	18:00 (CR6)
<u>Palliative Care</u>	March 23	17.30 (CR5)
<u>Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse</u>	April 21	13:00 (CR1)

MISC. SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Events and Exhibitions

Date	Event
Monday Feb 8	Exhibition: BMA (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: WRVS (MSP Foyer) Event: SPMN Training (09.00, Members' Restaurant) Event: Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Public Sector Reform Event (15.00, CR3)
Tuesday Feb 9	Exhibition: BMA (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: WRVS (MSP Foyer) Event: "Scotland's Sporting Chance" A Manifesto for Sport in Scotland (18.00, CR1)
Wednesday Feb 10	Exhibition: BMA (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: WRVS (MSP Foyer) Event: WRVS - Making Scotland a Great Place to Grow Old (18.00, Garden Lobby) Event: Celebrating the Best of NHS General Practice Scotland (18.00, CR1) Event: Managers in Partnership

	<p>Parliamentary Reception (18.00, CR2)</p> <p>Event: Energy Policy Group Scotland - 'Energy Efficiency Solutions for Scotland's Built Environment' (18.00, CR3)</p>
<p>Thursday Feb 11</p>	<p>Exhibition: BMA (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition: WRVS (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event: Drumatik/Craigmillar Communiversity (12.30, CR3)</p> <p>Event: Scottish National Blood Transfusion (18.00, Garden Lobby)</p>
<p>Friday Feb 12</p>	<p>Exhibition: BMA (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition: WRVS (MSP Foyer)</p>
<p>Week beginning Feb 15</p>	
<p><i>- Parliament is in recess-</i></p>	