

Forward Look

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Scottish Parliament: Plenary Agenda

Wednesday (Jan 13)	Thursday (Jan 14)
<p>2.30pm Time for Reflection Parliamentary Bureau Motions Stage 1 Debate: Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Bill Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE1150 on Community Prisons Legislative Consent Motion: Financial Services Bill – UK Legislation Business Motion Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5pm Decision Time Members' Business – S3M-5419 David Whitton: Scotland's Investment Management Industry</p>	<p>9.15am Parliamentary Bureau Motions Scottish Labour Party Business: Report of the Literacy Commission 11.40am General Question Time NOON First Minister's Question Time 2.15pm Themed Question Time - Health and Wellbeing 2.55pm Scottish Government Debate: Attendance Allowance for People with Disabilities Parliamentary Bureau Motions 5pm Decision Time Members' Business – S3M-5098 Aileen Campbell: Save Lesmahagow's Jubilee Hall</p>

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Committee Meetings

Committee	Date	Time/Venue
Equal Opportunities Committee	Jan 12	10am in CR1 1. Equality Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will take

		<p>evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S3) 20.2 from: Alex Neil MSP, Minister for Housing and Communities, Kay Blaikie, Principal Legal Officer, Sam Coope, Head of Tackling Poverty Team, Valerie Sneddon, Team Leader, Private Housing Unit, and Yvonne Strachan, Head of Equality Unit, Scottish Government.</p> <p>2. Equality Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (LCM(S3) 20.2).</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 26 January, it is expected that the Committee will take oral evidence on the economic impact of migration/trafficking, in a round-table discussion.</p>
<u>Justice Committee</u>	Jan 12	<p>10am in CR2</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether its consideration of an options paper and then of a draft Stage 1 report on the Legal Services (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.</p> <p>2. Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from: Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety; Colin McKay, Deputy Director, Legal System Division, Andrew Mackenzie, Bill Team Leader, and John St Clair, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the oral evidence heard earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 19 January, it is expected that the Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandums for the Bribery Bill and Crime and Security Bill which are currently under consideration at the UK Parliament. To aid its consideration, the Committee will take evidence from the Minister for Community Safety.</p>
<u>Finance Committee</u>	Jan 12	<p>2pm in CR2</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.</p> <p>2. Subordinate legislation: The Committee</p>

		<p>will take evidence on the Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/428) from: Jessie Laurie, Procurement Policy Manager, Iain Moore, Head of Procurement Policy Branch, and John Williams, Head of Finance Co-ordination, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Format of the Budget Bill: The Committee will consider further correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth.</p> <p>4. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee - Financial Resolutions Inquiry: The Committee will consider correspondence received from the Convener of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.</p> <p>5. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.</p>
<p><u>Public Petitions Committee</u></p>	<p>Jan 12</p>	<p>2pm in CR1</p> <p>1. Consideration of a current petition: The Committee will consider the following current petitions: PE1124 Ban on snares: The Committee will take evidence from— Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Environment; John Gray, and Hugh Dignon, Species Management Team, Scottish Government; Ian Hooper, Landscapes and Habitat Team, Scottish Government.</p> <p>2. Consideration of a current petition: The Committee will consider the following current petitions: PE1095 Protection from windfarm developments: The committee will take evidence from: Kenneth Gibson MSP, Scottish Parliament; Sybil Simpson, Petitioner; Nigel Willis, Chair, Save Your Regional Park Campaign; Robert Maund; Graeme Purves, Assistant Chief Planner, Directorate for the Built Environment, and Jamie Hume, Deputy Director, Renewable Energy, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Consideration of new petitions: The Committee will consider the following new petitions: PE1302 Larbert rail noise and vibration</p> <p>4. Consideration of current petitions: The Committee will consider the following current petitions: PE1073 Catholics in Scottish prisons PE1089 Harmful exposure to hazardous toxins</p>

		<p>PE1105 St Margaret of Scotland Hospice</p> <p>PE1107 Free public transport for under 18s</p> <p>PE1174 Free public transport for under 16s</p> <p>PE1196 Tail docking</p> <p>PE1230 Tail docking</p> <p>PE1220 GP Dispensing</p> <p>PE1232 St Andrew's Medal</p> <p>PE1241 Review of contract - HMP Kilmarnock</p> <p>PE1245 Independence of self-funded tenants of sheltered housing</p> <p>5. Notification of new petitions: The Committee will consider a paper indicating new petitions lodged since the last Committee meeting.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 26 January, it is expected that the Committee will consider new petitions on requesting another police force to investigate a complaint; provision of local authority public petitioning processes; safeguard funding of charities; honest politicians; amendment of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and extension of bowel cancer screening programme.</p>
<u>Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee</u>	Jan 12	<p>2pm in CR4</p> <p>1. Inquiry into active travel: The Committee will take evidence from: Dr John Parkin, Reader in Transport Engineering and Planning, University of Bolton;</p> <p>and then from: Stuart Knowles, Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland; Frank Roach, Partnership Manager, HITRANS; Alex Macaulay, Partnership Director, SEStran.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 26 January, it is expected that the Committee will take oral evidence from the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change on its inquiry into active travel.</p>
<u>Subordinate Legislation Committee</u>	Jan 12	<p>2.15pm in CR6</p> <p>1. Equality Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Equality Bill (UK Parliament legislation).</p> <p>2. Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill: The</p>

	<p>Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.</p> <p>3. Instruments subject to approval: The Committee will consider the following—</p> <p>The Loch Ryan Port (Harbour Empowerment) Order 2009; The Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/draft).</p> <p>4. Instruments subject to annulment: The Committee will consider the following—</p> <p>the Food Enzymes (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/435);</p> <p>the Food Additives (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/436);</p> <p>the Food Supplements, Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/438);</p> <p>the Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/439);</p> <p>the INSPIRE (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/440);</p> <p>the Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/437);</p> <p>the Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442);</p> <p>the Shetland Islands Regulated Fishery (Scotland) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/443);</p> <p>the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing for Cockles) (Western Isles) (Scotland) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/444);</p> <p>the Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/447);</p> <p>the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (Permitted Disclosure of Information) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/448).</p> <p>5. Guidance subject to approval: The Committee will consider the following: The Scottish Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs (SG 2009/279); The Scottish Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Cats (SG 2009/280).</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 19 January, it is expected that the Committee will consider a supplementary</p>
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		delegated powers memorandum on the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill.
<u>Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee</u>	Jan 13	<p>9.30am in CR5</p> <p>1. Beaully to Denny Power Line: The Committee will take evidence from: Jim Mather, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Colin Imrie, Deputy Director Energy Markets, Simon Coote, Senior Policy Officer, Deployment and Consents Division, and Stephen Wilson, Consents Case Officer, Deployment and Consents Division, Scottish Government.</p> <p>2. Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S3) 12.3 from: Jim Mather, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, and David Rennie, Branch Head, Fossil Fuels and Carbon Capture and Storage Development Team, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by John Swinney MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth) (LCM(S3) 12.3).</p> <p>4. Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S3) 23.1 from: Jim Mather MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Margret Coutts, Head of Corporate Learning, Corporate Learning Services, and Lesley Bagha, Solicitor, Solicitors Employment and Litigation Division (EL), Scottish Government.</p> <p>5. Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by John Swinney MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (LCM(S3) 23.1).</p> <p><i>Not before 10:45 AM</i></p> <p>6. The way forward for Scotland’s banking, building society and financial services sector: The Committee will take evidence from: David Nish, Group Chief Executive, Standard Life;</p> <p>and then from: Maggie Craig, Acting Director General, Association of British Insurers.</p>

		<p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 20 January, it is expected that the Committee will continue to take evidence on its banking/financial services inquiry.</p>
<p>Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee</p>	Jan 13	<p>10am in CR1</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.</p> <p>2. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the draft Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Modification of Enactments) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/draft) and the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Modification of Subordinate Legislation) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/429) from: Adam Ingram MSP, Minister for Children and Early Years, and Paul Wilson, Policy Manager, Getting it Right for Looked After Children, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Subordinate legislation: Adam Ingram MSP to move S3M-5466: That the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee recommends that the draft Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Modification of Enactments) Order 2010 be approved.</p> <p>4. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument: the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Modification of Subordinate Legislation) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/429).</p> <p>5. Scottish local newspaper industry: The Committee will take evidence from: Jim Raeburn, Director, Scottish Daily Newspaper Society; Michael Johnston, Divisional Managing Director, Johnston Press Scotland; Bill Steven, Managing Director, Scottish and Universal Newspapers;</p> <p>and then from: Paul Holleran, Scottish Organiser, National Union of Journalists; Martin Boyle, Programme Co-ordinator for Journalism, Cardonald College.</p> <p>6. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 20 January, it is expected that the Committee will consider oral evidence on the Scottish local newspaper industry.</p>
<p>Local Government and Communities</p>	Jan 13	<p>10am in CR6</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private:</p>

<p><u>Committee</u></p>		<p>The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 and future consideration of a draft report on the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Bill in private. It will also decide whether to take item 4 in private.</p> <p>2. Local Government Finance inquiry (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report.</p> <p>3. Control of Dogs (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.</p> <p>4. Voluntary sector grant providers: The Committee will consider its approach to evidence taking.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 20 January, it is expected that the Committee will consider subordinate legislation and a draft report on the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Bill.</p>
<p><u>Public Audit Committee</u></p>	<p>Jan 13</p>	<p>10am in CR4</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private. The Committee will also decide whether to take consideration of a draft report into "Overview of mental health services" in private at a future meeting.</p> <p>2. Section 23 report - Overview of mental health services: The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Overview of mental health services" from: Dr Kevin Woods, Director-General Health and Chief Executive of the NHS in Scotland, Graeme Dickson, Director of Primary and Community Care, Geoff Huggins, Head of Mental Health Division, Dr Denise Coia, Principal Medical Officer (Mental Health), and Ruth Glassborow, Programme Manager, Mental Health Collaborative, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Section 22 reports - The 2008/09 audit of Transport Scotland and the 2008/09 audit of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Administration: The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on his reports entitled "The 2008/09 audit of Transport Scotland" and "The 2008/09 audit of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Administration".</p> <p>4. Major Capital Projects: The Committee will consider correspondence from the</p>

		<p>Permanent Secretary on the Committee's report entitled "Major Capital Projects".</p> <p>5. Consideration of evidence - Overview of mental health services: The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2.</p> <p>6. Consideration of approach - The 2008/09 audit of Transport Scotland and the 2008/09 audit of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Administration: The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland's reports entitled "The 2008/09 audit of Transport Scotland" and "The 2008/09 audit of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Administration".</p> <p>7. Consideration of approach - Review of Cairngorm funicular railway: The Committee will consider the next steps in its inquiry in the light of evidence received on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Review of Cairngorm funicular railway"</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 27 January, 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>
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SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Cross Party Groups Meetings

CPG	Date	Time/Venue
Tackling Debt	Jan 12	10.00 am in Q1.03
Life Sciences	Jan 13	(venue/time TBC)
Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis	Jan 13	13:00 (CR3)
Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse	Jan 14	13:00 (CR1)
Children and Young People	Jan 14	12:30 (CR3)
Mental Health	Jan 20	17:30 (CR4)
Coeliac Disease and DH	Jan 19	14:00 (Room Q1.04)
China	Jan 20	18:00 (CR1)
Alzheimer's	Jan 21	12:30 (Q1.03)

Cancer	Jan 27	17:30 (CR4)
Sexual Health	Feb 10	17:30 (CR4)

MISC. SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Events and Exhibitions

Date	Event
Monday Jan 11	Exhibition: Biggar Archeology Group (MSP Foyer) Exhibition: Gude Cause (Garden Lobby)
Tuesday Jan 12	Exhibition; Biggar Archeology Group (MSP Foyer) Exhibition: Gude Cause (Garden Lobby) Event: BBC Democracy Live (18.00, Garden Lobby) Event: Joseph Rowntree Session: What are Today's Social Evils? (18.00, Committee Room 3)
Wednesday Jan 13	Exhibition: Biggar Archeology Group (MSP Foyer) Exhibition: Gude Cause (Garden Lobby) Event: The Influence of Forestry on Climate Change Mitigation (18.00, Garden Lobby) Event: Scottish Rugby Union (18.00, Committee Room 1)
Thursday Jan 14	Exhibition: Biggar Archeology Group (MSP Foyer) Exhibition: Gude Cause (Garden Lobby) Event: BT Disability and Inclusion Surgery (12.30, Committee Room 2)
Friday Jan 15	Exhibition: Biggar Archeology Group (MSP Foyer) Exhibition: Gude Cause (Garden Lobby)
Week beginning Jan 18	
Monday Jan 18	Exhibition: Penumbra (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: Scottish Railway Preservation Society (MSP Foyer)
Tuesday Jan 19	Exhibition: Penumbra/Victoria MacRae - Garden Lobby

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Wednesday Jan 20	Exhibition: Penumbra/Victoria MacRae (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: Scottish Railway Preservation Society (MSP Foyer)
Thursday Jan 21	Exhibition: Penumbra/Victoria MacRae (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: Scottish Railway Preservation Society (MSP Foyer)
Friday Jan 22	Exhibition: Penumbra/Victoria MacRae (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: Scottish Railway Preservation Society (MSP Foyer)