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Scottish Parliament: Plenary Agenda

Wednesday (Jan 21)	Thursday (Jan 20)
<p>2.30pm Time for Reflection</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill</p> <p>Business Motion</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>5pm Decision Time</p> <p>Members' Business – S3M-5289 Jim Hume: Community Hospitals in Dumfries and Galloway (<i>for text of motion see Section F of the Business Bulletin for Monday 30 November 2009</i>)</p>	<p>9.15am Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Prescription Charges and NHS Spending Priorities with Particular Reference to Health Visitors</p> <p>11.40am General Question Time</p> <p>NOON First Minister's Question Time</p> <p>2.15pm Themed Question Time</p> <p>Justice and Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment (<i>for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 14 January 2010</i>)</p> <p>2.55pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Water Rescue Review</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>5pm Decision Time</p> <p>Members' Business – S3M-3441 Nanette</p>

Milne: Childhood Cancer – More Than My Illness (for text of motion see [Section F](#) of the Business Bulletin for Monday 16 February 2009)

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Committee Meetings

Committee	Date	Time/Venue
Justice Committee	Jan 19	<p>10am in CR1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decisions on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private and whether its consideration of draft reports on the legislative consent memorandums on the Bribery Bill and the Crime and Security Bill should be taken in private at future meetings. 2. Bribery Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S3) 26.1 from: Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety; George Burgess, Deputy Director, Criminal Law and Licensing Division, and Andrea Summers, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government. 3. Crime and Security Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM(S3) 27.1 from: Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety; Elizabeth Sadler, Head of Organised Crime Unit, Police Division, and Kevin Gibson, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government. 4. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument: the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (Permitted Disclosure of Information) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/448). 5. Bribery Bill and Crime and Security Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider the main items arising from the evidence heard on each legislative consent memorandum earlier in the meeting. 6. Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider the

		<p>main themes arising from the evidence received, in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.</p> <p>7. Inquiry into decision on Abdelbaset al-Megrahi (in private): The Committee will consider a revised draft report.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 26 January, it is expected that the Committee will hold a one-off evidence session on the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service’s (COPFS) implementation of Summary Justice Reform from the Solicitor General for Scotland, Frank Mulholland QC, COPFS officials and the Law Society of Scotland.</p>
<p><u>Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill Committee</u></p>	<p>Jan 19</p>	<p>10.30am in CR4</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.</p> <p>2. Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Preliminary Stage from: Dr Joan McAlpine, Trustee, Ure Elder Fund for Indigent Widow Ladies; Alan Eccles, Associate, Maclay Murray & Spens LLP;</p> <p>and then from: Nancy Fancott, Policy Officer, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.</p> <p>3. Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill: The Committee will consider the main themes arising from written and oral evidence to inform its approach to the drafting of the Preliminary Stage report.</p>
<p><u>Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee</u></p>	<p>Jan 19</p>	<p>2.30pm in CR6</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.</p> <p>2. Cross-Party Groups: The Committee will consider applications for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis and the proposed Cross-Party Group on Taiwan.</p> <p>3. Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland: The Committee will take evidence on the Commissioner for Public</p>

		<p>Appointments in Scotland’s annual report 2008-09 and on the Commissioner’s report CPA/2010/01 from: Karen Carlton, Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland.</p> <p>4. Cross-Party Groups: The Committee will consider an update on Cross-Party Groups.</p> <p>5. Inquiry into Financial Memoranda and Rule 9.7.8B: The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Government on a proposed Standing Order Rule change.</p> <p>6. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.</p> <p>7. Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report and draft Standing Order Rule changes.</p> <p>8. Review of Volume 2, Section 2 of the Code of Conduct (in private): The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 9 February, it is expected that the Committee will consider its review of section 2 of the Code of Conduct and a note by the clerk on the recommendations of the Commission on Scottish Devolution.</p>
<p><u>Subordinate Legislation Committee</u></p>	<p>Jan 19</p>	<p>2.15pm in CR4</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.</p> <p>2. Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the Scottish Government’s response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.</p> <p>3. Draft instruments subject to approval: The Committee will consider the following: the Health Board Elections (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/draft).</p> <p>4. Instruments subject to annulment: The Committee will consider the following: the Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/446); the Homeless Persons (Provision of Non-permanent Accommodation) (Scotland)</p>

		<p>Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/2).</p> <p>5. Instruments not laid before the Parliament: The Committee will consider the following: the Tuberculosis (Scotland) Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/445); Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) Amendment (No. 2) 2009 (SSI 2009/449); Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 9) (Miscellaneous) 2009 (SSI 2009/450); the Wild Birds (Special Protection in Severe Weather) (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI 2010/4).</p> <p>6. Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill: The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.</p> <p>7. Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 26 January, it is expected that the Committee will take oral evidence from Scottish Government officials on the delegated powers provisions in the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill.</p>
<p>Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee</p>	<p>Jan 20</p>	<p>10am in CR5</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will consider whether to take item 3 in private.</p> <p>2. Scottish local newspaper industry The Committee will take evidence from: Professor Neil Blain, Head of Film, Media and Journalism Department, University of Stirling; David Hutchison, Research Fellow in Media Policy, Glasgow Caledonian University; James Thickett, Director of Market Research and Market Intelligence, Ofcom; Alan Stewart, Head of Broadcasting and Telecoms, Ofcom Scotland.</p> <p>3. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 3 February, it is expected that the Committee will consider oral evidence from Scottish Government officials and Audit Scotland on local authority spending on</p>

		education and children's services.
<u>Health and Sport Committee</u>	Jan 20	<p>10 am in CR2</p> <p>1. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments: the Food Enzymes (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/435) the Food Additives (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/436) the Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/437) the Food Supplements, Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/438)</p> <p>2. Inquiry into out-of-hours healthcare provision in rural areas: The Committee will take evidence from: Barbara Hurst, Director of Public Reporting (Health and Central Government), Audit Scotland; Dr Frances Elliot, Chief Executive, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland; David Heaney, Associate Director, Centre for Rural Health; Prof Allyson Pollock, Director, Centre for International Public Health Policy, University of Edinburgh; Dr Andrew Buist, Lead on remote and rural issues, British Medical Association;</p> <p>and then from:</p> <p>Dr Susan Taylor, Remote and Rural Lead, Royal College General Practitioners Scotland Membership Liaison Group; Linda Harper, Lead Nurse G-MED, Royal College of Nursing Scotland; David Forbes, Regional Organiser and Secretary to the Scottish Ambulance Committee, UNISON; Dr Paul Kettle, Out-of-hours GP, Remote Practitioners Association of Scotland; Dr Ewen Mcleod, Vice Chairman, British Association for Immediate Care Scotland.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on Monday 25 January which will be held in Kinloch Rannoch, Perthshire, it is expected that the Committee will consider oral evidence on its inquiry into out-of-hours healthcare provision in rural areas. The Committee expects to continue to take evidence on its inquiry into out-of-hours healthcare provision in rural areas at subsequent meetings.</p>

Scottish Commission for Public Audit	Jan 20	<p>10am in CR3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions on taking business in private: The Commission will consider whether to take agenda item 3 in private. Public Services Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Commission will take evidence from: Avril Coats, Head of Public Appointments, and Colin Miller, Head of Public Bodies Policy Team, Scottish Government. Consideration of evidence: The Commission will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.
<u>Local Government and Communities</u>	Jan 20	<p>10am in CR1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private and future consideration of its detailed approach to the Housing (Scotland) Bill in private. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument: the Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442). Local Government Finance inquiry (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report. Control of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report. Housing (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider its initial approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1. <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 27 January, it is expected that the Committee will consider the Home Owner and Debtor Protection (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2.</p>
<u>Rural Affairs and Environment</u>	Jan 20	<p>10am in CR4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 10 in private. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the draft Crofting (Designation of Areas) (Scotland) Order 2010

	<p>from: Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Environment, Magdalene Boyd, Solicitor, Solicitors Rural Affairs Division, Phil Burns, Policy Officer, Crofting Branch, Rural Directorate, and Iain Matheson, Head of Crofting Branch, Rural Directorate, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Subordinate legislation: Roseanna Cunningham MSP to move S3M-5505: that the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee recommends that the draft Crofting (Designation of Areas) (Scotland) Order 2010 be approved.</p> <p>4. Guidance subject to approval: The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs (SG 2009/279) and the Scottish Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Cats (SG 2009/280) from: Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Environment, Kirsten Simonnet-Lefevre, Principal Legal Officer, Rural Affairs Division, Ian Strachan, Branch Head, Animal Health and Welfare Division, and Andrew Voas, Veterinary Adviser, Animal Health and Welfare Division, Scottish Government.</p> <p>5. Guidance subject to approval: Roseanna Cunningham MSP to move S3M-5504: that the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee recommends that the Scottish Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs (SG 2009/279) be approved.</p> <p>6. Guidance subject to approval: Roseanna Cunningham MSP to move S3M-5503: that the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee recommends that the Scottish Government Code of Practice for the Welfare of Cats (SG 2009/280) be approved.</p> <p>7. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments: the INSPIRE (Scotland) Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/440); the Shetland Islands Regulated Fishery (Scotland) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/443); the Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing for Cockles) (Western Isles) (Scotland) Order 2009 (SSI 2009/444); and the Action Programme for Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009 (SSI 2009/447).</p>
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		<p>8. Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from: Professor James Hunter CBE FRSE, Director, University of the Highlands and Islands Centre for History;</p> <p>and then from: Bruce Beveridge, Deputy Director, Rural Communities Division, Lyndsey Cairns, Policy Adviser, Rural Communities Division, Iain Dewar, Bill Team Leader, Rural Communities Division, Richard Frew, Policy Adviser, Rural Communities Division, and Alexander McNeil, Solicitor, Rural Affairs Division, Scottish Government.</p> <p>9. Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>10. UK Flood and Water Management Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee will consider a report on the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Richard Lochhead MSP (LCM(S3)24.1).</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 10 February, it is expected that the Committee will take evidence on the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.</p>
<p><u>Economy, Energy and Tourism</u></p>	<p>Jan 20</p>	<p>10.30am in CR6</p> <p>1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private and all future items relating to its draft report on the way forward for Scotland’s banking, building society and financial services sector in private.</p> <p>2. The way forward for Scotland’s banking, building society and financial services sector: The Committee will take evidence from—</p> <p>Steve Smit, Head of State Street Investor Services UKMEA and Global Markets EMEA.</p> <p>3. Beaully to Denny Power Line: The Committee will consider whether it wishes to take any further action in relation to the Scottish Ministers’ decision on the Beaully to Denny power line.</p> <p>4. The way forward for Scotland’s banking, building society and financial services sector: The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry report</p>

		with its adviser, Philip Augar. Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 27 January, the Committee will continue to take evidence on its banking/financial services inquiry.
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SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Cross Party Groups Meetings

CPG	Date	Time/Venue
Coeliac Disease and DH	Jan 19	14:00 (Room Q1.04)
Mental Health	Jan 20	17:30 (CR4)
China	Jan 20	18:00 (CR1)
Alzheimer's	Jan 21	12:30 (Q1.03)
Cancer	Jan 27	17:30 (CR4)
Dyslexia	Feb 9	14.00 (Room P1.02)
Sexual Health	Feb 10	17:30 (CR4)

MISC. SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Events and Exhibitions

Date	Event
Monday Jan 18	Exhibition: Penumbra (Garden Lobby) Exhibition: Scottish Railway Preservation Society (MSP Foyer)
Tuesday Jan 19	Exhibition: Penumbra/Victoria MacRae - Garden Lobby Exhibition: Scottish Railway Preservation Society (MSP Foyer)
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)
Week beginning Jan 25	
Monday Jan 25	Exhibition: Ann Frank [Holocaust Memorial Day] (MSP Foyer and Garden Lobby) Event: Scotland's Futures Forum (10.00, CRs1 & 3)
Tuesday Jan 26	Exhibition: Ann Frank [Holocaust Memorial Day] (MSP Foyer and Garden Lobby) Event; Edinburgh Festival Fringe (18.00, Garden Lobby) Event; Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland - Climate Change (18.00, CR3)
Wednesday Jan 27	Exhibition: Ann Frank [Holocaust Memorial Day] (MSP Foyer and Garden Lobby) Event: Leadership for Life (16.30, CR2) Event: Information Commissioner's Office Parliamentary Reception (18.00, Garden Lobby) Event: The Scottish Economy: Cashing in on the Global Emerging Market (18.00, CR1) Event: Friends of Arthritis (18.00, CR3) Event: Scottish Parliament Burns Club Supper (18.00, Members' Restaurant)
Thursday Jan 27	Exhibition: Ann Frank [Holocaust Memorial Day] (MSP Foyer and Garden Lobby) Event: Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival (17.30, CR3) Event: The Royal Society of Edinburgh Business Innovation Forum Reception (18.00, Garden Lobby)
Friday	Exhibition: Ann Frank [Holocaust Memorial Day] (MSP Foyer and Garden

Jan 28	Lobby) Event: Reconnecting the European Parliament and its People (17.00, CR1)
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