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Scottish Parliament: Plenary Agenda

Wednesday (March 10)	Thursday (March 11)
<p>2.30pm Time for Reflection – Sister Isabel Smyth, Honorary Lecturer, Centre for Inter Faith Studies, Glasgow University and Secretary to the Catholic Bishops Committee for Inter Religious Dialogue</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Scottish Government Debate: Aquaculture</p> <p>Business Motion</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>5pm Decision Time</p> <p>Members' Business – S3M-5832 Sandra White: Commonwealth Day 2010, Science, Technology and Society (<i>for text of motion see Section F of the Business Bulletin for Monday 1 March</i>)</p>	<p>9.15am Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Education – The Management of Schools</p> <p>11.40am General Question Time (<i>for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 4 March 2010</i>)</p> <p>12 noon First Minister's Question Time</p> <p>2.15pm Themed Question Time</p> <p>Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture (<i>for text of questions see Section D of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 4 March 2010</i>)</p> <p>2.55pm Scottish Government Debate: Serious and Organised Crime</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p>

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5.00 pm Decision Time

Members' Business – S3M-5336 Des McNulty: St Margaret of Scotland Hospice (for text of motion see [Section F](#) of the Business Bulletin for Monday 7 December 2009)

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Committee Meetings

Committee	Date	Time/Venue
Subordinate Legislation Committee	10 March	<p>9.15am in CR3</p> <p>1. Instruments subject to approval: The Committee will consider the following—</p> <p>the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010 (SSI2010/draft).</p> <p>2. Instruments subject to annulment: The Committee will consider the following—</p> <p>the Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/63); the Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI2010/64); the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007 Amendment Order 2010 (SSI2010/65); the Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI2010/66); the Road Works (Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/68); the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/69); the Seed Potatoes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/71); the Recovery of Expenditure for the Provision of Social Care Services (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/72); the National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/73).</p> <p>3. Instruments not laid before the Parliament: The Committee will consider the following—</p> <p>the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement) Order 2010 (SSI2010/70).</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next</p>

		<p>meeting on 16 March, it is expected that the Committee will consider the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2.</p>
<p><u>Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee</u></p>	<p>10 March</p>	<p>9.30am in CR5</p> <p>1. The public sector’s support for exporters, international trade and the attraction on inward investment.: The Committee will consider its initial approach to the inquiry.</p> <p>2. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the draft Census (Scotland) Order 2010 (SSI2010/draft) from—</p> <p>Jim Mather, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Duncan Macniven, Register General, General Register Office for Scotland, and Rob Wishart, Chief Statistician, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Subordinate legislation: Jim Mather MSP (Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism) will move the relevant motion on the draft Census (Scotland) Order (draft/2010).</p> <p>4. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the draft Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order (SSI2010/draft) from—</p> <p>Jim Mather, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, and Neal Rafferty, Senior Renewables Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.</p> <p>5. Subordinate legislation: Jim Mather MSP (Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism) to move S3M-05847— That the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee recommends that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010 be approved.</p> <p>6. The way forward for Scotland’s banking, building society and financial services sector (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 17 March, it is expected that the Committee will take evidence on issues relating to the whisky industry, including restructuring plans and wider opportunities and challenges, and continue to consider a</p>

		draft report of its banking/financial services inquiry in private.
<u>Health and Sport Committee</u>	10 March	<p>9.30am CR1</p> <p>1. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instruments: the National Health Service (Superannuation Scheme, Pension Scheme, Injury Benefits and Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/22); the Food Enzymes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/26); the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2009/28); the Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/42); and the Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/48).</p> <p>2. Petitions: The Committee will consider the following petitions: Petition <u>PE1187</u> by Greig Muir calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to reconsider its plans to raise the age for off-sales alcohol purchases from 18 to 21; and Petition <u>PE1191</u> by Tom French, on behalf of the Coalition Against Raising the Drinking Age in Scotland, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to drop its proposal to raise the age for off-sales alcohol purchases from 18 to 21.</p> <p>3. Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from: John Beard, Chief Executive, Whyte & Mackay Ltd; Mike Lees, Managing Director, Tennent Caledonian Breweries; Gavin Hewitt, Chief Executive, Scotch Whisky Association; Bob Price, Policy Adviser, National Association of Cider Makers; David Poley, Chief Executive, The Portman Group; Fergus Clark, Scottish Member, The Society of Independent Brewers;</p> <p>and then from: Liz Macdonald, Senior Policy Officer, Consumer Focus Scotland; John Drummond, Chief Executive, Scottish Grocers' Federation; Patrick Browne, Chief Executive, Scottish Beer and Pub Association;</p>

		<p>Paul Waterson, Chief Executive, Scottish Licensed Trade Association; Paul Smith, Executive Director, NOCTIS - The Voice of the Nighttime Economy;</p> <p>and then from: David Paterson, Scottish Affairs Manager, Asda Group Ltd; Tony McElroy, Corporate Affairs Manager, Tesco plc; Richard Taylor, Director of Corporate Affairs, Wm. Morrison Supermarkets plc; Nick Grant, Head of Legal Services, Sainsbury's plc; John McNeill, Regional Chief Officer, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man, The Co-operative Group Ltd.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 17 March, it is expected that the Committee will take further oral evidence from licensing, enforcement and legal representatives on the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill and consider a draft report on its inquiry into out-of-hours healthcare provision in rural areas.</p> <p>The Committee expects to take oral evidence from the Scottish Government on the Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Bill at a subsequent meeting.</p>
<p><u>Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee</u></p>	<p>10 March</p>	<p>10am in CR6</p> <p>1. Scottish Government class size policy: The Committee will take evidence from: Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, and Michael Kellet, Deputy Director for Schools: People and Places Division, Scottish Government.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 17 March, it is expected that the Committee will consider oral evidence from Scottish Government officials on the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Bill</p>
<p><u>Justice Committee</u></p>	<p>10 March</p>	<p>10am in Q1.04</p> <p>1. Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider and agree a final draft Stage 1 report.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 16 March, it is expected that the</p>

		Committee will continue its Stage 2 consideration of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill and also consider a number of items of subordinate legislation.
<u>Public Audit Committee</u>	10 March	<p>10am in CR4</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. An overview of local government in Scotland 2009: The Committee will receive a briefing on the Accounts Commission report entitled "An overview of local government in Scotland 2009" from: John Baillie, Chair, Accounts Commission; Caroline Gardner, Deputy Auditor General and Controller of Audit, and Gordon Smail, Portfolio Manager, Audit Scotland.</p> <p>3. Section 23 report - Improving public sector efficiency: The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on a joint report from the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission entitled "Improving public sector efficiency".</p> <p>4. Scottish Government consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009: The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland and the Deputy Auditor General on the Scottish Government's consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009.</p> <p>5. Consideration of approach - Improving public sector efficiency: The Committee will consider its approach to the joint report from the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission entitled "Improving public sector efficiency".</p> <p>6. Consideration of approach - Scottish Government's consolidated accounts for the year ending 31 March 2009: The Committee will consider whether to take any further activity in relation to the Auditor General for Scotland's report on the Scottish Government's consolidated accounts for the</p>

		<p>year ending 31 March 2009.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 24 March, 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>10 March</p>	<p>10 in CR2</p> <p>1. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument: the Management of Extractive Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/60).</p> <p>2. Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from:</p> <p>John King, Registration Director, and Andy Smith, Deputy Keeper, Registers of Scotland;</p> <p>and then from:</p> <p>Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Environment, Bruce Beveridge, Deputy Director, Rural Communities Division, Iain Dewar, Bill Team Leader, Rural Communities Division, and Heather Wortley, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.</p> <p>3. Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting on 14 April, it is expected that the Committee will consider a draft report on the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.</p>
<p><u>Forth Crossing Bill Committee</u></p>	<p>10 March</p>	<p>10.30 in CR3</p> <p>1. Forth Crossing Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from:</p> <p>Duncan McLaren, Chief Executive, Friends of the Earth Scotland; Jen Anderson, Chief Officer, Scottish Environment LINK; Niall Corbet, Forth and Borders Operations Manager, and Erica Knott, Policy and Advice Manager (Casework Support), Scottish Natural Heritage; and then from: Colin Flint, Proprietor, CLOB; and then from: John Howison OBE, Interim Project Director, Mike Glover OBE, Commission Project Manager,</p>

		<p>Frazer Henderson, Bill Manager, Shirley Henderson, Team Leader Environment, and Anne-Marie Martin, Policy and Communications Manager, Transport Scotland.</p> <p>2. Forth Crossing Bill (in private): The Committee will consider evidence taken during the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed future business: At its next meeting the Committee will continue to take evidence on the Forth Crossing Bill at Stage 1.</p>
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SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Cross Party Groups Meetings

CPG	Date	Time/Venue
<u>Obesity</u>	March 10	17:30 (CR5)
<u>Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism</u>	March 10	18:00 (CR4)
<u>Children & Young People</u>	March 11	12:30 (CR1)
<u>Psoriasis & Psoriatic Arthritis</u>	March 16	TBD
<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 8	<p>Exhibition - 10 Years of Equality Scotland (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - Scotland's Futures Forum - 13.30 (Members' Restaurant)</p>
Tuesday 9	<p>Exhibition - 10 Years of Equality Scotland (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - SSAFA Forces Help - 18.00 (Garden Lobby)</p>
Wednesday 10	<p>Exhibition - 10 Years of Equality Scotland (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - Fife Young Enterprise (13.30, Committee Room 2)</p> <p>Event - Young People and Money (14.30, Committee Room 6)</p> <p>Event - Lions Club UK (18.00, Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Event - Celebrate Success, Oil & Gas Transformation Training Programme (18.00, Committee Room 2)</p> <p>Event - HeartUK - Cardiac Forum for Familial Hypercholesterolemia Reception (18.00, Committee Room 3)</p>
Thursday 11	<p>Exhibition - 10 Years of Equality Scotland (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - The Next 5 Years: Meeting the Skills of the Maritime Sector (14.00, Committee Room 2)</p> <p>Event - World Plumbing Day (17.45, Committee Room 3)</p>

	Event - Scotland Week (18.00, Garden Lobby)
Friday 12	Exhibition - 10 Years of Equality Scotland (Garden Lobby) Exhibition - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) (MSP Foyer) Event - Shelter Scotland Parliamentary Training Session (12.00, Committee Room 3)
Week beginning March 15	
Monday 15	Exhibition - Sonnets from Scotland (Garden Lobby) Exhibition - Chemical Science Scotland (MSP Foyer)
Tuesday 16	Exhibition - Sonnets from Scotland (Garden Lobby) Exhibition - Chemical Science Scotland (MSP Foyer) Event - Northern Horizons: Is Scotland's future Nordic? (17.30 - Committee Room 2) Event - Edinburgh University: Community Engagement (18.00, Committee Room 1) Event - Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) Awards (18.30 - Garden Lobby)
Wednesday 17	Exhibition - Sonnets from Scotland (Garden Lobby) Exhibition - Chemical Science Scotland (MSP Foyer) Event - Remploy (18.00, Garden Lobby) Event - Oil and Gas Cross-Party Group Reception (18.00, Committee Room 1) Event - Neurological Alliance Reception (18.00, Committee Room 3) Event - Children Scotland Bill (18.30, Committee Room 2)
Thursday 18	Exhibition - Sonnets from Scotland (Garden Lobby) Exhibition - Chemical Science Scotland

	<p>(MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - Alcohol: The impact on Children and Parents (17.30, Committee Room 1)</p> <p>Event - Association of British Insurers Reception (18.00, Garden Lobby)</p>
<p>Friday 19</p>	<p>Exhibition - Sonnets from Scotland (Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Exhibition - Chemical Science Scotland (MSP Foyer)</p>