

# Forward Look

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF THURSDAY PM THE PARLIAMENT IS IN RECESS.  
THE PARLIAMENT WILL RETURN MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY.**

## Scottish Parliament: Plenary Agenda

Wednesday (December 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	Thursday (December 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
<p><b>2.30 pm</b> Time for Reflection – Rev Ross Mitchell, Retired Church of Scotland Minister</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Equal Opportunities Committee Debate: Report on post-legislative scrutiny: the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (<i>for text of motion S3M-7534 see <a href="#">Section F</a></i>)</p> <p>Stage One Debate: Protection of Workers (Scotland) Bill (<i>for text of motion S3M-7592 see <a href="#">Section F</a></i>)</p>	<p><b>9.15 am</b> Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p>Scottish Government Debate: Violence against Women</p> <p><b>11.00 am</b> Themed Question Time</p> <p>Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning (<i>for text of questions see <a href="#">Section D</a> of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 16 December 2010</i>)</p> <p><b>11.40 am</b> General Question Time (<i>for text of questions see <a href="#">Section D</a> of the Business Bulletin for Thursday 16</i></p>

<p>Business Motion</p> <p>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</p> <p><b>5.00 pm</b> Decision Time</p> <p>Members' Business – S3M-7433 Robert Brown: Fighting Visual Impairment and Age-related Macular Degeneration (<i>for text of motion see <a href="#">Section F</a></i>)</p>	<p><i>December 2010)</i></p> <p><b>12.00 pm</b> First Minister's Question Time</p> <p><b>12.30 pm</b> Decision Time</p>
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**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Committee Meetings**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time/Venue</b>
<a href="#"><u>Equal Opportunities Committee</u></a>	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	<p>10am in CR2</p> <p><b>1. Draft Budget 2011-12 (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2011-12.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 18 January, the Committee expects to consider the Draft Report on the Forced Marriage Bill.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Justice Committee</u></a>	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	<p>10am in CR6</p> <p><b>1. Decisions on taking business in private:</b> The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Bill and a draft report on the affirmative instruments being considered later in the meeting should be taken in private at future meetings.</p> <p><b>2. Subordinate legislation:</b> The Committee will take evidence on the following affirmative instruments—</p> <p>the draft Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities)</p>

	<p>Order 2011;</p> <p>the draft Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Order 2011;</p> <p>the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance By Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011;</p> <p>the draft Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2011;</p> <p>from—</p> <p>Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;</p> <p>Patricia Scotland, Criminal Justice and Parole Division, Ian Donaldson, Community Justice Division, Karen MacIvor, Legal System Division, Gerry Bonnar, Head of Law Reform and General Branch, Andrew Ruxton, Lisa McCann, Fraser Gough, and Anne-Louise House, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>3. Subordinate legislation:</b> Kenny MacAskill MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move the following motions—</p> <p>S3M-7571—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2011 be approved.</p> <p>S3M-7570—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential and Supplementary Provisions) Order 2011 be approved.</p> <p>S3M-7569—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance By Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment</p>
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		<p>Regulations 2011 be approved.</p> <p>S3M-7601—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2011 be approved.</p> <p><b>4. Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—</p> <p>Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;</p> <p>Iain Hockenull, Bill Team Leader, Danny Kelly, Criminal Justice and Parole Division, and Anne-Louise House, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>5. Draft Budget Scrutiny 2011-12 (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget 2011-12.</p> <p><b>6. Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Bill (in private):</b> The Committee will consider the main themes arising from written and oral evidence on the Bill.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 11 January 2011, it is expected that the Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report on the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill and a draft report on the affirmative instruments being considered under items 2 and 3 above.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Scotland Bill Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>1.30pm in CR1</p> <p><b>1. Scotland Bill (UK Parliament legislation):</b> The Committee will take evidence from—</p> <p>John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for</p>

		<p>Finance and Sustainable Growth, Fiona Hyslop MSP, Minister for Culture and External Affairs, Gary Gillespie, Deputy Director, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, Graeme Roy, Team Leader, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, David Rogers, Deputy Director, Constitution Directorate, and Gerald Byrne, Team Leader, Constitution Directorate, Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>2. Work programme (in private):</b> The Committee will consider its work programme.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 11 January 2011, the Committee expects to take further evidence on the Scotland Bill and any relevant legislative consent memorandum.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Finance Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>2pm in CR5</p> <p><b>1. Inquiry into preventative spending (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, whose details are provided at the <a href="#"><u>end of the Bulletin</u></a>.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Public Petitions Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>2pm in CR2</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. Consideration of current petition:</b> The Committee will consider the following current petition—</p> <p><a href="#"><u>PE1351</u></a> A time for all to be heard. The Committee will take evidence from—</p>

		<p>Shona Robison MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport;</p> <p>Adam Ingram MSP, Minister for Children and Early Years; and</p> <p>Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety.</p> <p><b>3. Consideration of current petition:</b> The Committee will consider the following current petition and the draft final report of the research commissioned by it—</p> <p><a href="#">PE1073</a> Catholics in Scottish prisons</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 11 January, the Committee expects to consider new petitions on prohibiting the resale of football tickets and green alternatives to incineration in Scotland. The Committee also expects to further consider current petitions on DVT; national and regional transport strategies; tail docking; the planning system and the protection of national scenic areas; amendment of Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act; use of sodium fluoride and calcium fluoride; lack of modern language training in initial teacher training programmes for primary school teachers; involvement of Scottish judiciary in the legislative process; post leg scrutiny of Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006; clarify guidelines on Gypsy/Traveller encampments; needs of kinship care children; abolition of church appointments to GTC; and ban Mosquito devices now.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>2pm in CR4</p> <p><b>1. Draft Budget Scrutiny 2011-12 (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget 2011-12.</p>

		<p><b>2. Low Carbon Scotland: The Draft Report on Proposals and Policies (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report.</p> <p><b>3. Road safety (in private):</b> The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of certain road safety issues.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Subordinate Legislation Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>2.15pm in CR6</p> <p><b>1. Instruments subject to annulment:</b> The Committee will consider the following—</p> <p>the Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/432);</p> <p>the Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Good Neighbour Agreement) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/433);</p> <p>the Flavourings in Food (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/439);</p> <p>the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) (No.2) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/440);</p> <p>the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) (No.3) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/441);</p> <p>the Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010 (SSI2010/442);</p> <p>the Regulation of Care (Fitness of Employees in Relation to Care Services) (Scotland) (No.2) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/443).</p> <p><b>2. Instruments not laid before the Parliament:</b> The Committee will consider the following—</p>

		<p>the Jurors' Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI2010/424);</p> <p>the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No.1) Order 2010 (SSI2010/444 (C.32)).</p> <p>3. <b>Long Leases (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.</p> <p>4. <b>Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to its Stage 1 report.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 18 January, it is expected that the Committee will consider Scottish statutory instruments.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee</u></a>	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>11am in CR1</p> <p>1. <b>Draft Budget Scrutiny 2011-12 (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2011-12.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 12 January, the Committee will continue to take evidence on its Review of the Enterprise Agencies inquiry.</p>
<a href="#"><u>Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee</u></a>	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>10am in CR6</p> <p>1. <b>Draft Budget Scrutiny 2011-12 (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2011-12.</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Local Government and Communities Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>9am in CR5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Draft Budget Scrutiny 2011-12 (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget 2011-12.</li> <li>2. <b>Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Bill (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.</li> <li>3. <b>Work programme (in private):</b> The Committee will consider its work programme.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 12 January 2011, the Committee expects to further consider a draft report on the Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Bill.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Public Audit Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>9.30am in CR2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Decision on taking business in private:</b> The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.</li> <li>2. <b>Section 23 report - National concessionary travel:</b> The Committee will take evidence from—  George Mair, Director, and Paul White, Public Affairs Executive, Confederation of Passenger Transport UK - Scotland;  and then from—  David Middleton, Chief Executive, and Alastair Mitchell, Head of Bus, Taxi and Concessionary Fares Policy, Transport Scotland.</li> <li>3. <b>Section 23 report - The Scottish Police Services Authority</b> The Committee will consider correspondence</li> </ol>

		<p>from the Permanent Secretary regarding the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The Scottish Police Services Authority".</p> <p><b>4. Section 23 report - Financial overview of the NHS in Scotland 2009/10:</b> The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on his report entitled "Financial overview of the NHS in Scotland 2009/10".</p> <p><b>5. Consideration of evidence - National concessionary travel:</b> The Committee will consider its approach to the evidence taken at agenda item 2.</p> <p><b>6. Session 3 Reports of the Public Audit Committee - Key Themes:</b> The Committee will consider a draft report.</p> <p><b>7. Consideration of approach - Financial overview of the NHS in Scotland 2009/10:</b> The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "Financial overview of the NHS in Scotland 2009/10".</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 12 January 2011, 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><a href="#"><u>Rural Affairs and Environment Committee</u></a></p>	<p>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>10am in CR4</p> <p><b>1. Decision on taking business in private:</b> The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.</p> <p><b>2. Subordinate legislation:</b> The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—</p> <p>the Vegetable Seeds Amendment</p>

	<p>(Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI/2010/425);</p> <p>the Flood Risk Management (Flood Protection Schemes, Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI/2010/426);</p> <p>the Scallops (Luce Bay) (Prohibition of Fishing) Variation Order 2010 (SSI/2010/429).</p> <p><b>3. Reservoirs (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—</p> <p>Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Judith Tracey, Head of Flooding and Reservoir Safety Policy, Fiona Quinn, Reservoir Policy Manager, Joyce Carr, Head of Water Environment Policy, and Stephen Rees, Solicitor, Food and Environment Division, Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>4. Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:</b> The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).</p> <p><b>5. Petition:</b> The Committee will consider the following petition—</p> <p><b>PE1340:</b> Petition by John Scott calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to extend and simplify the system of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) to give all trees a protection similar to that enjoyed by trees in conservation areas.</p> <p><b>6. Draft Budget Scrutiny 2011-12 (in private):</b> The Committee will consider a draft report to the Finance Committee on the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget 2011-12.</p> <p><b>7. Scottish Government’s Draft Land Use Strategy:</b> The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the</p>
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		<p>Environment.</p> <p><b><u>Proposed future business</u></b></p> <p>At its next meeting, on 12 January, the Committee expects to consider the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2. The Committee will also consider a draft report on the Reservoirs (Scotland) Bill.</p>
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**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Cross Party Groups Meetings**

<b>CPG</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time/Venue</b>
<a href="#"><u>Disability</u></a>	6 <sup>th</sup> January	TBC
<a href="#"><u>Mental Health</u></a>	12 <sup>th</sup> January	5.30pm in CR2
<a href="#"><u>Construction</u></a>	9 <sup>th</sup> February	1.00pm in CR1

**MISC. SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT: Events and Exhibitions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Exhibition - Ofgem (MSP Foyer)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<p>Exhibition - Ofgem (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - Razzle Dazzle: Dance School of Scotland (18.00 - Garden Lobby)</p> <p>Event - Ofgem Parliamentary Reception (18.00 - Committee Room 5)</p>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>Exhibition - Ofgem (MSP Foyer)</p> <p>Event - Carol Service (18.00 - Garden Lobby)</p>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Exhibition - Ofgem (MSP Foyer)</p> <p><b>Parliament is in Recess pm</b></p>

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