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Today's Business

Thursday 19 November 2015

Summary of Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

9.15 am	Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee	the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
9.30 am	Equal Opportunities Committee	the Adam Smith Room (CR5)
9.30 am	European and External Relations Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
9.30 am	Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill Committee	the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
10.00 am	Devolution (Further Powers) Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

Meeting of the Parliament

11.40 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am	General Questions
12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm	Members' Business – S4M-13954 George Adam: National Third Sector GIRFEC Project
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Stage 1 Debate: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill
followed by	Financial Resolution: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

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Section A – Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified. Contact details for Committee Clerks are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 19th Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 9.15 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
 2. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Bill Thomson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;
and then from—
Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Al Gibson, Bill Team Leader, Parliament and Legislation Unit, and Neil MacLeod, Principal Legal Officer, SGLD, Scottish Government.
 3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
 4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
 5. **Inquiry into committee reform (in private):** The Committee will consider an issues paper.

Equal Opportunities Committee 19th Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
 2. **Removing Barriers: race, ethnicity and employment:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights, Gavin Gray, Unit Head of Promoting Fair Work Team, and Lesley Musa, Race Equality Policy Lead, Scottish Government.
 3. **Removing Barriers: race, ethnicity and employment:** The Committee will consider evidence heard.

European and External Relations Committee 17th Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **EU update:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Coburn MEP, Ian Hudghton MEP, and Catherine Stihler MEP, European Parliament;
Dr Ian Duncan MEP, European Parliament (via video conference).
2. **Brussels Bulletin:** The Committee will consider the latest issue of the Brussels Bulletin.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill Committee 4th Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Helen Jones, Head, and Ellen Huis, Policy Officer, Landscape and Involvement with the Natural Environment Branch, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Christine Grahame MSP, Member in Charge;
Diane Barr, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Neil Ross, Solicitor, Scottish Parliament.

Devolution (Further Powers) Committee 28th Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Crown Estate Transfer Scheme and Memorandum of Understanding:** The Committee will consider correspondence from HM Treasury.
3. **Update on proposals for inter-parliamentary co-operation on parliamentary scrutiny of inter-governmental relations in the UK:** The Committee will consider a paper from the Clerk.

Meeting of the Parliament

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

1. Hanzala Malik: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to tackle racial discrimination and what is believed to be the underreporting of cases. (S4O-04815)

2. James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to calling in the planning application relating to the Whitehill incinerator. (S4O-04816)

3. Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking toward ending the gender pay gap and tackling gender discrimination in the workplace. (S4O-04817)

4. Alex Johnstone: [Not Lodged]

5. Cara Hilton: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Fife College regarding the relocation of its Halbeath campus. (S4O-04819)

6. Neil Findlay: [Withdrawn]

7. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to protect tenant farmers affected by the Salvesen V Riddell case and subsequent remedial order. (S4O-04821)

8. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact on jobs and Scotland's economy of the reported Ministry of Defence plan to reduce the number of Type 26 frigates being built in order to pay for the replacement of Trident. (S4O-04822)

9. Malcolm Chisholm: To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to the tenants in the Lorne area of Leith who are seeking an alternative to eviction by a charitable trust that owns the properties. (S4O-04823)

10. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether there should be an independent review of the new curriculum model at Hermitage Academy in Helensburgh. (S4O-04824)

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. Kezia Dugdale: To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. (S4F-03068)

2. Ruth Davidson: To ask the First Minister when she will next meet the Secretary of State for Scotland. (S4F-03060)

3. Willie Rennie: To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. (S4F-03061)

4. Jim Eadie: To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to promote early HIV testing. (S4F-03070)

5. Jackie Baillie: To ask the First Minister what discussions the Scottish Government has had with the UK Government regarding using the new welfare top-up powers that are being devolved. (S4F-03078)

6. Liz Smith: To ask the First Minister what discussions the Scottish Government has had with NHS24 regarding the provision of winter resilience measures. (S4F-03064)

12.30 pm

Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S4M-13954 George Adam: National Third Sector GIRFEC Project—That the Parliament welcomes the role of the public social partnership, the National Third Sector GIRFEC Project, which includes Barnardo's Scotland, Voluntary Action Scotland and Improvement Service, in supporting third sector organisations in Paisley and across Scotland to be full partners in the commissioning and planning of children's services; recognises the role that it considers organisations, large and small, have in providing vital services to children, young people and their families; expresses concern that further reductions to the welfare budget and social security at UK level could mean that public services will be required to support increasing numbers of children and families in need; welcomes the role that the third sector has in working hand-in-hand with the public sector to reduce growing inequalities, and recognises the importance of having a well-resourced and supported third sector that is able to be involved at the strategic level.

2.30 pm

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm

Stage 1 Debate: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill

S4M-14879 Paul Wheelhouse: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill.

followed by

Financial Resolution: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill

S4M-14805 John Swinney: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of

a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

followed by

Business Motions

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Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm

Decision Time

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