



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**BUSINESS BULLETIN No. 2/2015**

**Today's Business**

**Tuesday 6 January 2015**

**Revised at 10.45 am**

**Summary of Today's Business**

**Meetings of Committees**

12.30 pm	Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee	the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
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**Meeting of the Parliament**

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S4M-11981, today's business will be as follows

2.00 pm	Time for Reflection – Mr Jamie Stuart, Elder, High Carntyne Parish Church and author of 'The Glasgow Gospel' and 'A Glasgow Bible'
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by	Topical Questions
followed by	Ministerial Statement: Ebola
followed by	Scottish Government Debate: Winter Festivals
followed by	Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health
followed by	Legislative Consent Motion: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-11849 Alex Johnstone: New Psychoactive Substances Needs Assessment for Tayside, 2014 Report

**For full details of today's business, see Section A.**

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### Section A – Today's Business

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*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**S4M-11981 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 6 January 2015—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Winter Festivals

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Ebola

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Winter Festivals

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

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5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Topical Questions

**1. Jenny Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how the NHS is dealing with Ebola. (S4T-00884)

**2. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on events following the bin lorry crash in George Square on 22 December 2014. (S4T-00885)

**3. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what involvement it will have in the investigation into the sinking of the cargo vessel, Cemfjord, in the Pentland Firth. (S4T-00880)

**4. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what contact it has had with the administrators of City Link Limited. (S4T-00883)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Ebola

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Winter Festivals

**S4M-11976 Fiona Hyslop: Winter Festivals**—That the Parliament notes the contribution that Scotland’s Winter Festival programme makes in promoting Scotland both nationally and internationally as a world-class cultural tourism destination and the perfect stage for events all year round; acknowledges that the programme of St Andrew’s Day, Christmas, Hogmanay and Burns Night celebrations is gathering momentum year-on-year and offers visitors, the people of Scotland and all those with an affinity to Scotland a real taste of the nation’s distinct traditions and contemporary culture through the promotion of Scottish music, arts, food and drink; recognises the role that the festivals have and will continue to play in supporting Scotland’s successful programme of themed years, and welcomes the contribution that the winter festivals make in helping to promote Scotland as a great place to visit, study, work, invest and do business all year round.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S4M-11976.2 Claire Baker: Winter Festivals**—As an amendment to motion S4M-11976 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Winter Festivals), insert at end “; also recognises the many local and community-organised winter festivals that take place throughout Scotland, and commends the hard work of volunteers, local groups and small businesses that make such events a success”.

**S4M-11976.1 Liz Smith: Winter Festivals**—As an amendment to motion S4M-11976 in the name of Fiona

Hyslop (Winter Festivals), insert at end “, but believes that in order to provide the greatest support for winter festivals, along with all other cultural activity in Scotland, there needs to be a fully coherent arts strategy that provides arts bodies, both local and national, with the integrated support and funding priorities that they need in order that Scotland can enhance its cultural reputation both at home and abroad”.

*followed by*

Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health

**S4M-11975 Jamie Hepburn: Mental Health**—That the Parliament welcomes the level of interest and commitment to improving mental health and mental health services; recognises the equal importance that the NHS places on the care and treatment of mental and physical illness; notes the Scottish Government’s recent announcement of an additional £15 million investment in mental health services, and looks forward to further progress in improving mental health and wellbeing as a fundamental and integral part of delivering person-centred, safe and effective healthcare services.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S4M-11975.2 Richard Simpson: Mental Health**—As an amendment to motion S4M-11975 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Mental Health), after “physical illness” insert “but notes that, while there has been progress toward the targets on child and adolescent mental health, the targets have not been met, psychological treatments waiting times remain very challenging and primary care teams are under substantial and increasing time pressure to deliver holistic care, particularly in areas of deprivation where there is a greater amount of mental illness; further notes that, after initial progress in improving public attitudes to mental illness with the See Me programme, this welcome trend has stalled and there is a need for more robust monitoring and inspection of the variation between NHS boards”.

**S4M-11975.3 Mary Scanlon: Mental Health**—As an amendment to motion S4M-11975 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Mental Health), leave out from “looks forward” to “in improving” and insert “calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that additional investment is used effectively to increase NHS mental health bed numbers, including having sufficient adolescent beds to end the practice of children and young people being placed inappropriately in adult psychiatric wards, and staffing

across all disciplines, including psychology, in order to meet existing waiting time targets and to bring forward improvements in”

**S4M-11975.1 Jim Hume: Mental Health**—As an amendment to motion S4M-11975 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Mental Health), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “notes that, since 2009, there have been 883 fewer staffed mental health beds and that Scotland’s hospitals have lost 64 specialist mental health nurses; further notes that targets for mental health treatment times are being missed; is concerned that hundreds of young people face waits of over six months to begin child and adolescent mental health service treatment and that treatment is being carried out in adult wards, which are unsuitable for children’s needs; believes the number of mental health officers (MHO) to be inadequate as highlighted by the 5% fall in MHO consents for emergency detention in hospital; recognises that nine out of 10 people who experience mental health problems have experienced stigma and discrimination; believes that there is a real opportunity to change the way that mental health is seen and treated in 2015 with a revised mental health strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to act now and follow the lead of the UK Government and set out in legislation that mental health and physical health deserve equal recognition.”

*followed by*

Legislative Consent Motion: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation

**S4M-11986 Michael Matheson: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Serious Crime Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 5 June 2014, relating to amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, amendments to the Computer Misuse Act 1990, amendments to the Serious Crime Act 2007 in respect of serious crime prevention orders, the repeal of provisions within the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 in respect of financial reporting orders and the amendments to the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 to include habitual UK residents, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

*followed by*

Business Motions

*followed by*

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm

Decision Time

*followed by*

Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

**S4M-11849 Alex Johnstone: New Psychoactive Substances Needs Assessment for Tayside, 2014 Report**—That the Parliament notes the report, *New Psychoactive Substances Needs Assessment for Tayside, 2014*, by NHS Tayside, which states that there are now over 350 substances that the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction is aware of and over 650 websites in Europe that market new psychoactive substances (NPS) to consumers; understands that, in 2013, NPS were found to be a potential contributor to 60 drug deaths in Scotland; acknowledges the concerns of community groups in places such as Aberdeen, Arbroath and Montrose about the potential impact of NPS and the retail premises that sell them; commends the work of these community groups and agencies in raising awareness of the potential dangers of using NPS, and notes the hopes of many that this work will be taken forward locally and nationally to reduce the availability and consumption of NPS.