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Today's Business

Wednesday 14 January 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT

Royal Assent

The Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 1) received Royal Assent on 13 January 2015.

Summary of Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

9.30 am	Finance Committee	the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
9.30 am	Local Government and Regeneration Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
10.00 am	Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee	the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
10.00 am	Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee	the Adam Smith Room (CR5)
10.00 am	Public Audit Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
10.00 am	Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee	the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm	Portfolio Questions Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by	Scottish Labour Party Debate: Scotland's Future
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-11929: Hanzala Malik: Taliban's Attack in a School in Peshawar

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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.

Finance Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 7 in private.
 2. **Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Councillor Kevin Keenan, Spokesperson for Resources and Capacity, COSLA;
Brian Cook, Head of Revenue Services, North Lanarkshire Council;
Gregory Colgan, Head of Corporate Debt and Welfare Reform, Dundee City Council;
Lynn Brown, Executive Director of Financial Services, Glasgow City Council;
and then from—
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy, Jenny Brough, Council Tax Team Leader, Graham Owenson, Head of Local Government Finance Unit, Laura Barrie, Assistant Scottish Parliamentary Counsel, and Colin Brown, Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
 3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/367) from—
John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy, David Kerrouchi, Policy Adviser, Neil Ferguson, Land and Buildings Transaction Tax Bill Team Leader, and Greig Walker, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
 4. **Subordinate legislation:** John Swinney (Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Constitution) to move—S4M-12007—That the Finance Committee recommends that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 be approved.
 5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Prescribed Proportions) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/350), the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Qualifying Public or Educational Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/351), and the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Definition of Charity) (Relevant Territories) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/352) from—

John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy, David Kerrouchi, Policy Adviser, Neil Ferguson, Land and Buildings Transaction Tax Bill Team Leader, and Greig Walker, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
 - the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Prescribed Proportions) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/350);
 - the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Qualifying Public or Educational Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/351);
 - the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Definition of Charity) (Relevant Territories) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/352).
7. **Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill.

Local Government and Regeneration Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
1. **Declaration of interests:** Cara Hilton will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
 2. **Appointment of European Union Reporter** The Committee will appoint a member to serve as its European Union Reporter.
 3. **Public petitions: PE1538** The Committee will consider the following petition-PE1538 by Dr Richard Burton on behalf of Accountability Scotland, on Transparency in SPSO investigations.
 4. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 - Janet Hood, Associations Licensing Specialist, Association of Licensed Adult Entertainment Venues Scotland;
 - Andrew Cox;
 - Professor Phil Hubbard, University of Kent;
 - Mairi Millar, Legal Manager Licensing, Glasgow City Council;
 - Willie Taylor, Service Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council;
 - Jon Morgan, Director, Federation of Scottish Theatre;
 - Eric Anderson, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board, Aberdeen City Council;
 - Laura Tomson, Co-Director, Zero Tolerance;and then from—
 - Michael McDougall, Solicitor, Glasgow City Council;
 - Gary Walker, Principal Policy Officer, Waste Unit, National Operations, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency;
 - Guy Jefferson, Director, SP Distribution, Scottish Power.
 5. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
 6. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee 1st Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Lewis Macdonald MSP and Johann Lamont MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
3. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Brian Baglow, Director, Scottish Games Network;
 - Colin MacDonald, Games Commissioner, Channel 4;
 - Chris van der Kuyl, Chairman, 4j Studios;
 - Paul Durrant, Director of Business Development, Abertay University.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee 1st Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Declaration of interests:** David Stewart MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
3. **Scottish Housing Regulator annual report 2013-14:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 - Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, Anne Jarvie, Board member, and Lisa Peebles, Board member, Scottish Housing Regulator.
4. **Consideration of evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence taken at agenda item 3 and at previous meetings on the Scottish Housing Regulator's annual report 2013-14.

Public Audit Committee 1st Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Declaration of interests:** Paul Martin, Stuart McMillan and Drew Smith will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee will choose a Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 8 and 9 in private.
4. **Section 23 report - NHS in Scotland 2013/14:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "NHS in Scotland 2013/14" from—
 - Paul Gray, Director General Health & Social Care and Chief Executive NHS Scotland, John Connaghan, Director for Health Workforce and Performance, John Matheson, Director Finance, eHealth and

- Pharmaceuticals, and Dr Aileen Keel CBE, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government.
5. **Section 22 report - The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Police Authority" from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
 6. **Section 22 report - The 2012/13 audit of North Glasgow College:** The Committee will consider written submissions from the Scottish Government and the Scottish Funding Council regarding the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2012/13 audit of North Glasgow College."
 7. **Section 23 report - NHS financial performance 2012/13 and Management of patients on NHS waiting lists - audit update:** The Committee will consider a further response from the Scottish Government to its report entitled "NHS financial performance 2012/13 and Management of patients on NHS waiting lists - audit update."
 8. **Section 23 report - NHS in Scotland 2013/14:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 4 and take evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Angela Canning, Assistant Director, and Jillian Matthew, Project Manager, Audit Scotland.
 9. **Section 22 report - The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Police Authority" and take evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)
1. **Declaration of interests:** Sarah Boyack will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
 2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of a draft report on the Scottish Government's National Marine Plan should be taken in private at future meetings.
 3. **Scotland's National Marine Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment, Linda Rosborough, Director, Marine Scotland, and Anna Donald, Head of Marine Planning and Strategy, Scottish Government.
 4. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft stage 1 report on Part 4 of the Bill.

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health, Wellbeing and Sport

1. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government how many GP appointments were missed by patients in the last 12 months. (S4O-03881)

2. Mark McDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with local authorities that have yet to submit a draft or completed autism strategy. (S4O-03882)

3. James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government how many acute hospitals were on red alert in the last week of 2014 and first week of 2015. (S4O-03883)

4. Margaret McDougall: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Ayrshire and Arran and what issues were discussed. (S4O-03884)

5. Joan McAlpine: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress of the new Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. (S4O-03885)

6. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government how many times NHS Fife failed to meet its four, eight and 12 hour accident and emergency waiting time targets between 24 December 2014 and 4 January 2015. (S4O-03886)

7. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding the proposed Commonwealth Games legacy sporting facilities that will benefit the people of Glasgow. (S4O-03887)

8. Jim Hume: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to increase the number of mental health officers being trained. (S4O-03888)

9. Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote women's football. (S4O-03889)

10. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how often the short-life working group on heart failure has met and what conclusions it has reached regarding strengthening the role of heart failure nurses. (S4O-03890)

11. Roderick Campbell: To ask the Scottish Government what support it provides to people with lipoedema. (S4O-03891)

12. John Lamont: To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports the role that community hospitals play in helping with the provision of local healthcare and freeing up beds in larger hospitals. (S4O-03892)

13. Mark Griffin: To ask the Scottish Government whether it considers staffing levels in NHS Lanarkshire satisfactory. (S4O-03893)

14. Alison McInnes: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the availability of child and adolescent mental health services in North East Scotland. (S4O-03894)

15. Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government whether NHS boards are required to undertake adverse incident reviews for patients dying while on the delayed discharge database. (S4O-03895)

16. John Finnie: [Withdrawn]

17. John Pentland: To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to protect NHS staff in light of recent reports of high levels of injuries at work and sick leave due to stress. (S4O-03897)

18. Nigel Don: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to accommodate school leavers with autism in an appropriately independent and safe environment that will contribute to their overall wellbeing. (S4O-03898)

19. Liz Smith: [Not Lodged]

20. Iain Gray: To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting the worst performing NHS boards to meet the referral to treatment targets for psychological treatments including tier 2 child and adolescent mental health services. (S4O-03900)

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Scotland's Future

S4M-12045 Richard Simpson: Scotland's Future—That the Parliament believes that the NHS in Scotland is under extreme pressure, with waiting times rising at accident and emergency (A&E) departments across the country, people waiting on trolleys for hours and waiting time targets missed in many hospitals; pays tribute to the hard working staff of the NHS; notes that the NHS staff survey reported that 75% of Scotland's nurses think that there are not enough of them to do the work; welcomes Scottish Labour's commitment to fund 1,000 extra nurses in the NHS from a UK-wide mansion tax that will pool and share the resources of the UK for the benefit of Scotland's health service; notes the impact that these nurses will have on pressure points for the NHS services in mental health, A&E and community nursing; further notes that delayed discharge targets are not being met across Scotland; deplores the Scottish Government's record in breaking its own law guaranteeing treatment in 12 weeks over 12,500 times across the country, and notes the situation of those patients who have had their legal rights breached by the Scottish Government.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S4M-12045.3 Shona Robison: Scotland's Future—As an amendment to motion S4M-12045 in the name of Richard Simpson (Scotland's Future), leave out from “under extreme pressure” to end and insert “an institution greatly valued by the people of Scotland; recognises that even with additional funding of £28 million for winter pressures being made available, there have been challenges in meeting the increasing demands in A&E departments; pays tribute to the health services’ dedicated and hardworking staff who ensured across the festive period that nine out of 10 patients were seen within four hours; acknowledges that further steps are required to reduce delays in discharge, improve patient flow and ensure that A&E targets are sustainably met in the future; notes that health resources are at a record £12 billion in 2015-16, an increase of £2.7 billion since 2006; further notes that NHS Scotland staffing is at a record high, with over 1,700 more qualified nurses and midwives than 2006, and welcomes that treatment times have improved significantly in recent years, with 98% patients of patients, over 600,000 people, having received treatment within the 12 week treatment time guarantee.”

S4M-12045.2 Jackson Carlaw: Scotland's Future—As an amendment to motion S4M-12045 in the name of Richard Simpson (Scotland's Future), leave out from first “is” to end and insert “, as elsewhere and throughout the UK, is under considerable seasonal pressure, particularly at A&E departments, and acknowledges the resulting and unacceptable inconvenience to thousands of patients; notes the additional funding resource being committed to the NHS in England, which has resulted in consequential funding for the NHS in Scotland in excess of £1.4 billion between 2010 and 2016; notes that the total health budget for England has been protected in real terms while similar protections have not been put in place by the Scottish Government; acknowledges that, for the NHS in Scotland to achieve a sustainable future in the face of the many well documented challenges with which it is now confronted, it requires all political parties to agree and unite in support of a long-term strategic plan, and calls on the Scottish Government, without further delay, to lead the development and implementation of such a plan within the current parliamentary session.”

followed by

Business Motions

S4M-12048 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 15 January 2015—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commending the People who Keep Scotland Safe in Emergencies

and insert

followed by Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commending the People who Keep Scotland Safe in Emergencies

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Re-appointment of a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Modern Slavery Bill – UK Legislation

S4M-12049 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 January 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Inequalities

followed by Public Bodies Consent Motion: Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2015 – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 January 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill 2015-16

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 January 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: 2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 January 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 January 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S4M-12050 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12051 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources - Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12052 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Modification of Authorisation Provisions: Legal Consultations) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12053 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance and Property Interference - Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S4M-11929 Hanzala Malik: Taliban's Attack in a School in Peshawar—That the Parliament condemns the actions of the Taliban's attack in a school in Peshawar, where it opened fire on children and staff members; understands that seven Taliban attackers wearing bomb vests entered the public school and opened fire on children as young as five; understands that at least 132 children and nine staff members are already dead and that a further 125 children were wounded before all seven attackers were killed; believes this to be the deadliest attack by the Taliban; recognises the deep sadness of the Pakistani community in Glasgow and the rest of Scotland; supports the Pakistan government and its agencies in bringing these attackers' network to justice, and offers its deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to the families of the children and teachers.

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