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Today's Business
Wednesday 21 January 2015

Summary of Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

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

Meeting of the Parliament

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) (No. 4) Bill
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-11626 Iain Gray: Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education Report

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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.

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Economic Impact of the Creative Industries (in private):** The Committee will consider a request to submit written evidence anonymously.
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—
Ewan Angus, Head of Commissioning, BBC Scotland;
Alan Clements, Director of Content, STV;
Ian MacKenzie, Development Manager, Channel 4;
Drew McFarlane, National Organiser for Scotland and Northern Ireland, Equity;
Jane Muirhead, National Director, Scotland, PACT;
and then from—
Ken Hay, Chief Executive, Centre for the Moving Image (CMI);
John Archer, Producer, Hopscotch Films & Chair of Independent Producers Scotland;
Arabella Page Croft, Producer, Black Camel Pictures;
Bob Last, Independent Producer;
Iain Smith, Producer, and Chair, British Film Commission.
4. **Review of evidence heard** The Committee will review the evidence heard at today's meeting.

Finance Committee 3rd Meeting, 2015

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Further Fiscal Devolution:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Colin Borland, Head of External Affairs, FSB Scotland;
Garry Clark, Head of Policy and Research, Scottish Chambers of Commerce;

Nicola Walker, Director of Devolution, Confederation of British Industry;
and then from—

Edward Troup, Second Permanent Secretary, and Sarah Walker, Deputy
Director and Head of Devolution Team, HM Revenue and Customs.

3. **Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
4. **Proposed Contingent Liability:** The Committee will consider its approach to a proposed contingent liability.

Local Government and Regeneration Committee 3rd Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Scottish Public Authorities)
Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/354).
2. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr James Cooper, Edinburgh Napier University;
and then from—
Kevin Woodburn, Edinburgh City Private Hire;
Les McVay, CityCabs;
Bill McIntosh, Scottish Taxi Federation;
and then from—
Audrey Watson, Managing Solicitor, West Lothian Licensing Board;
Douglas Campbell, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing), Renfrewshire
Council;
Tom Berney, Chair, Scottish Older Persons Assembly.
3. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Public Audit Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.30 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. **Section 23 report - Community planning: Turning ambition into action:**
The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled Community planning: Turning ambition into action from—
Cllr Jenny Laing, Council Leader, Aberdeen City Council;
Chief Superintendent Adrian Watson, Local Police Commander, Aberdeen
City Division, Police Scotland;
Susan Webb, Interim Director of Public Health, NHS Grampian;
Cllr David Parker, Council Leader, Scottish Borders Council;

Alistair McKinnon, Regional Director, South of Scotland, Scottish Enterprise;

John Raine, Chair, NHS Borders;

and then from—

Sarah Davidson, Director-General Communities, Scottish Government;

Cllr David O'Neill, President, COSLA;

Pat Watters, Chair, National Community Planning Group.

3. **Section 23 report - Community planning: Turning ambition into action:**

The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Community planning: Turning ambition into action" and take evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Antony Clark, Assistant Director, Best Value, Scrutiny and Improvement, Audit Scotland.

**Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee
3rd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Scotland's National Marine Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scottish Government's National Marine Plan.

2. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft stage 1 report on Part 4 of the Bill.

**Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee
2nd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 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. **Housing Update:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Margaret Burgess, Minister for Housing and Welfare, Bill Barron, Division Head, Housing Services and Regeneration, Caroline Dicks, Acting Unit Head of Housing Supply Division, Barry Stalker, Team Leader, Private Rented Sector, and Stephen Garland, Head of Housing Sustainability Unit, Scottish Government.

3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Infrastructure, Investment and Cities

1. Willie Coffey: To ask the Scottish Government how the devolution of air passenger duty will help the Ayrshire economy. (S4O-03911)

2. Hanzala Malik: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to minimise disruption to passengers and businesses during the renovation of Glasgow Queen Street station. (S4O-03912)

3. Ken Macintosh: To ask the Scottish Government what assurance it can provide that Clyde and Hebridean ferry services will not be privatised. (S4O-03913)

4. John Pentland: To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities last met North Lanarkshire Council and what was discussed. (S4O-03914)

5. Adam Ingram: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the rail investment proposals in the Industrial Communities Alliance's paper, *Tracks to Work*. (S4O-03915)

6. Dennis Robertson: To ask the Scottish Government what improvements are planned to upgrade the road and rail network in Aberdeenshire. (S4O-03916)

7. George Adam: To ask the Scottish Government how many passengers travelled through Scotland's airports in 2014. (S4O-03917)

8. Margaret McCulloch: To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Network Rail and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport regarding improvements to the East Kilbride railway line. (S4O-03918)

9. Richard Lyle: To ask the Scottish Government what cumulative savings have been realised since the establishment of the Scottish Futures Trust. (S4O-03919)

10. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what progress the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal is making. (S4O-03920)

Culture, Europe and External Affairs

1. Dave Thompson: To ask the Scottish Government when it will next meet Ofcom to discuss broadcasting. (S4O-03921)

2. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to promote major events in Scotland. (S4O-03922)

3. Neil Bibby: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Creative Scotland and what issues were discussed. (S4O-03923)

4. Hugh Henry: [Not Lodged]

5. Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to recognise Holocaust Memorial Day and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in 2015. (S4O-03925)

6. Gavin Brown: To ask the Scottish Government what the budget priorities are in 2015-16 for the Culture, Europe and External Affairs portfolio. (S4O-03926)

7. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government how many of its staff work in the culture and heritage and external affairs directorates. (S4O-03927)

8. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what international development support it is providing for people affected by the humanitarian crisis in Iraq. (S4O-03928)

9. Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Creative Scotland regarding long-term funding for the Gaelic arts agency, Pròiseact nan Ealan. (S4O-03929)

10. Nigel Don: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to review the condition of Scotland's historic buildings. (S4O-03930)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

S4M-12101 John Swinney: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill— That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill.

followed by Business Motions

S4M-12104 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion— That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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 Debate: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment

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 Labour Party 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 Stage 1 Debate: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill (Private Members' Bill) – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 February 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 4 February 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights;
Fair Work, Skills and Training

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 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

S4M-12105 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 May 2015.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S4M-12106 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12107 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 be approved.

S4M-12108 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

5.00 pm

Decision Time

followed by

Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S4M-11626 Iain Gray: Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education Report—That the Parliament notes with concern a recent survey, which was published by the Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education and supported by The Royal Society of Edinburgh, suggesting that 98% of primary and secondary schools depended on external funding for practical work, including from parents and teachers, that 45% of primaries reported having no access to safety equipment and that spending per head on pupils studying science in Scotland is around two thirds of the equivalent spending in England; is concerned that schools might be put off encouraging pupils to take science subjects at National 5 if sitting those exams is perceived to have an adverse impact on pass rates; acknowledges what it sees as the seriousness of these problems, given that some reports have stated that, by 2030, over seven million jobs in the UK will depend on science skills and that, therefore, the science graduates that Scotland's economy will rely on are already at school and being introduced to the subject; welcomes the Royal Society of Chemistry's recommendations on improving science learning in school through access to teaching specialists; further recognises what it believes is the important role that local science societies, such as the Dunbar Science Festival in East Lothian, and festivals play in making extracurricular science learning available, and understands with disappointment that, in 2015-16, science societies and festivals will receive a real-terms cut in funding from the Scottish Government.

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