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**Today's Business
Thursday 22 January 2015**

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11.40 am	General Questions
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followed by	Members' Business – S4M-11361 Jamie McGrigor: Tackling Projected Population Decline in Argyll and Bute
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

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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.

Devolution (Further Powers) Committee 3rd Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Evidence from Scottish business organisations on the Smith Agreement:**

The Committee will take evidence from—

David Watt, Executive Director, Institute of Directors;

Ross Martin, Chief Executive, Scottish Council for Development and Industry;

Alan Watt, Chief Executive, Civil Engineering Contractors Association;

Stuart Patrick, Chief Executive, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce.

European and External Relations Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **EU Strategy:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Jacqueline Minor, Head of Representation in the United Kingdom, European Commission.

2. **Brussels Bulletin:** The Committee will consider the latest issue of the Brussels Bulletin.

Meeting of the Parliament

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

1. Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government when it last met NHS Fife and what issues were discussed. (S4O-03931)

2. Graeme Pearson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it has made in setting up the Energy Jobs Taskforce. (S4O-03932)

3. Jim Eadie: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to promote training and skills development in the road haulage industry. (S4O-03933)

4. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government how the additional £15.2 million announced for NHS Grampian in 2015-16 will benefit patient care. (S4O-03934)

5. Jenny Marra: To ask the Scottish Government when a Community Justice Centre as recommended by the Commission on Women Offenders will open in Dundee, given that Dundee has the highest percentage of female problem drug use in Scotland. (S4O-03935)

6. Richard Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making on the introduction of its revised business rates incentivisation scheme. (S4O-03936)

7. Michael McMahon: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the most recent homelessness statistics. (S4O-03937)

8. Annabel Goldie: To ask the Scottish Government how it is planning to meet any increase in demand for NHS services over the next five years. (S4O-03938)

9. Gordon MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to address barriers to employment faced by black and ethnic minority women. (S4O-03939)

10. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government whether it supports the principles of the Domestic Workers Convention. (S4O-03940)

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-02533)

2. Ruth Davidson: To ask the First Minister when she will next meet the Prime Minister. (S4F-02532)

3. Willie Rennie: To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. (S4F-02536)

4. Jim Eadie: To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government is taking to reduce the incidence of type 2 diabetes among children and adolescents. (S4F-02538)

5. Ken Macintosh: To ask the First Minister what steps the Scottish Government has taken to reassure the Jewish community following recent terrorist attacks and the reported rise in anti-Semitism. (S4F-02534)

6. Bill Kidd: To ask the First Minister what impact the renewal of Trident would have on the delivery of public services in Scotland. (S4F-02544)

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

S4M-11361 Jamie McGrigor: Tackling Projected Population Decline in Argyll and Bute—That the Parliament notes that, on 29 October 2014, Argyll and Bute's Community Planning Partnership held an economic summit in Dunoon entitled "Addressing our Population Challenge" to consider the population changes and associated challenges facing Argyll and Bute; is aware of the data published in May 2014 by the National Records of Scotland that predicted that Argyll and Bute's population will fall by 13.5% by 2037, the second largest projected decline of any local authority in Scotland, with the working age population predicted to fall by almost 22%; shares local concerns about the impact on the local economy and public services of such a steep decline in population, and notes the view that policy makers at all levels should treat as a priority tackling and reversing the projected population decline and looking at new ways of supporting the area and boosting its economic growth, while promoting Argyll and Bute as a diverse, attractive and first-class location for residents, visitors and businesses alike.

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

S4M-12120 Shona Robison: 2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS—That the Parliament is committed to ensuring that Scotland's NHS remains in public hands and free at the point of need; recognises that Scotland's caring services face challenges common across the developed world, including those derived from an ageing population, changing demands of service provision and increased costs associated with new medicines and technologies; supports the achievements that quality improvement programmes have made,

such as the Scottish Patient Safety Programme and the Early Years Collaborative, and the importance of sustaining and spreading these achievements; agrees that the 2020 vision's strategy for integrated health and social care is key to ensuring sustainable caring services long into the future; commends the contribution of NHS and social care staff in caring for Scotland and in seeking to achieve the aims of the 2020 vision; believes that the contribution of staff, stakeholders and users of the country's caring services will be vital to the development and implementation of delivery plans for the short and long term that meet the aims of the 2020 vision, and welcomes the recent additional investments in Scotland's NHS, including a further £100 million over three years to address delays in discharge and support people to remain at home or in a homely setting for as long as possible.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

S4M-12120.1 Jenny Marra: 2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS—As an amendment to motion S4M-12120 in the name of Shona Robison (2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS), insert at end “; 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 NHS nurses from a UK-wide mansion tax, and believes that patients would benefit from a 'frontline fund' to allow hospitals to free up capacity during evenings and weekends for a modern health service”.

followed by

Business Motions

S4M-12134 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 27 January 2015

after

followed by

Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by

Ministerial Statement: Smith Commission

followed by

Ministerial Statement: Agricultural Holdings Review Group Report

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 29 January 2015

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert

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followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Chilcot Inquiry

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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