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**Today's Business  
Tuesday 27 January 2015**

## Summary of Today's Business

### Meetings of Committees

9.45 am	Health and Sport Committee	the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
10.00 am	Education and Culture Committee	the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
10.00 am	Justice Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
10.00 am	Welfare Reform Committee	the Adam Smith Room (CR5)
10.30 am	Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee	the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)
10.30 am	Public Petitions Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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### Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm	Time for Reflection – Lucy Paterson and Kieran Smyth, pupils at St. Andrew's RC Secondary School in Glasgow
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by	Topical Questions
followed by	Ministerial Statement: The Smith Commission
followed by	Ministerial Statement: Agricultural Holdings Review Group Report
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
5.30 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-11995 Stewart Maxwell: Holocaust Memorial Day 2015

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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.

#### Health and Sport Committee 3rd Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.45 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1, in round-table format, from—
  - Dr Pat Carragher, Medical Director, Children's Hospice Association Scotland;
  - Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Palliative Care Lead Clinician for Wales and Crossbench Peer, House of Lords;
  - Dr Stephen Hutchison, Consultant Physician in Palliative Medicine, Highland Hospice, Inverness;
  - Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care;
  - Richard Meade, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Scotland, Marie Curie Cancer Care;
  - Dr David Jeffrey, Honorary Lecturer in Palliative Medicine, University of Edinburgh;and then from—
  - Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, Convener, Church of Scotland (Church and Society Council);
  - Rev Dr Harriet Harris, Convener, Doctrine Committee, Scottish Episcopal Church (General Synod);
  - Rev Dr Donald MacDonald, Former surgeon and retired Professor of Theology and Ethics, Free Church of Scotland;
  - Ephraim Borowski, Director, Scottish Council of Jewish Communities;
  - Dr Salah Beltagui, Member of the Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, Muslim Council of Scotland;
  - John Deighan, Parliamentary Officer, Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland.
2. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the oral evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Mental Health (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

## **Education and Culture Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015**

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Siobhan McMahon will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
3. **Public petition PE1470:** The Committee will consider a petition by Lauren King, on behalf of the Scottish Youth Parliament, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to establish a Young Carer's Grant for carers in full-time education or under the age of 18.
4. **Science:** The Committee will take evidence on the resourcing of science in Scottish schools from—  
Professor Sally Brown, Chair of the Learned Societies' Group, Stuart Farmer, Institute of Physics and the Association for Science Education, Dr Bill Beveridge, Programme Manager (Scotland), Royal Society of Chemistry, Dr Liz Lakin, Council of the Society of Biology, and Kate Farrell, Co-Chair, Computing at School Scotland, Learned Societies' Group.
5. **V&A Museum of Design Dundee:** The Committee will consider a letter from Claire Baker MSP about the V&A Museum of Design Dundee.

## **Justice Committee 4th Meeting, 2015**

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Philip Lamont, Head of Criminal Justice and Sentencing Unit, Jane Moffat, Head of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Unit, and Ann Davies, Directorate for Legal Services, Scottish Government.
3. **Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM(S4) 33.2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## **Welfare Reform Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 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. **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
3. **Proposal for commissioned research:** The Committee will consider a note by the Clerk.

### **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 4th Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)
1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2015 \[draft\]](#).
  2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Administration\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/3\)](#);  
[Tweed Regulation Amendment Order 2015 \(SSI 2015/11\)](#);  
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration and Severance Payments\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/7\)](#);  
[Disabled Persons \(Badges for Motor Vehicles\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/9\)](#).
  3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Disabled Persons' Parking Badges \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Commencement\) Order 2015 \(SSI 2015/8 \(C.1\)\)](#);  
[Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Commencement No. 1\) Order 2015 \(SSI 2015/12 \(C.2\)\)](#).
  4. **Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
  5. **Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider further the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill as amended (UK Parliament legislation).

### **Public Petitions Committee 2nd Meeting, 2015**

- The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
1. **Consideration of a current petition:** The Committee will consider—  
[PE1533](#) by Jeff Adamson, on behalf of Scotland Against the Care Tax, on abolition of non-residential social care charges for older and disabled people  
 and take evidence from—  
 Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, David Fotheringham, and Mike Liddle, Integration and Reshaping Care Division, Scottish Government.
  2. **Consideration of a new petition:** The Committee will consider the following new petition—  
[PE1546](#) by John Crossan on collecting Poll Tax arrears.

3. **Consideration of current petitions:** The Committee will consider—
- [PE1098](#) by Lynn Merrifield, on behalf of Kingseat Community Council and [PE1223](#) by Ron Beaty on school bus safety;
  - [PE1493](#) by Peter John Gordon on a Sunshine Act for Scotland;
  - [PE1521](#) by George Eckton and Jane O'Donnell on no more Page 3 in the Scottish Sun and Scottish Parliament;
  - [PE1525](#) by Catherine Fraser on access to justice;
  - [PE1530](#) by Spencer Fildes, on behalf of the Scottish Secular Society, on guidance on how creationism is presented in schools;
  - [PE1534](#) by Clare Symonds, on behalf of Planning Democracy, on equal rights of appeal in the planning system;
  - [PE1517](#) by Elaine Holmes and Olive McIlroy on behalf of the Scottish Mesh Survivors - "Hear Our Voice" campaign, on polypropylene mesh medical devices.

## Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Time for Reflection – Lucy Paterson and Kieran Smyth, pupils at St. Andrew’s RC Secondary School in Glasgow

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

**1. Alison McInnes:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the announcement that plans for HMP Inverclyde have been abandoned, what consideration it has given to interim arrangements for women prisoners in HMP Cornton Vale. (S4T-00910)

**2. Dave Thompson:** To ask the Scottish Government what data have been gathered on safety following the introduction of average speed cameras on the A9. (S4T-00912)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Smith Commission

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Agricultural Holdings Review Group Report

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment

**S4M-12154 Fergus Ewing: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment—**That the Parliament recognises that the Scottish Government’s initiative for responding to redundancy situations, Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE), with teams around Scotland, brings 21 organisations together with the Scottish Government; considers that it has performed well in its core function of helping those made redundant gain other employment or opportunities; notes that the most recent figures show that nearly three quarters of those who received PACE support went into employment, and urges the Scottish Government to continue to work with industry, workforce representatives and the third sector to provide the best possible and practicable assistance to those who have been made redundant and to spread awareness and knowledge of what PACE is and does.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

**S4M-12154.1 Lewis Macdonald: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment—**As an amendment to motion S4M-12154 in the name of

Fergus Ewing (Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) - Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment), leave out from “considers” to end and insert “recognises that PACE was originally created with a remit to ensure the early identification of company or sector difficulties, to undertake partnership working with companies in order to mitigate difficulty and, only where redundancies are inevitable, get people back into jobs as quickly as possible; recognises that more needs to be done to support companies, sectors and regions faced with sudden economic shocks and difficulties to avoid or reduce the number of job losses; agrees that the work of PACE should be reviewed in order to identify where more pro-active interventions can be made at an earlier stage, and calls for the establishment of a resilience fund to assist with these efforts with an initial budget of £10 million in 2015-16.”

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Debate on the subject of—

**S4M-11995 Stewart Maxwell: Holocaust Memorial Day 2015**—That the Parliament notes that 27 January 2015 marks Holocaust Memorial Day, the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and an opportunity for schools, colleges, faith groups and communities across Scotland to remember the six million men, women and children murdered by the Nazi regime in occupied Europe; acknowledges that this year marks perhaps the last significant anniversary that will be marked with the Holocaust in living memory; further notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 is Keep the Memory Alive; values the Holocaust Educational Trust’s Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which gives two post-16 students from every school and college in Scotland the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; applauds Lucy Paterson and Kieran Smyth, two students from St Andrew’s RC Secondary in Glasgow, who took part in the project and will deliver the Parliament’s Time for Reflection message on 27 January; celebrates the Holocaust survivors who have enriched Scotland as a nation, and recommits to ensuring that racism, sectarianism and bigotry are never allowed to go unchallenged in Scotland.





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