



**What's Happening at Holyrood?
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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**European and External Relations Committee
13 November 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. Inquiry into the transposition of EU directives: The Committee will take evidence, in a video conference, from—

Arlene McCarthy MEP, North West England;

and then, also in a video conference, from—

Jonathan Stoodley, Head, Application of Community Law Unit, Secretariat General, European Commission.

2. Scottish Government's European Union priorities: The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government.

3. EU budget review: The Committee will consider a paper from the Clerk.

4. European Commission's Legislative and Work Programme: The Committee will consider a paper from the Clerk.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 27 November, the Committee will take oral evidence on its inquiry into the transposition of EU directives and the European Commission's Legislative and Work Programme.

**Justice Committee
13 November 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.15 am in Committee Room 2

1. Effective use of police resources inquiry: The Committee will take evidence from—

Robert Black, Auditor General for Scotland, John Baillie, Chairman of the Accounts Commission, Miranda Alcock, Portfolio Manager and Ronnie Nicol, Assistant Director, Public Reporting, Local Government, Audit Scotland;

and then from—



Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Alastair Merrill, Deputy Director, Police Powers, Performance and Resources and Stephen Woodhouse, Head of Police Performance, Efficiency and Funding, Scottish Government.

2. Subordinate legislation: Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, to move S3M-682—

Kenny MacAskill: The Draft Licensing (Mandatory Conditions No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007—That the Justice Committee recommends that the draft Licensing (Mandatory Conditions No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved.

3. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will take evidence on the Premises Licences (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/452) from—

Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Gary Cox, Alcohol Licensing and Civic Government, Scottish Government.

4. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

the Premises Licences (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/452).

5. Effective use of police resources (in private): The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the evidence session.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 20 November, it is expected that the Committee will begin taking evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2008-09. The Committee expects to continue to take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2008-09 at subsequent meetings.

Finance Committee 13 November 2007

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 6

1. Budget process 2008-09 (Stage 2): The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's Budget from—

Tom McCabe MSP, Member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, Paul Grice, Clerk and Chief Executive and Derek Croll, Head of Financial Resources, Scottish Parliament.

2. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider its approach to the draft Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications and Objections Procedure) Rules 2007.

3. Session 2 Finance Committee inquiry into spending on deprivation: The Committee will consider correspondence received from the Scottish Government.

Proposed future business



At its next meeting on 20 November, it is expected that the Committee will consider the Autumn Budget Revision.

**Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee
13 November 2007**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 4

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take agenda item 2 and future items related to its draft report on the budget process in private.

2. **Budget process:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Budget process 2008-09.

Proposed future business

The Committee will continue to consider budget process 2008-09 at a future meeting.

**Subordinate Legislation Committee
13 November 2007**

The Committee will meet at 2.15 pm in Committee Room 2

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take item 6 in private.

2. **Scottish Government responses:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response in relation to the following—

the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No.2 and Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/479);

the District Courts and Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/480);

the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/481);

the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/484); and

the Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/485).

3. **Instruments subject to approval:** The Committee will consider the following—

the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications and Objections Procedure) Rules 2007 (SSI 2007/draft);



the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Inquiries and Hearings Procedure) Rules 2007 (SSI 2007/draft); and

the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consents under Enactments) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/draft).

4. Instruments subject to annulment: The Committee will consider the following—

the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 6) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/494);

the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/499);

the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/500);

the Feed (Corn Gluten Feed and Brewers Grains) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/493);

the Education (Amendments in respect of Graduate Endowment, Student Fees and Support) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/503);

the Feed (Specified Undesirable Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/492);

the Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/498);

the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/501); and

the National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/502).

5. Instruments not laid before the Parliament: The Committee will consider the following—

Act of Adjournment (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No.5) (Miscellaneous) 2007 (SSI 2007/495); and

the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No.4) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/497).

6. Explanatory Notes: The Committee will consider a paper from its legal advisers.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on Tuesday 20 November, it is expected that the Committee will consider Scottish Statutory Instruments and any other documents subject to Parliamentary procedure.



**Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee
14 November 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take item 4 in private.

2. **Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the general principles of the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Peter Syme, Director, The Open University in Scotland;

and then from—

James Alexander, President, National Union of Students Scotland and Tom D'Ardenne, President, Coalition of Higher Education Students in Scotland.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

the Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/487).

4. **Budget process 2008-09 (Stage 2):** The Committee will consider its approach to the budget process 2008-09.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 21 November it is expected that the Committee will take evidence on the budget process 2008-09.

**Health and Sport Committee
14 November 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following instruments—

the Contaminants in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/470); and
the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/471).

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following instrument—

the Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Scotland) (No.2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/483)

and will take evidence from—



Sandy McDougal, Head of Contaminants, Hygiene, Additives & Shellfish Branch, Food Standards Agency and Patrick Layden QC TD, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.

3. Budget process 2008-09: The Committee will take evidence from—

Tom Wood, Chair, Scottish Association of Alcohol and Drugs Action Teams;

and then from—

Catriona Renfrew, Director of Corporate Planning and Policy, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Robert Peat, Director of Social Work & Health, Angus Council and Chief Superintendent Simon Blake, Grampian Police;

and then from—

Sandy Cameron, Chair, Stocktake of Alcohol and Drugs Action teams.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 21 November it is expected that the Committee will consider the budget. The Committee will continue to take evidence on the budget process at subsequent meetings.

**Local Government and Communities Committee
14 November 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

1. Subordinate legislation: The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/484).

2. Housing Supply Task Force: The Committee will take evidence from the following members of the Housing Supply Task Force—

Councillor Harry McGuigan and Councillor Chris Thompson, CoSLA, Jonathan Fair, Chief Executive and Alan Lundmark, Director of Planning and Communication, Homes for Scotland.

3. Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: The Committee will take evidence on the work of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman from—

Professor Alice Brown, Ombudsman, David Robb, Director of Policy and Development and Kerry Baker, Complaints Investigator, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 21 November it is expected that the Committee will consider oral evidence from Scottish Government officials on the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill



and Scottish Planning Policy SPP 11 and from Ron Gould on the Electoral Commission Report "Scottish Elections 2007".