



**What's Happening at Holyrood?  
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**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Audit Committee  
26 March 2008**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2.

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

**2. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the draft Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2008 from —

John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth and Richard Dennis, Deputy Director of Finance, Scottish Government.

**3. Subordinate legislation:** John Swinney MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth) to move S3M -1391—

That the Audit Committee recommends that the draft Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland ) Order 2008 be approved.

**4. Improving the school estate:** The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on his report entitled “Improving the school estate”. (AGS/2008/2).

**5. Sustainable waste management:** The Committee will consider a further response from the Accountable Officer on the Auditor General for Scotland’s report entitled “Sustainable waste management”. (AGS/2007/7).

**6. Consideration of approach :** The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland’s report entitled “Improving the school estate”. (AGS/2008/2).

**7. Section 22 Report on Western Isles Health Board (in private):** The Committee will consider the “Cook Report” received from NHS Western Isles. The Committee will also consider correspondence received from Trevor Jones, Former Chief Executive of NHS Scotland and Dr Kevin Woods, Chief Executive, NHS Scotland and Director General, Health, the Scottish Government. The Committee will also decide the next steps in its inquiry.

**Equal Opportunities Committee  
25 March 2008**

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in Committee Room 1.



**1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider in private at its next meeting the evidence it has taken on the recommendations made in the report *Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities*.

**2. Carers:** The Committee will take evidence on carers, in a round-table discussion, from—

Fiona Collie, Policy and Parliamentary Affairs Manager, Carers Scotland;  
Claire Cairns, Network Co-ordinator, The Coalition of Carers in Scotland;  
Jack Ryan, Chief Executive, Crossroads Caring Scotland;  
Norman Dunning, Chief Executive, Enable Scotland;  
Kathleen Bryson, Project Manager, The Lighthouse Foundation;  
Elizabeth Seaton, Chairperson and Director, North Lanarkshire Carers Together; and  
Stewart McFarlane, Co-ordinator, Perth and Kinross Young Carers Project.

**3. Scots language:** The Committee will consider a paper on the Scots language.

**4. Reporter (in private):** The Committee will consider a paper by the gender reporter.

**Subordinate Legislation Committee  
25 March 2008**

The Committee will meet at 2.15 pm in Committee Room 4.

**1. Delegated powers scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in the following bill—

Creative Scotland Bill at Stage 1.

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

the Mental Health (Cross-border Visits) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (**SSI 2008/draft**);

the Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (**SSI 2008/94**);

the Horses (Zootechnical Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (**SSI 2008/99**);

the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fixed Penalty Notices) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/101**); and

the Sea Fishing (Control Procedures for Herring, Mackerel and Horse Mackerel) (Scotland) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/102**).

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

the Police (Special Constables) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, (**SSI/2008/117**);

the Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) (No. 2), (**SSI/2008/125**); and



Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2008 (**SSI 2008/118**).

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

the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3, Savings and Transitionals) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/115**);

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Diligence) 2008 (**SSI/2008/121**);

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 4) (Miscellaneous) 2008 (**SSI/2008/123**);

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules) Amendment (Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007) 2008 (**SSI 2008/111**);

the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2008, (**SSI/2008/112**);

the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No.2 and Transitional provisions) Amendment Order 2008, (**SSI 2008/116**);

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Bankruptcy Rules) 2008 (**SSI/2008/119**);

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 2) (Fees of Shorthand Writers) 2008 (**SSI/2008/120**);

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 3) (Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007) 2008 (**SSI/2008/122**);and

the Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2008 (**SSI/2008/124**).

### **Economy, Energy and Tourism** **26 March 2008**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 4.

**1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.

**2. Tourism inquiry - Growing pains: can we achieve a 50% growth in tourist revenue by 2015?:** The Committee will take evidence on filling the gaps in the Scottish product and promoting the unique selling point of Scotland and wider issues as part of its tourism inquiry, from—

David Adams McGilp, Manager, Dalriada Projects;  
John Mason-Strang, Co-owner Nae Limits and SphereMania Scotland ;  
Mike Dunthorne, Director, Boots 'n' Paddles;  
Alex Stewart, Operations Director, Smart City Hostels;  
Bob Downie, Chief Executive, Royal Yacht Britannia;



John Graham, Chief Executive, Historic Scotland ;  
and then on use of events and the use of technology communications and marketing and wider issues as part of its tourism inquiry from—  
Bill Maxwell, Director, Institute of Travel and Tourism;  
Sue Crossman , Project Director, Tourism Innovation Group.

**3. The Scottish Parliament & Business Exchange:** The Committee will discuss the Scottish Parliament & Business Exchange.

**4. The Impact of the Credit Crunch on the Scottish Economy and the Scottish Housing Market:** The Committee will discuss an interim SPICe briefing paper.

**5. Future Work Programme:** The Committee will discuss its future work programme

**Health and Sport Committee  
26 March 2008**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 6.

**1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take item 5 in private.

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

the Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, (SSI 2008/87);

the Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) Scotland Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/96); and

the Meat Products (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/97).

**3. Pathways into sport inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from Liz McColgan.

**4. Scottish Government's consultation on *Glasgow 2014 – Delivering a Lasting Legacy for Scotland*:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Fred Coalter, Department of Sports Studies, University of Stirling;  
Forbes Dunlop, Acting Director, Achieving Excellence, sportscotland;  
Maureen Kidd, Programme Manager, Physical Activity, NHS Health Scotland.

**5. Scottish Government's consultation on *Glasgow 2014 – Delivering a Lasting Legacy for Scotland*:** The Committee will consider the evidence taken under agenda item 4 with a view to identifying preliminary conclusions for its response to the consultation exercise.

**Justice Committee  
25 March 2008**

The Committee will meet at 10.15 am in Committee Room 2.



**1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take item 7 and all future consideration of draft reports on the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill in private.

**2. Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Professor Sir David Edward KCMG QC, Honorary Professor at the School of Law, University of Edinburgh ;

and then from—

Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice , Moira Wilson, Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill Team Leader, Scottish Government, Alastair Sim, Director of Policy, Scottish Courts Service and Alison Fraser, Solicitor, Courts and Civil Law Division and Catherine Scott, Solicitor, Courts and Civil Law Division, Scottish Government.

**3. Subordinate legislation:** Kenny MacAskill MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move S3M-1597—

That the Justice Committee recommends that the draft Victim Notification Scheme (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

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

the Intensive Support and Monitoring (Scotland) Regulations 2008, (SSI 2008/75);

the Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2008, (SSI 2008/79);

the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Regulations 2008, (SSI 2008/82);

the Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of Grampian, Highland and Islands) Order 2008, (SSI 2008/93 ) ;

the Enforcement of Fines (Seizure and Disposal of Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, (SSI 2008/103); and

the Enforcement of Fines (Diligence) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, (SSI 2008/104).

**5. Statute Law Repeals Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice (LCM(S3) 11.1).

**6. Petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petitions—

PE 767 by Norman Dunning, on behalf of ENABLE, calling for the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to review the operation and effectiveness of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976; and

PE 1063 by Robert Thomson calling for the Scottish Parliament to investigate the apparent conflict of interest which exists between solicitors / advocates and clients in the



present system of speculative fee arrangements (no win – no fee) and to urge the Scottish Executive to overhaul the existing speculative fee arrangements framework and procedures in order to make solicitors / advocates more accountable to their clients.

**7. Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the evidence sessions.

**Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme  
25 March 2008**

The Committee will meet at 3.00 pm in Committee Room 2.

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

**2. Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Mike Pringle MSP, Member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and Ian Leitch, Director of Resources and Governance, Scottish Parliament.

**3. Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from evidence taken under item 2.

**4. Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Inquiry:** The Committee will consider a paper by the Clerk.