



**What's Happening at Holyrood?  
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Tuesday 27 May 2008**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee  
28 May 2008**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 1

**1. Tourism inquiry - Growing pains: can we achieve a 50% growth in tourist revenue by 2015?:** The Committee will take evidence on its tourism inquiry from—

Jim Mather MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, John Brown, Deputy Director, Tourism and Whisky Legislation Division, Richard Arnott, Head of Tourism Unit, and Mairi Caldwell, Tourism Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.

**2. Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by John Swinney (LCM(S3) 12.1) and take evidence from—

Jim Mather MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Bruce Stewart, Policy Executive, Marine Strategy, Ross Loveridge, Senior Energy Policy Adviser, and Norman MacLeod, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.

**3. The Scottish Register of Tartans Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the general principles of the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Jim Mather MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Mike McElhinney, Branch Head, Manufacturing Policy, Scottish Government and George MacKenzie, Keeper of the Records of Scotland;

Jamie McGrigor MSP, Mike McElhinney, Branch Head, Manufacturing Policy, Scottish Government and George MacKenzie, Keeper of the Records of Scotland.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 4 June, the Committee will discuss the outline of its Tourism Inquiry report and its Stage 1 report on the Scottish Register of Tartans Bill. The Committee will decide whether to take these items in private.

**Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee  
28 May 2008**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 5

**1. Creative Scotland Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 Report.



*Not before 11 am*

**2. Petition PE1046:** The Committee will take evidence on the petition from—

Murdo Maciver, Convener of the Resources Committee, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland;

Brian Cooklin, President, Headteachers' Association of Scotland;

Greg Dempster, General Secretary, Association of Headteachers and Deputes in Scotland.

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

the Designation of Institutions of Higher Education (The Scottish Agricultural College) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/163);

the Designation of Institutions of Higher Education (The Scottish Agricultural College) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/177);

the Central Institutions (Recognition) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/178).

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 4 June, it is expected that the Committee will consider a number of affirmative Scottish statutory instruments.

**Audit Committee  
28 May 2008**

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 agenda items 4 and 5 in private.

**2. National Fraud initiative in Scotland 2006/07:** The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on the report entitled "National Fraud Initiative in Scotland 2006/07".

**3. Section 22 Reports:** The Committee will receive a briefing from the Auditor General for Scotland on the Section 22 reports entitled "The 2006/07 Audit of James Watt College" and "The 2006/07 Audit of Kilmarnock College".

**4. Consideration of the title and remit of the Audit Committee:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee regarding proposed changes to the title and remit of the Audit Committee.

**5. Consideration of approach:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "A review of free personal and nursing care"



(AGS/2008/1) in light of the publication of a report by Lord Sutherland entitled "Independent review of free personal and nursing care in Scotland". The Committee will also consider its approach to the report entitled "National Fraud Initiative in Scotland 2006/07" and the Section 22 reports entitled "The 2006/07 Audit of James Watt College" and "The 2006/07 Audit of Kilmarnock College".

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting it is expected that the Committee will consider further briefings from the Auditor General for Scotland.

**Local Government and Communities Committee  
28 May 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 item 4 in private.
2. **Overview of local authority audits 2007:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor John Baillie, Chair, Accounts Commission;

Caroline Gardner, Deputy Auditor General, and Gordon Smail, Portfolio Manager, Public Reporting – Local Government Portfolio, Audit Scotland.

3. **Local Income Tax:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Christopher Himsworth, Professor of Administrative Law, Edinburgh University;

Professor Richard Kerley, Vice Principal, International Strategy and Commercialisation, Queen Margaret University;

Professor Alan Page, Professor of Public Law, University of Dundee.

4. **Child poverty inquiry:** The Committee will consider an approach paper.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 4 June, it is expected that the Committee will take oral evidence on the impact on communities of the switchover to digital TV and consider a draft report on Elections 2007.

**Rural Affairs and Environment Committee  
28 May 2008**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 6

1. **Rural housing inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Andrew Bradford, Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Policy Group, Sarah-Jane-Laing, Housing Strategy Officer and Drew McFarlane Slack, Highland Regional Manager, Scottish Rural Property and Business Association



and then from—

Jonathan Fair, Chief Executive, Homes for Scotland;

Bruce Walker, Land Director, Robertson Homes.

*Not before 11.45 am*

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the following affirmative instrument—

the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/draft)

from—

Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment, Richard Robertson, Policy Manager, Waste and Pollution Division and Heather Wortley, Solicitor, Food and Environment Division, Scottish Government;

and decide whether to consider a draft report on the instrument in private at a future meeting.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Richard Lochhead MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment) to move—

S3M-1894—That the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee recommends that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish ministers etc.) Order 2008 be approved.

4. **Finance Committee inquiry on the budget process:** The Committee will consider issues raised in the Finance Committee's inquiry.

5. **Scottish Government budget 2009-10 - appointment of adviser:** The Committee will consider whether to seek approval for the appointment of an adviser in connection with its scrutiny of the Scottish Government's budget 2009-10.

6. **Ticks and tick-borne diseases:** John Scott will report back to the Committee on a meeting he attended on 25 April 2008.

7. **European Union issues:** The Committee will consider an update on European Union issues.

8. **Rural housing inquiry (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 11 June, the Committee will continue to take evidence on its rural housing inquiry.



**27 May 2008**

The Committee will meet at 2.15 pm in Committee Room 6.

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

the Food Labelling (Declaration of Allergens) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (**SSI 2008/180**);

2. **Draft instruments subject to approval:** The Committee will consider the following—

the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/draft**);

the Charity Test (Specified Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/draft**);

the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/draft**); and

the Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (**SSI 2008/draft**).

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

the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Revocation Regulations 2008 (**SSI 2008/187**); and

the Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland Amendment Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/186**).

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

the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/191**);

the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/192**); and

the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2008 (**SSI 2008/193**).

**Justice Committee**  
**27 May 2008**

The Committee will meet at 10.15 am in Committee Room 1.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the draft Advice and Assistance (Limits, Conditions and Representation) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/draft) from—

Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;



Chris Graham, Team Leader, Access to Justice, Scottish Government.

**2. Subordinate legislation:** Kenny MacAskill MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) to move S3M-1797—

That the Justice Committee recommends that the draft Advice and Assistance (Limits, Conditions and Representation) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 be approved.

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

the Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of Grampian, Highland and Islands) Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/179).

**4. Inquiry into community policing:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Paddy Tomkins, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, Malcolm Dickson, Assistant Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, and George Denholm, Staff Officer, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland;

and then from—

William Campbell, Chairman, and James Carr Watson, Treasurer, Association of Scottish Neighbourhood Watches;

Professor Norman Bonney, Vice-President, Association of Scottish Community Councils.

**5. Inquiry into community policing - witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the inquiry.

### **Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee 27 May 2008**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 1.

**1. Budget process 2009-2010 - appointment of adviser:** The Committee will consider whether to seek approval for the appointment of a budget adviser.

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

PE894 on the provision of rail services between Inverness, Thurso and Wick;  
PE1035 on the on the Dunoon to Gourock ferry service.

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

**4. Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 9 May 2007 to 8 May 2008.