



**What's Happening at Holyrood?
Anderson Strathern Parliamentary Bulletin
Tuesday 6 May 2008**

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 2

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

Philip Riddle, Chief Executive, and Peter Lederer, Chairman, VisitScotland;

and then from a panel on planning and development and wider issues as part of its tourism inquiry from—

John McNairney, Assistant Chief Planner, Directorate for the Built Environment, Scottish Government; Steve Inch, Executive Director of Development and Regeneration, Glasgow City Council; Andrew Holmes, former Director of City Development, Edinburgh City Council; Gordon Watson, Director of Planning, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority; Mick Stewart, Chair, Scottish Society of Directors of Planning and planning advisor to CoSLA; and Dr Margaret Bochel, Head of Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council.

2. Modernisation of the emergency oil stock regime: The Committee will consider its response to the consultation issued by the European Commission.

3. Scottish Register of Tartans Bill - 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 respect of the Committee's Stage 1 scrutiny of the Scottish Register of Tartans Bill.

4. Inquiry into Scotland's energy future: The Committee will consider a revised remit and terms of reference for its inquiry.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 14 May 2008, the Committee will take oral evidence on the Scottish Register of Tartans Bill.

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



The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Creative Scotland Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the general principles of the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Barbara Absolon, International Events Director - Culture, Event Scotland; Lorne Boswell, Scottish Secretary, Equity; and Dr Donald Smith, Director, Scottish Storytelling Centre;

and then from—

David Caldwell, Director, Universities Scotland; and Professor Jan McDonald, Vice-President (Arts and Humanities), Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 14 May 2008, it is expected that the Committee will take evidence from the Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture on the Creative Scotland Bill.

Equal Opportunities Committee 6 May 2008

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Richard Baker will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Equalities Report 2007:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Mike Pringle MSP, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, Ian Macnicol, Head of Personnel and Aneela McKenna, Equalities Manager, Scottish Parliament.

3. **Age, carers and female offenders in the criminal justice system (in private):** The Committee will consider a paper on the evidence it has taken on age, carers and female offenders in the criminal justice system.

4. **Annual report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the Parliamentary year from 7 May 2007 to 6 May 2008.

Finance Committee 6 May 2008

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 2.

1. **Inquiry into the methods of funding capital investment projects:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Gareth Hoskins, Board Member and Scotland's Healthcare Design Champion, Architecture and Design Scotland;

Alan Ledger, Project Director, Mott MacDonald; and



David Stark, Managing Director, Keppie Design;

and then from—

Alan Fordyce, Managing Director, Robertson Capital Projects;

Ian Rylatt, Managing Director, Balfour Beatty Capital; and

Steven Tolson, Director, Ogilvie Group Developments;

and then from—

Jo Elliot, Deputy Chief Executive, Quayle Munro;

Dylan Fletcher, Group Board Director, Forth Electrical Services Ltd; and

Andrew Gordon, Chief Executive, Canmore Partnership Ltd.

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

3. Inquiry into the methods of funding capital investment projects (in private): The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the evidence sessions to date, in order to inform the drafting of its report.

4. Creative Scotland Bill (in private): The Committee will consider a draft report on the Financial Memorandum of the Creative Scotland Bill.

**Health and Sport Committee
7 May 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 items 4 and 5 in private.

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

the Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/148).

3. Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

4. Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider further written evidence on the bill.



5. **Mental health services for deaf and deafblind people:** The Committee will consider its approach to a one-off evidence session on mental health services for deaf and deafblind people.

Proposed future business

At its next meeting on 14 May 2008, it is expected that the Committee will consider the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 (day 2).

**Local Government and Communities Committee
7 May 2008**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take item 3 and item 4 in private. The Committee will also consider whether to take all further consideration of its draft report on Elections 2007 in private.

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

the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007 Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/160);

the Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI2008/161); and

the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Development Planning) (Saving Provisions) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/165).

3. **Elections 2007:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

4. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report.

**Subordinate Legislation Committee
6 May 2008**

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

Declaration of interests: Jackie Baillie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

1. **Delegated powers scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the Government's response to the Committee's stage 1 report in the following bill—

Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill.

2. **Legislative consent memorandum:** The Committee will consider the powers to make subordinate legislation conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Energy Bill.

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



the Rural Development Contracts (Land Managers Options) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/159);
the Land Managers Skills Development Grants (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/162);
the Designation of Institutions of Higher Education (The Scottish Agricultural College) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/163); and
the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No.3) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/164).

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

the Advice and Assistance (Limits, Conditions and Representation) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/draft); and
the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/draft).

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

the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/166);
the Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) (No.2) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/168); and
the Bathing Waters (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/170).

Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee 6 May 2008

The Committee will meet at 1.30 pm in Committee Room 1 to consider the following agenda items:

1. **Extension of the First ScotRail Franchise :** The Committee will take evidence on the extension of the First ScotRail franchise and other recent rail related announcements from the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change.
2. **Subordinate Legislation:** Stewart Stevenson MSP to move S3M-1730—

That the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee recommends that the draft Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Access to Land on Application) Order 2008 be approved.

3. **Subordinate Legislation:** Stewart Stevenson MSP to move S3M-1731—

That the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee recommends that the draft Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Access to Land by the Scottish Ministers) Order 2008 be approved.

4. **Inquiry into Ferry Services in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence on its inquiry into ferry services in Scotland from—

Professor Neil Kay;
Professor Alf Baird;
and then from—



Ben Carter, Head of Strategic Relations, Andy Stevens, Island Manager – Shetland and Chris Maguire, Strategic Relations Manager, Visit Scotland;
and then from—
Captain Ron Bailey, Harbourmaster, ClydePort Ltd;
Guy Platten, Managing Director, Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited; and
Iain MacLeod, Chairman, Stornoway Port Authority, British Ports Authority.