

## What's Happening at Holyrood? Anderson Strathern Parliamentary Bulletin Monday 29 January 2007

This weekly Parliamentary Bulletin, detailing business at the Scottish Parliament, is composed of 3 sections: [Bills in progress](#), [Chamber Business](#) and [Committee Business](#)

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### BILLS IN PROGRESS

Key: (Ex) = Executive Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill.

#### [Adult Support and Protection \(Scotland\) Bill \(Ex\)](#)

This Bill seeks: to make provision for the purposes of protecting adults from abuse; to require the establishment of committees with functions relating to the safeguarding of adults who are at risk of abuse; to amend the law relating to incapable adults; to remove an individual's liability for expenses incurred by councils in performing certain functions in relation to the individual's spouse or child; to allow the Scottish Ministers to delegate their functions relating to councils' duty to pay sums for the purposes of securing community care services; to make provision entitling a council to recover expenses incurred in providing social services to persons who are not ordinarily resident in the council's area; to allow the Public Guardian to intervene in court proceedings; and to adjust the circumstances in which extensions of orders authorising compulsory treatment of mentally disordered persons must be reviewed.

#### *Current status*

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 30 March 2006 by Andy Kerr MSP, Minister for Health and Community Care. The Health Committee has now completed taking oral evidence on the Bill at Stage 1. The Committee's [Stage 1 Report](#) on the Bill was published on 10 November 2006. In its report, the Committee sets out its concerns over Part 1 of the Bill and in particular the new powers contained in sections 3-38, which, in certain circumstances, permit adults at risk to be removed from their homes against their will. The Committee requested assurances from the Deputy Minister for Health on several matters set out in the report. The Bill was, however, passed at Stage 1 by the Parliament on 23 November 2006. A transcript of the debate can be viewed in the [Official Report](#). The Health Committee completed examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 19 December 2006. A copy of the Bill as amended at Stage 2 can be read [here](#). Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks to the Health Committee.

#### [Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill \(P\)](#)

A Bill to authorise the construction of new railways between Drumgelloch and Bathgate, including new stations at Caldercruix and Armadale, the use of land for relocated stations at Drumgelloch and Bathgate, and related improvements to the existing railways between Airdrie and Drumgelloch, and Bathgate and Edinburgh. The Bill also regularises the operation of certain legislation relating to the existing railway which is affected by the works.

#### *Current status:*

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 30 May 2006 by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited. The Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill Committee was established on 15 June 2006 to consider the Bill. Following oral evidence on the general principles of the Bill, the Committee published its [Preliminary Stage Report](#) on the Bill on 14 November 2006. The Bill was passed at Preliminary Stage by the Parliament on 23 November 2006. A transcript of the debate can be viewed in the [Official Report](#). The Bill has now commenced its Consideration Stage. Written evidence was submitted in December 2006. **Oral evidence hearings are taking place before an Assessor between 24 January and 31 January 2007. For a copy of the timetable of the Assessor hearings please click [here](#). The Assessor will now produce his report on the Bill for submission to the Committee who can choose to accept or disregard the Assessor's recommendations.**

#### **[Aquaculture and Fisheries \(Scotland\) Bill \(Ex\)](#)**

A Bill to make provision in relation to fish farms and shellfish farms; in relation to the parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris*; in relation to salmon and freshwater fisheries and sea fisheries; in relation to payments connected with aquaculture and fisheries; and for connected purposes.

##### *Current Status:*

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 29 June 2006 by Ross Finnie, Minister for Environment and Rural Development. The Environment and Rural Development Committee, as lead Committee, published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 5 December 2006 and recommended that the general principles of the Bill be agreed to. The Bill was passed by the Parliament at Stage 1 on 20 December 2006. A transcript of the debate can be viewed in the [Official Report](#). **The Committee began examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 24 January 2007 and will continue to examine amendments to the Bill at Stage 2 at its next meeting on 31 January 2007.**

#### **[Cairngorms National Park Boundary Bill \(M\)](#)**

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the Cairngorms National Park by including parts of the Eastern and Highland Perthshire areas.

##### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 21 September 2006 by John Swinney MSP. The Environment and Rural Development Committee has been designated lead committee for examination of this Bill. **At its next meeting on 31 January 2007, the Committee will take oral evidence on the general principles of the Bill from John Swinney MSP and Scott Martin, Solicitor.**

#### **[Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading \(Scotland\) Bill \(M\)](#)**

A Bill to prohibit the opening of large shops on Christmas Day and New Year's Day for the purposes of retail trading.

##### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 20 March 2006 by Karen Whitefield MSP. The Justice 2 Committee has been designated lead Committee on this Bill. The Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on the Bill on 14 November 2006 and recommended, by majority, that the general principles be agreed to. The Bill was passed by the Parliament at Stage 1 on 22 November 2006. A transcript of the debate can be viewed in the [Official Report](#). **The Committee began and completed examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 16 January 2007. The Committee voted against all proposed amendments to the Bill at**

Stage 2. Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks to the Justice 2 Committee.

### [Commissioner for Older People \(Scotland\) Bill \(M\)](#)

A Bill to establish a Commissioner for Older People with duties to protect and further their rights and interests.

#### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 20 September 2006 by Alex Neil MSP. The Communities Committee has been designated lead committee for examination of this Bill. The Finance Committee has now completed taking oral evidence on the Bill's financial memorandum. **The Finance Committee considered its draft report on the Financial Memorandum at its last meeting on 23 January 2007 and will continue to do so at its next meeting on 31 January 2007. There have been no further dates set for examination of the Bill by the Communities Committee.**

### [Criminal Proceedings etc \(Reform\) \(Scotland\) Bill \(Ex\)](#)

A Bill to make provision in relation to: to bail in criminal proceedings; the reform of certain aspects of summary criminal procedure; solemn criminal procedure; maximum penalties in the summary criminal courts; the purpose of compensation orders in favour of victims of offences; alternatives to prosecution; enforcement of financial penalties for offences; establishing the JP court and disestablishing the district court; and the inspection of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

#### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 27 February 2006. Following the receipt of oral evidence, the Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 5 July 2006 recommending that the general principles of the Bill be agreed to, subject to receipt of further information from the Executive. The Parliament passed the Bill at Stage 1 on 14 September 2006. The Stage 1 Debate of the Bill can be viewed on the [Official Report](#). Stage 2 consideration of the Bill by the Justice 1 Committee was completed on 22 November 2006.

**The Bill was passed at Stage 3 by the Parliament on 18 January 2007. A transcript of the debate is available in the [Official Report](#). A copy of the Bill as passed is available [here](#). The Bill now awaits Royal Assent.**

### [Crofting Reform etc. Bill](#)

A Bill to make further provision as regards crofting and the Scottish Land Court.

#### *Current Status:*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 2 March 2006. The Environmental and Rural Development Committee has now completed taking oral evidence at Stage 1. The Committee's [Stage 1 Report](#) was published on 5 July 2006 and the Committee was unable to recommend that the general principles of the Bill be agreed to in their entirety. The Scottish Executive published a [response](#) to the Committee's Stage 1 Report on 21 September 2006, in which it agreed to amend significant parts of the Bill, if it proceeds to Stage 2. The Bill was passed at Stage 1 by the Parliament on 27 September 2006. A transcript of the Stage 1 Debate can be viewed in the [Official Report](#). The Committee completed examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 29 November 2006. **The Bill was passed by the Parliament at Stage 3 on 25 January 2007. A copy of the Bill as passed is**

available [here](#). A transcript of the Stage 3 debate is available in the [Official Report](#). The Bill now awaits Royal Assent.

### **Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

A Bill of the Scottish Parliament to restate and amend the law relating to the confinement and release of prisoners; to make provision relating to the control of weapons; and for connected purposes.

#### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 2 October 2006 by Cathy Jamieson 2006. The Justice 2 Committee, as Lead Committee, took evidence on the general principles of the Bill at Stage 1. The Committee's [Stage 1 Report](#) was published on 22 December 2006. In its report, the Committee recommended, by a majority, that the general principles of the Bill be agreed to. The Committee requested further clarification, however, from the Scottish Executive on a number of key points in the Bill relating to the confinement and release of prisoners. The Bill was passed at Stage 1 by the Parliament on 11 January 2007. A transcript of the debate can be viewed in the [Official Report](#).

At its last meeting on 16 January 2007, the Committee decided on the order in which to consider amendments to the Bill at Stage 2. **At its next meeting on 6 February 2007, the Committee will begin consideration of the Bill at Stage 2. Stage 2 amendments to sections 43-46, section 1, schedule 1 and sections 2-5 should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 1 February with the clerks to the Committee.**

### **Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill (P)**

A Bill to authorise the construction of new railways to link Edinburgh Airport to the national rail network and to make provision concerning planning agreements and developer contributions relating to the railway.

#### *Current Status:*

The Bill was introduced into the Parliament on 16 March 2006. The Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee met on 18 April 2006 and elected Scott Barrie MSP as its Convener and Jamie McGrigor MSP as its Deputy Convener. The Committee published its [Preliminary Stage Report](#) on the Bill on 15 September 2006 recommending, by a majority, that the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bill. The Parliament passed the Bill at Preliminary Stage on 21 September 2006. The Preliminary Stage Debate can be viewed in the [Official Report](#).

The Committee appointed Hugh Begg to act as the Assessor at Consideration Stage. The Assessor took oral evidence from the Promoter and objectors to the Bill at oral hearings from 27 November to 30 November 2006. The written evidence submitted by the Promoter and objectors for Consideration Stage, Phase 1, can be viewed [here](#). The Assessor has now produced his report with recommendations and submitted it to the EARL Bill Committee. The Committee will produce its own report and can choose to accept or disregard the Assessor's recommendations.

**At its last meeting on 23 January 2007, the Committee took further oral evidence from the Promoter and SNH on European Protected Species and on written evidence received at Consideration Stage. At its next meeting on 30 January 2007, the Committee will consider, in private, its approach to the European Protected Species Report and its draft Consideration Stage Report.**

### [Education \(School Meals etc.\)\(Scotland\) Bill \(M\)](#)

A Bill to make provision for free school meals, water and milk in education authority primary schools; to confer further powers on the Scottish Ministers to extend such provision; to require the Scottish Ministers to set nutritional standards for certain school meals and to establish a complaints procedure in relation to the standards; and to confer powers on the Scottish Ministers to regulate the sale and advertisement of food and drink at certain schools.

#### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into the Parliament on 27 September 2006 by Frances Curran MSP. The Communities Committee has been designated lead committee for examination of this Bill. The Finance Committee took oral evidence on the Financial Memorandum to the Bill at its last meeting on 21 November 2006 from representatives of the Scottish Prison Service and the Scottish Executive. No date has been set for further consideration of this Bill.

### [Health Board Elections \(Scotland\) Bill \(M\)](#)

This Bill seeks to make provision for local public elections to health boards in Scotland.

#### *Current status*

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 31 March 2006 by Bill Butler MSP. The Health Committee, as lead Committee, took oral evidence on the general principles of the Bill at Stage 1. The Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 10 January 2007 and supported, by a majority, the Bill's general principles. The report calls for further consideration, however, to be given to the proportion of members that are directly elected and to which process should be employed to ensure the candidates selected are geographically and socially representative. **The Stage 1 debate in Parliament will take place on 31 January 2007.**

### [Home Energy Efficiency Targets \(Scotland\) Bill \(M\)](#)

A Bill to require the Scottish Executive to set targets for achieving energy efficiency in domestic dwellings and to require the publication of an action plan and progress reports.

#### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 19 September 2006 by Shiona Baird MSP. The Communities Committee has been designated lead committee for examination of this Bill. No date has been set for further consideration of this Bill.

### [Legal Profession and Legal Aid \(Scotland\) Bill \(Ex\)](#)

A Bill to establish the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission; to make provision as regards complaints against members of the legal profession in Scotland and other matters concerning the regulation of that profession; and to make provision in connection with the administration of the Scottish Legal Aid Fund, including a register of advisers in connection with advice and assistance.

#### *Current Status:*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 1 March 2006. The Justice 2 Committee (as lead Committee) published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 30 June 2006 which supported the general principles of the Bill. The Parliament, sitting in plenary session, debated and passed the Bill at Stage 1 on 7 September 2006. The transcripts of the debate can be read in the [Official Report](#). The Committee completed examination of the Bill at Stage 2 at its last meeting on 31 October 2006. The Parliament, sitting in plenary session,

passed the Bill at Stage 3 on 14 December 2006. A transcript of the debate is available in the [Official Report](#). The Bill received Royal Assent on 19 January 2007. **The Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 is available [here](#).**

#### **Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

A Bill to amend the law in relation to prostitution in public places; and for connected purposes.

##### *Current status:*

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 15 September 2006. The Local Government and Transport Committee has been designated lead Committee. Following receipt of oral evidence on the Bill's general principles, the Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 9 January 2007. Whilst agreeing to the Bill's general principles, the Committee has requested that the Scottish Executive commit to amend the Bill at Stage 2 in order to meet the Committee's concerns regarding a number of the Bill's provisions. **The Bill was passed by the Parliament at Stage 1 on 17 January 2007 with 108 votes for, 1 vote against and 10 abstentions. A transcript of the debate is available in the [Official Report](#). The Committee will begin examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 6 February 2007. Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 1 February 2007 with the clerks to the Committee.**

#### **Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

A Bill to bar certain individuals from working with children or certain adults; to require the Scottish Ministers to keep lists of those individuals; to make further provision in relation to those lists; to establish a scheme under which information about individuals working or seeking to work with children or certain adults is collated and disclosed; to make provision about the sharing of information relevant to the protection of children; to amend Part 5 of the Police Act 1997; to amend the meaning of school care accommodation service in the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001; and for connected purposes.

##### *Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 25 September 2006 by Robert Brown MSP, Deputy Minister for Education and Young People. The Education Committee, as Lead Committee, published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 21 December 2006. The Committee recommended that the Parliament approve the Bill's general principles on the condition that Part 3 of the Bill, dealing with the sharing of child protection information, is removed. The Committee also stressed the need for further consultation to take place on all subordinate legislation and guidance associated with the new provisions so that the way in which the new system will operate is clear to all stakeholders. The Bill was passed at Stage 1 by the Parliament on 17 January 2007. The Parliament voted, unanimously, to agree the general principles of the Bill. A transcript of the debate is available in the [Official Report](#).

**The Committee will begin examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 7 February 2007 by taking additional oral evidence from the Scottish Executive, the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations and COSLA amongst others. The Committee will then meet on 13 February 2007 to consider amendments to the Bill. Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 8 February 2007 with the clerks to the Education Committee.**

#### **Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

A Bill to amend the law concerning the right of certain relatives of a deceased person to claim damages in respect of the death of the deceased from mesothelioma.

*Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 27 September 2006 by Hugh Henry MSP, Deputy Justice Minister. The Justice 1 Committee has been designated lead committee for examination of this Bill and has completed taking oral evidence on the Bill's general principles. The Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 12 January 2007 and unanimously supported the Bill's general principles. **The Stage 1 debate in the Parliament will take place on 1 February 2007.**

**Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

A Bill to make provision about the promotion of health in certain schools and certain school hostels; and to amend the law in relation to the provision of food and drink for certain pupils.

*Current status:*

The Bill was introduced by Peter Peacock MSP on 8 September 2006. The Communities Committee has been designated lead Committee and began examination of the Bill at Stage 1 on 24 October 2006. The Committee's [Stage 1 Report](#) was published on 16 January 2007 and the Committee recommended that the Parliament agree to the general principles of the Bill. **The Bill was passed by the Parliament at Stage 1 on 24 January 2007. A transcript of the Stage 1 debate is available [here](#). The Committee will begin examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 13 February 2007. Amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Thursday 8 February 2007 with the clerks to the Communities Committee.**

**Scottish Register of Tartans Bill (M)**

A Bill to establish a Scottish Register of Tartans and to provide for the appointment and functions of the Keeper of that Register.

*Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 27 September by Jamie McGrigor MSP. The Enterprise and Culture Committee has been designated lead committee for examination of this Bill. The Committee began taking oral evidence on the general principles of the Bill at its meeting on 5 December 2006. The Committee took evidence from Jamie McGrigor MSP; David Cullum, Clerk, Non-Executive Bills Unit; and Robert Marr, Assistant Legal Adviser, Directorate of Legal Services, the Scottish Parliament. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Executive to note that its withdrawal from appearing before the Committee for its scheduled evidence session at this meeting was unacceptable.

The Committee also agreed to ask the Scottish Executive what involvement it has had in discussions between the current tartan registers in existence and what suggested solutions it may have to resolve disagreement between the current registers. **At its last meeting on 16 January 2007, the Committee considered written evidence from the Scottish Executive and Jamie McGrigor MSP. The Committee agreed to consider a draft Stage 1 Report on the Bill at a future meeting.**

**Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill (Ex)**

A Bill to provide for the making of orders related to, or to matters connected with, the construction or operation of railways, tramways, other guided transport systems, trolley vehicle systems and inland waterways; to make changes to procedures applicable to orders and schemes under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, the Harbours Act 1964 and the Pilotage Act 1987; to make further provision as regards grants for 5 purposes relating

to transport; and for connected purposes. The Bill seeks to reform the current Private Bill Process in the Scottish Parliament in relation to large infrastructure projects.

*Current Status:*

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 26 June 2006 by Tavish Scott MSP, Minister for Transport and Telecommunications. The Local Government and Transport Committee has been designated lead Committee for examination of this Bill. The Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 14 November 2006 and recommended that the general principles of the Bill be agreed to. The Bill was passed by the Parliament at Stage 1 on 22 November 2006. A transcript of the debate is available in the [Official Report](#). The Committee completed examination of the Bill at Stage 2 on 12 December 2006. A copy of the Bill as amended at Stage 2 can be read [here](#). **The Stage 3 debate of the Parliament is provisionally scheduled to take place on 8 February 2007. Subject to the Parliament's agreement of this date, amendments should be lodged with the clerks to the Local Government and Transport Committee by 4.30pm on Friday 2 February 2007.**

**Treatment of Drug Users (Scotland) Bill (M)**

A Bill to provide a scheme under which drug users and their families can obtain an integrated health and social care plan for their treatment and rehabilitation; to fund additional treatment services for drug misuse from the proceeds of drug-related crime; and for connected purposes.

*Current Status*

The Bill was introduced into Parliament on 29 September 2006 by Rosemary Byrne MSP. The Health Committee has been designated lead Committee for examination of this Bill and began scrutiny of the general principles of the Bill at its last meeting on 23 January 2007. **At the meeting, the Committee took oral evidence in the form of a roundtable discussion from a variety of stakeholders including Cathy Jamieson MSP, Minister for Justice; Scottish Drugs Forum; First Base; Centre for Drug Misuse, University of Glasgow; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; and the Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland .**

**CHAMBER BUSINESS**

This week's timetable is as follows:

**Wednesday 31 January 2007**

**2.30 pm** Time for Reflection – Rev Murdo Maclean, Carmyle and Kenmuir Mount Vernon Churches, Glasgow

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Health Board Elections (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5.00 pm** Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business – debate on the subject of S2M-5290 Murdo Fraser: 90th Anniversary of Passchendaele

**Thursday 1 February 2007**

**9.15 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

The Clerk has been advised of the topics of the following Scottish Green Party Business

*followed by* Scottish Green Party Debate: Green Procurement

*followed by* Scottish Green Party Debate: Scottish Water

**11.40 am** General Question Time

**12 noon** First Minister's Question Time

**2.15 pm** Themed Question Time—

Health and Community Care;

Environment and Rural Development

**2.55 pm** Stage 1 Debate: Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Statistics and Registration Services Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5.00 pm** Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business – debate on the subject of S2M-5359 Mr Kenneth Macintosh: Cervical Cancer and the HPV Vaccine

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Justice 1 Committee**  
**30 January 2007**

The Committee will meet at 1.45 pm in T3.29 (Video Conference Room).

1. **Scottish Criminal Record Office inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 31 January, it is expected that the Committee will continue its consideration of its draft report on its inquiry into the Scottish Criminal Record Office.

**Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee  
30 January 2007**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Room UB.03

1. **Draft Consideration Stage report (in private):** The Committee will consider its draft Consideration Stage report.
2. **Draft European Protected Species (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the draft European Protected Species report.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting the Committee will continue its scrutiny of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill at Consideration Stage.

**Subordinate Legislation Committee  
31 January 2007**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 1

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

Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2.

2. **Executive responses:** The Committee will consider Executive responses in relation to the following instruments—

the Drugs Assessor (Qualifications and Experience) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/8).

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

the Budget (Scotland) Act 2006 Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/draft); and

the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 (Minimum Frequency of Inspections) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/draft).

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

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Draft Guidance for Licensing Boards and Local Authorities, (SE/2007/9).

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

the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/11);

the Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls (No. 2) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/13);

the Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/14);

the Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offence) (Prescribed Area) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/15);

the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004 (Prescribed Risks) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/16); and

the Tweed Regulation Order 2007, (SSI 2007/19).

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

the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/17).

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 6 February, it is expected that the Committee will consider its draft report into its inquiry into the regulatory framework in Scotland. The Committee will also consider primary legislation, Scottish statutory instruments and any other documents subject to Parliamentary procedure.

**Justice 1 Committee  
31 January 2007**

The Committee will meet at 9.45 am in Committee Room 5

**1. Subordinate Legislation:** Johann Lamont MSP (Deputy Minister for Justice) to move S2M-5417—

That the Justice 1 Committee recommends that the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 be approved.

**2. Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider a response from the Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business on the following negative instrument—

the Police (Injury Benefit) (Scotland) Regulations, (SSI 2006/610).

**3. Scottish Criminal Record Office inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 6 February, it is expected that the Committee will continue its consideration of its draft report on its inquiry into the Scottish Criminal Record Office.

**Environment and Rural Development Committee  
31 January 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in Committee Room 4

**1. Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

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

the Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls (No. 2) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006, (SSI 2006/602); and

the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/1).

3. **Cairngorms National Park Boundary Bill:** The Committee will take evidence at Stage 1 from—

John Swinney MSP, member in charge of the Bill, and Scott Martin, solicitor.

4. **Marine environment inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received for the inquiry in order to inform the drafting of its report.

#### **Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 5 February in The Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl, the Committee will continue to take evidence for Stage 1 consideration of the Cairngorms National Park Boundary Bill. At its subsequent meeting on 7 February, the Committee will take evidence on petitions PE956 and PE982 on ship-to-ship oil transfers in the Firth of Forth.

### **Public Petitions Committee 31 January 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in Committee Room 1

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

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

**PE1020 Deceleration lane at Portlethen South junction off the A90.** Councillor Paul J Melling will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of this petition.

**PE1028 Contracts for water services.** Mick Napier will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of this petition.

**PE1031 Legislation relating to assisted suicide.** Professor Donald Macdonald will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of this petition accompanied by Canon Donald Mackay and Rev Alex J MacDonald.

**PE1013 Management of listed buildings – Rowallan Castle.** Niall Campbell will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of this petition accompanied by John Simpson and John Campbell, QC.

**PE1027 To increase public funding for bus services in the interests of social inclusion.**

**PE1029 Declaration of a public holiday known as "Independence day".**

**PE1030 To support an investigation into Chinese human rights abuses.**

**PE1021 The availability of solicitors prepared to act against other solicitors in cases of negligence or inadequate service.**

3. **Current Petitions:** The Committee will further consider the following current petitions—

**PE743, PE822 and PE881 Same As You.** The Committee will consider responses from the Cross Party Group on Learning Disability and the first petitioner.

**PE767 Fatal Accident Inquiries.** The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

**PE798 Provision of wheelchair services.** The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Executive.

**PE808 Mental health services.** The Committee will consider a response from the Deputy Minister for Health.

**PE837 and PE969 Small scale energy generation.** The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive and the petitioners.

**PE910 Study of Scottish history.** The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

**PE929 Partial lead pipe replacement.** The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

**PE950 Right to buy.** The Committee will consider responses from the Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland, Victim Support Scotland, a joint response from the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland, and a response from the petitioner.

4. **Item in private. Witness Expenses:** The Committee will consider claims for expenses.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 6 February, it is expected that the Committee will further consider current petitions on preventative safety measures to combat the dangers of substance abuse; the establishment of a sports academy in the Scottish Borders; the provision of an audio recording of civil court proceedings to those parties with special needs such as dyslexia; the investment in swimming pools in Scotland; provision of adequate safeguards against vulnerable adults being given surreptitious medication; the adoption of a national Play Strategy; funding and resources to combat Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; sleep disorders; listed buildings; speed restrictions on Loch Lomond; jet skis; beat police numbers; the implementation of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001; and community hospitals.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

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