



**What's Happening at Holyrood?  
Anderson Strathern Parliamentary Bulletin  
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This weekly Parliamentary Bulletin, detailing business at the Scottish Parliament, is composed of 3 sections: [Bills in progress](#), [Chamber Business](#) and [Committee Business](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Scottish Parliament reconvenes this week, following its summer recess. The Scottish Government is due to unveil its legislative programme when the Parliament meets on Wednesday 5 September 2007.

Stefan Tymkewycz has resigned as a Member of the Scottish Parliament. He was an SNP MSP elected from the Lothians List. His regional list seat will be taken by Shirley-Anne Somerville of the SNP.

**BILLS IN PROGRESS**

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

**There are currently no Bills proceeding through the Scottish Parliament.**

**CHAMBER BUSINESS**

**Wednesday 5 September 2007**

**2.30 pm** Time for Reflection - Rev James McNaughtan, St Marnock's Parish Church, Kilmarnock

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5.00 pm** Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

**Thursday 6 September 2007**

**9.15 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

**11.40 am** General Question Time



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

**2.15 pm** Themed Question Time—

Justice and Law Officers;

Finance and Sustainable Growth

**2.55 pm** Executive Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5.00 pm** Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### Justice Committee 4 September 2007

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in Committee Room 2

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Discontinuance of Low Moss Prison (Scotland) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/322) from—

Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;  
Tom Fox, Head of Communications, Scottish Prison Service; and  
Ruth Sutherland, Legal Policy, Scottish Prison Service.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/324) from—

Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;  
Tony Rednall, Criminal Justice Directorate, Scottish Executive; and  
Steve Paulding, Public Health and Wellbeing Directorate, Scottish Executive.

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

the Gambling Act 2005 (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/309);

the Gambling Act 2005 (Fees No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/311);

the Licensing (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/313);

the Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/318);

the Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/319);



the Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/320);

the High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/321);

the Discontinuance of Low Moss Prison (Scotland) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/322);

the Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/324); and

the Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/332).

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 11 September it is expected that the Committee will consider its work programme.

**European and External Relations Committee  
4 September 2007**

The Committee will meet at 11.00 am in Committee Room 1

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

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 18 September, it is expected that the Committee will take evidence from the Minister on the Scottish Executive's European Union priorities. The Committee will also hear evidence from Scottish Members of the European Parliament.

**Public Petitions Committee  
4 September 2007**

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 1

**1. Declaration of Interests:** Robin Harper MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

**2. Proposed Petition:** The Committee will consider the admissibility of a proposed petition.

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

**PE1059 A ban on the sale and use of airguns.** Mr Andy Morton will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of his petition accompanied by Sharon McMillan and Tommy Sheridan.

**PE1061 Land Reform Act and antisocial behaviour.** Mrs Jacqueline Lochhead will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of her petition accompanied by Tom Taylor and Yvonne Smith.

**PE1036 Employment opportunities for the disabled.**



**PE1069 Employment opportunities for the disabled.**

Petitioners will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of these petitions as follows:

Mr John Moist (PE1036)

Mr Peter Harper (PE1036)

Mr Clive McGrory (PE1069)

**PE1023 Residential care places for the elderly.**

**PE1025 Shrieval appointments.**

**PE1032 Care provision for the elderly.**

**PE1035 Gourock to Dunoon ferry service.**

**PE1066 Symbol of Scotland for debating chamber.**

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

**PE789 Methadone.** The Committee will consider responses from NHS Lothian and the Scottish Executive.

**PE798 provision of wheelchairs and specialist seating services.** The Committee will consider what further action to take in relation to this petition.

**PE837 and PE969 Small scale energy generation.** The Committee will consider what further action to take in relation to these petitions.

**PE859 The A77 – Maybole Bypass.** The Committee will consider what further action to take in relation to this petition.

**PE929 Partial lead pipe replacement.** The Committee will consider responses from COSLA, Scottish Water and the petitioner.

**PE964 Loch Lomond speed restrictions.** The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive and the petitioner.

**PE990 Community leisure facilities.** The Committee will consider the progress of this petition.

**PE1002 Provision of affordable housing.** The Committee will consider responses from Communities Scotland and the Petitioner.

**PE1015 National tourism website.** The Committee will consider responses from Visit Scotland, Association of Scotland's Self-Caterers, British Hospitality Association, Federation of Small Businesses in Scotland, Scottish Tourism Forum, the Scottish Executive, Loch Earn Tourism Initiative Group, Orkney Tourism



Group, the University of Edinburgh, Stirling Tourism Association, the Scottish Guest House and Bed & Breakfast Association and the petitioner.

5. **Referred Petitions:** The Committee will consider re-referring to the appropriate subject Committees those petitions not concluded in Session 2.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 18 September 2007, it is expected that the Committee will consider new petitions on foreign language learning; complaints against the legal profession; disabled parking spaces; cancer strategy; community sports facilities; audio visual recording of court proceedings; Edinburgh Accommodation Allowance; and Right to Buy. The Committee also expects to further consider current petitions on PCP funding; access rights for fathers; ownerless land; Loch Lomond speed restrictions; investment in swimming pools; Jet Skis; historical plaques; and the national tourism website.

**Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee  
4 September 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 in private.

2. **Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the Bill at Stage 1.

**Subordinate Legislation Committee  
4 September 2007**

The Committee will meet at 2.15 pm in Committee Room 6

1. **Declaration of interests:** Helen Eadie MSP, John Park MSP and Dr Richard Simpson MSP will be invited to declare any relevant interests.

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

the Provision of School Lunches (Disapplication of the Requirement to Charge) (Scotland) Order 2007, (SI 2007/draft);

the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007, (SI 2007/draft);

the Housing Grants (Assessment of Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/draft); and

the Licensing (Mandatory Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/draft).

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

the Licensing Conditions (Late Opening Premises) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/336);



the Bovine Products (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/338);

the Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/357);

the European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/358);

the European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/359);

the Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/363);

the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/375);

the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Regulation 2007, (SSI 2007/376);

the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/377);

the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/386);

the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/379);

the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (United States of America) (Scotland) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/354);

the Recovery of Maintenance (United States of America) (Scotland) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/355);

the Nutrition and Health Claims (Scotland) Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/383); and

the Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area) Order 2007, (SI 2007/2139).

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

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 6) (Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters) 2007, (SSI 2007/350);

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court European Enforcement Order Rules) Amendment (Extension to Denmark) 2007, (SSI 2007/351);



Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No.7) (Devolution Issues) 2007, (SSI 2007/360);

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 4) (Devolution Issues) 2007, (SSI 2007/361);

Act of Sederunt (Proceedings for Determination of Devolution Issues Rules) Amendment 2007, (SSI 2007/362);

the Disease Control (Interim Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007, (SSI 2007/387);

the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/385);

the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional Provision and Savings) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/334);

the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/335);

Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause, Summary Application, Summary Cause and Small Claim Rules) Amendment (Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2007) 2007, (SSI 2007/339);

the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/372); and

the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement) Order 2007, (SSI 2007/382).

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on Tuesday 11 September, it is expected that the Committee will consider Scottish statutory instruments and any other documents subject to Parliamentary procedure.

**Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee  
5 September 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1

**1. Approach to developing a work programme:** The Committee will take evidence, in a round-table discussion, from—

Eddie Brogan, Director of Tourism, Scottish Enterprise;

Paul Bush, Chief Operating Officer, Event Scotland;

Bernard Donoghue, Head of Government & Public Affairs, VisitBritain;

Iain Herbert, Chief Executive, Scottish Tourism Forum;



Paul Jennings, Chair, Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions;

Philip Riddle, Chief Executive, VisitScotland;

Willie Roe, Chair, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;

Carl Watt, Head of External Relations, Scottish Museums Council;

and will then consider matters arising from the discussion and possible lines of inquiry relating to the tourism sector.

**2. Budget process 2008-09:** The Committee will consider whether to seek to appoint an adviser on the budget process 2008-09.

**3. Approach to developing a work programme – 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 consideration of its approach to developing a work programme.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting, on 19 September 2007, the Committee will take evidence, in a round-table discussion, on energy.

**Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee  
5 September 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 6

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

The Education (Publication and Consultation Etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, (SSI 2007/315).

**2. Work programme:** The Committee will consider options for its work programme.

**3. Budget process 2008-09 (Stage 2):** The Committee will consider its approach to this year's budget process.

**Proposed future business**

At its next meeting on 19 September it is expected that the Committee will continue to consider its work programme.

**Rural Affairs and Environment Committee  
5 September 2007**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2

**1. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Michael Russell MSP, Minister for Environment, Charlie Greenslade, Head of Crops, Plant Health and Pesticides Policy Unit, Scottish Executive, Michael



Taylor, Head of Chemistry, Scottish Agricultural Science Agency, Derek Wilson, Livestock Traceability Policy Branch, John Maxwell, Rural Inspectorate Directorate, and Andrew Crawley, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Executive

on the following negative instruments—

the Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/306); and

the Cattle Identification (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/312).

**2. Subordinate legislation:** Mike Rumbles MSP to move S3M-393—

That the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee recommends that nothing further be done under the Cattle Identification (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/312).

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

the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/375);

the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/376);

the Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/377); and

the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/386).

**4. Work programme:** The Committee will agree a work programme following discussion at its awayday in Dunkeld on 14 August.

***Proposed future business***

At its next meeting on 19 September 2007, it is expected that the Committee will consider petitions, a paper updating the Committee on European Union issues within its remit and its approach to its first inquiry.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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