

Parliamentary Bureau – Removal of Members’ Business motions from the Business Bulletin

Background

1. Admissible motions lodged by Members are published in the Business Bulletin along with the support that each motion attracts.
2. Under Rule 8.2.8 of Standing Orders, the Bureau may remove from the list of admissible motions any motion that has been on the list for more than six weeks without a date for it to be taken by the Parliament being included in the business programme.

Criteria for removal of motions

3. In relation to motions for Members’ Business, the Bureau previously agreed that all motions should be removed from the Bulletin after six weeks (excluding recess time) but that the Bureau will consider the following in removing or retaining motions—
 - a. the motion has the support of at least 30 other Members and these supporters came from more than three political parties (note that in cases where the number of supporters exceeds 30, the topicality of the motion and the extent of the recent support have also been taken into account when making these recommendations); or
 - b. the motion remains highly topical; or
 - c. the motion has been selected for a Members’ Business debate
4. The Business Team checks all Members’ Business motions on the list to ensure that any that may fit the criteria are recommended for retention. In addition, at a Bureau meeting, Business Managers may request that certain motions are retained if, for example, the motion is to be debated at a future date.

Removal of motions lodged before 20 June 2024

5. The annex lists all motions marked for Members’ Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 20 June 2024) and includes the number of supporters and date of the most recent registration of support.
6. Based on the criteria in paragraph 3, it is recommended that the following motions from the attached list be considered for retention—
 - S6M-12169: Richard Leonard: Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners’ Strike
 - S6M-12209: Jamie Halcro Johnson: 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
 - S6M-13569: Clare Haughey: Raising Awareness of Liver Disease (will be selected for Member’s Business w/c 7 October)

7. Business Managers should indicate at the Bureau meeting if wish to retain any of the other motions in the annex.

Conclusion

8. The Bureau is invited to agree any motions to be retained.

Parliamentary Business Team

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Annex: Member's Business motions suggested for removal

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total Support	Date Last Supported
S6M-12169	Leonard, Richard	16/02/2024	Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike	39	02/09/2024
S6M-12209	Halcro Johnston, Jamie	20/02/2024	200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution	36	13/09/2024
S6M-12232	Gosal, Pam	22/02/2024	International Women's Day	36	13/03/2024
S6M-12264	Stewart, Alexander	26/02/2024	FAST Stroke Detection Guidance	32	23/04/2024
S6M-12467	Findlay, Russell	28/03/2024	The Murder of Emma Caldwell	32	24/04/2024
S6M-12918	MacGregor, Fulton	22/04/2024	Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland	31	20/06/2024
S6M-13174	Simpson, Graham	14/05/2024	Tenement Maintenance Law Reform	28	30/05/2024
S6M-13178	Gosal, Pam	15/05/2024	40th Anniversary of Volunteers' Week	27	11/09/2024
S6M-13231	Kerr, Stephen	17/05/2024	Concerns about Falkirk Council's Proposals to Reduce the School Week	26	23/05/2024
S6M-13266	Maguire, Ruth	21/05/2024	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	26	21/06/2024
S6M-13288	Slater, Lorna	22/05/2024	National Parks: Investing in Scotland's Natural Environment	24	27/05/2024
S6M-13289	Burgess, Ariane	23/05/2024	Restoring Scotland's Nature	23	18/06/2024
S6M-13307	Chapman, Maggie	23/05/2024	Ending Conversion Practices	22	26/06/2024
S6M-13331	Roddick, Emma	04/06/2024	Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	20	26/06/2024
S6M-13339	Brown, Keith	29/05/2024	Establishing a Banking Hub in Alloa	20	06/06/2024

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S6M-13359	Grahame, Christine	29/05/2024	NFU Scotland's ShelfWatch Survey	19	06/06/2024
S6M-13402	Nicoll, Audrey	29/05/2024	Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland	18	12/09/2024
S6M-13405	Stevenson, Collette	11/06/2024	Research Highlighting Link between Scottish Child Payment and Reducing Food Bank Use	18	28/06/2024
S6M-13412	Whittle, Brian	03/06/2024	Josh Kerr Breaks British Mile Record	14	10/06/2024
S6M-13422	Carson, Finlay	31/05/2024	Congratulating Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere on Promoting the Sustainable Development Goals	9	17/07/2024
S6M-13434	Grahame, Christine	03/06/2024	Celebrating 10 Years of the .scot Domain	9	26/06/2024
S6M-13436	MacDonald, Gordon	03/06/2024	Importance of the Scottish Wholesale Sector	8	12/06/2024
S6M-13439	Clark, Katy	03/06/2024	Crisis in Scotland's Retained Fire Service	8	06/06/2024
S6M-13469	Duncan-Glancy, Pam	05/06/2024	Saving the Trade Union Education Centre at City of Glasgow College	7	02/09/2024
S6M-13534	Choudhury, Foysol	07/06/2024	Recognising the Benefits of Active Travel to Public Health and Communities	6	26/06/2024
S6M-13569	Haughey, Clare	11/06/2024	Raising Awareness of Liver Disease	13	19/08/2024
S6M-13635	Callaghan, Stephanie	14/06/2024	80th Anniversary of One Parent Families Scotland	2	19/08/2024
S6M-13649	Whitham, Elena	17/06/2024	Common Ground Forum on Deer	1	03/09/2024