

Parliamentary Bureau – Future Business programme

Possible motions for Members' business

1. Bureau members will be aware that under Rule 5.6.1(c) the Bureau has a duty to ensure that there is a period of time available for Members' Business at each meeting of the Parliament.
2. This paper is circulated with the Bureau papers each week and provides Bureau members with an updated list of motions lodged each week for Members Business debate. The paper will also provide Bureau members with a record of Members Business debates throughout the session, and the number and frequency of such debates that each party has had.
3. Bureau members may wish to note for information that the rota for Members' Business until Christmas Recess is as follows—

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Summer recess 2024			
7 October 2024	SNP	CON	LAB*
October recess 2024			
28 October 2024	SNP	CON	SNP*
4 November 2024	SNP	SNP	GRN
11 November 2024	LD	CON	SNP
18 November 2024	SNP	SNP	CON
25 November 2024	LAB	SNP	SNP
2 December 2024	CON	SNP	LAB
9 December 2024	SNP	CON	SNP
16 December 2024	SNP	GRN	CON

* LAB and SNP agreed to swap on 10 and 31 October

4. Motions submitted for Members' Business are shown below—

S6M-14698: Ruth Maguire: Day of the Imprisoned Writer— That the Parliament recognises 15 November 2024 as the Day of the Imprisoned Writer, a day when people across the world, including in the Cunninghame South constituency, stand in solidarity with writers who have been persecuted, exiled, imprisoned and killed for exercising their right to free expression; notes with grave concern what it sees as the growing threats to free expression in a world increasingly marked by conflict and war, where writers, it considers, are often the first targets of repression; recognises what it considers to be the alarming rise of authoritarian regimes that use censorship, imprisonment and violence to silence dissenting voices, with a particular focus on the plight of female writers, who, it understands, face compounded risks of persecution; emphasises the reported growing number of female writers who are being imprisoned for, it believes, courageously campaigning for equal rights, freedom from discrimination, and access to education and healthcare; acknowledges what it sees as the critical role that writers play in exposing the truths of war, authoritarianism and social injustice; condemns the widespread use of imprisonment,

torture and extrajudicial killings to intimidate and eliminate writers, as documented by organisations such as PEN International, Amnesty International, the Committee to Protect Journalists, ARTICLE 19, and Reporters Without Borders; notes the calls for governments worldwide to uphold their duty to protect the right to free expression for all, to ensure justice for writers who have been murdered, persecuted and imprisoned, and to address what it sees as the global climate of impunity that undermines trust in justice systems and emboldens further attacks; further notes the support for the ongoing efforts to secure protection for persecuted and imprisoned writers, and honours and commemorates those writers who have lost their lives or freedom for exercising their right to freedom of expression.

S6M-14645: Christine Grahame: 25 Years of Tweeddale Youth Action — That the Parliament congratulates Tweeddale Youth Action (TYA) on celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2024; notes that TYA, based in Peebles, provides a range of services to local young people, in addition to youth club drop-ins, excursions and holiday programmes, and also running the innovative Food Punks and Bike Punks initiatives; understands that Food Punks, a catering enterprise providing training to young people, has recently secured its first permanent premises on Peebles High Street, where it hopes to open a pizza shop, which will provide further hospitality training and employment opportunities for young people; further understands that Bike Punks also continues to go from strength to strength, with a workshop based in Innerleithen, tying in to the strong mountain biking presence in the area, which provides training on welding and repairing bicycles; believes that TYA has shown a genuinely innovative approach to improving the lives of local young people over its 25 years, which would not have been possible without the continuing hard work of the team of dedicated TYA staff, volunteers and trustees; wishes everyone involved the very best for the future, and recognises the contribution of youth work across Scotland in improving outcomes for young people.

S6M-14605: Michael Matheson: Cycling Without Age Scotland, Giving Older and Disabled People Access to the Outdoors Through Trishaw Rides— That the Parliament recognises the work that the charity, Cycling Without Age Scotland, headquartered in Larbert, does to enhance and enrich lives through giving people of all ages, but predominantly older people, who have mobility issues or are disabled, or are living in isolation or loneliness, access to the outdoors through e-bike trishaw rides; notes that Cycling Without Age Scotland has branches, known as chapters, in urban and rural areas throughout Scotland, each with its own identity that is grassroots based, and that the charity works with individuals and private, public and third sector organisations to help deliver trishaw rides to support people managing limited mobility, loneliness or isolation; celebrates the volunteers who support Cycling Without Age Scotland, including the chapter captains, mechanics, administrators and trainers, who all enable the volunteer trishaw riders, known as pilots, to take people on e-bike trishaw rides in their local community, and acknowledges the great support that Cycling Without Age Scotland receives both in donations and hours of volunteering.

S6M-14550: Maggie Chapman: Recognising and Congratulating Scottish Badgers — That the Parliament recognises that 2024 is the Silver Jubilee year of Scottish Badgers, a small Scottish charity based in the North East Scotland region; congratulates the charity on winning the Nature of Scotland Awards' Health and

Wellbeing category in November 2023; further congratulates it on being awarded a National Lottery Community Fund grant in 2024 to provide opportunities for LGBTQ+ people to develop new skills in the outdoors and to learn more about biodiversity; applauds what it sees as its truly inclusive approach to providing nature connection for people; notes its commitment to protecting the natural environment and reversing biodiversity loss for future generations; thanks all those involved in Scottish Badgers' nationwide survey, Get Sett Scotland 2022-25, who are helping to advance knowledge about badgers, and notes the hope for there to be further opportunities to develop this inclusive approach to providing nature connection for people across society.

S6M-14548: Michael Marra: New Care Pathways for People Living with Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes — That the Parliament understands that Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDSs) are part of the inherited connective tissue disorders, and are mainly characterised by joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility and tissue fragility; further understands that these syndromes are classified into 13 subtypes and present great clinical and genetic heterogeneity; believes that the most common is the hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (hEDS), the diagnosis of which remains clinical; further believes that there is currently no pathway of care for adults living with hEDS or hypermobility spectrum disorder (HSD) in Scotland or the UK, and understands that people living with these conditions, including in the North East Scotland region, report feeling dismissed by healthcare professionals, with time to diagnosis reportedly currently averaging two decades; recognises the work of volunteers and campaigners at The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK, which was set up in 1987 to support, advise and inform those living with Ehlers-Danlos syndromes, and notes the encouragement for the Scottish Government and parliamentarians to engage fully with the issue, and to work with the NHS, researchers and patient representatives to deliver the care pathways that people living with Ehlers-Danlos syndromes need.

S6M-14437: Brian Whittle: Celebrating Scotland's Paris 2024 Success — That the Parliament recognises the success of athletes from Scotland at the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games; commends the accomplishments of every participant from Scotland at the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games; understands that athletes from Scotland have continued to make their mark on the Team GB and Paralympic GB's medal count, adding 13 and 20 medals respectively; notes that swimmer Duncan Scott secured Team GB's first swimming Gold in the Men's 4x200m Freestyle, and Silver in the 200m Medley, becoming Scotland's most-decorated Olympian; further notes that athlete Josh Kerr took home a Silver medal in the Men's 1,500m, becoming the first athlete from Scotland to win track medals at successive games; understands that track athlete Nicole Yeargin took home two Bronze medals in the Mixed 4x400m and Women's 4x400m team; further understands that Scottish track cyclist Neah Evans secured second place in the Women's Madison race, and that Jack Carlin won Silver in the Men's Team Sprint and Bronze in the Solo Individual Sprint; congratulates rowers Rowan Mckeller and Sholto Carnegie on their medals, and Beth Potter on her triathlon medals; recognises para-swimmer Stephen Clegg, who won two Gold medals in the S12 100m Backstroke and S12 100m Butterfly, and understands that he set a new world record in the Butterfly event; further recognises that swimmer Faye Rogers won Gold in the S10 100m Butterfly, and notes Louis Lawlor's Scottish record in the S14 100m

Backstroke; acknowledges that Sammi Kinghorn became one of three athletes at Paris 2024 to win five medals, including Gold in the T53 100m in a new Paralympic record, and Silver in the T53 400m, 800m and 1500m, as well as in the 4x100m Universal Relay; congratulates Ben Sandilands on his world record and Gold medal in the T20 1500m; acknowledges cyclist Jenny Holl's world record in the Women's B 300m Individual Pursuit, and Bronze in the 100m Time Trial, and notes her achievements in Road Cycling events, including Gold in the Road Race and Silver in the Time Trial; congratulates Nathan McQueen, Stephen McGuire and Gordon Reid on all taking Gold; considers that sport can be a force for good in inspiring younger generations into sport, including in the South Scotland region, and enabling the teaching of life skills through sport, including inspiring healthy choices; commends all the athletes from Scotland who participated in the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and wishes them every success in the future.

S6M-14427: Jeremy Balfour: Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets—

That the Parliament expresses its shock that the Scottish Government has, it understands, gone back on its pledge to invest £10 million to increase the number of Changing Places toilets across Scotland; notes that this promise was made originally in 2021 by the former First Minister as part of the 2021-22 Programme for Government, and was repeated numerous times by multiple ministers over the following years; understands that Changing Places toilets are not a luxury facility, but are vital for many profoundly disabled people to take part in society, including those in the Lothian region; considers that this is the latest in a long list of examples of the Scottish Government not taking seriously the needs of disabled people and allowing them to pay the price of what it sees as Scottish National Party (SNP) financial mismanagement; echoes the disappointment that has been expressed by many individuals and organisations in response to the announcement, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to honour the promise that it made to disabled people.

S6M-14421: Emma Roddick: Crisis Report, A Window of Opportunity—

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Crisis report, A Window of Opportunity, which examines people's routes into homelessness in Scotland; notes with concern that the report concludes that "opportunities for public services to provide support to help people keep their homes are being repeatedly missed"; understands that the main findings of the report include an indication that people who become homeless are in touch with public services in the six-month period before a formal homeless application is made, that there are a number of interlinked factors that contribute to and prevent homelessness, and that many people who have experienced homelessness will not be able to achieve housing stability unless they are given ongoing support for unmet needs; notes that the report's recommendations include an ask of the Scottish Government to establish a national communication strategy to educate the general public around the triggers for housing instability, and suggest that clear, measurable standards for cross-sector working to sustain homes are required; further notes the view that all of the findings and subsequent recommendations contained within the report demonstrate a requirement for the Scottish Government to prioritise preventing people from experiencing homelessness in the first place; recognises that the issues highlighted within the report will affect people who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness in the Highlands and Islands region; thanks Crisis for undertaking what it sees as this

important research and for the production of an accessible document to accompany it, and notes the encouragement for the Scottish Government, in the context of the Programme for Government 2024-25 referring to the aspiration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill, to place "an emphasis on prevention through holistic support", and to reflect on how it can deliver on the recommendations contained within the report, with a view towards fewer people requiring access to homelessness services in the Highlands and Islands region, and across Scotland, in the future.

S6M-14408: Tim Eagle: Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland — That the Parliament considers that people living in remote and rural areas face unique challenges when it comes to accessing health and social care; understands that the recruitment and retention of staff, poor infrastructure, and the inability to access certain services are all common issues that impact health and social care in rural and remote areas; notes what it sees as the failure of the Scottish Government to deliver infrastructure investment in the Highlands and Islands region and elsewhere, including the failure to deliver a new Belford Hospital in Fort William, complete upgrades to Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin, and build a replacement hospital for the Isle of Barra, among other delayed projects; understands that many communities in rural areas face a reduction of services, such as the reduced access to NHS dentistry in Dunoon and loss of care home beds across the Highlands and Islands region; believes that all of these factors contribute to the wider issue of rural depopulation, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to properly invest in health and social care in rural and remote areas and deliver better health outcomes for residents.

S6M-14402: Clare Haughey: Publication of the Access Report—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Access Report, based on research conducted by social enterprise Dechomai, alongside social investors Firstport and Social Investment Scotland, which documents the understanding, perception of, and availability of social investment among ethnic minority social entrepreneurs in Scotland; understands that Scotland is experiencing an increase in social entrepreneurs from diverse ethnic backgrounds, but believes that such individuals often face challenges in accessing the necessary support to fulfil their dreams and ambitions, which have both social and economic value; notes that the research was funded by the Scottish Government's Ecosystem Fund, which aims to support organisations and activities that facilitate the growth and development of the Scottish entrepreneurial ecosystem, including in the Rutherglen constituency; understands that the report found that over 70% of investment providers overlook barriers that can be faced by ethnic minority social entrepreneurs, which the report identifies as low levels of awareness of the social investment market, a lack of tailored support during the application process, low levels of trust in financial institutions, and difficulty navigating the business support ecosystem, and commends the report for outlining a series of recommendations and interventions that could allow ethnic minority social entrepreneurs to overcome what it considers to be the barriers that they currently face to access and benefit from funding in order to scale their social impact, thus benefitting whole communities.

S6M-14337: Richard Leonard: Recognising the Role of Haven Products — That the Parliament notes what it sees as the role that supported businesses play in providing employment for disabled people, including the contribution that they make

to closing the disability employment gap through supporting disabled people to work, thereby promoting inclusion, independence and wellbeing; regrets the reported threat to 60 jobs at Haven Products in Larbert due, it understands, to the removal of a contract for document digitisation by the Scottish Government and the severe reduction in a contract to produce nursing uniforms for the NHS, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to step in urgently to save these jobs and to ensure that this supported business and its workforce have a secure future.

S6M-14331: George Adam: St Mirren Announces Landmark Partnership with UWS — That the Parliament congratulates St Mirren on its landmark partnership with the University of the West of Scotland (UWS); understands this partnership will enable the two Paisley-based institutions to work together to develop the relationship between sport and academia in Scotland, enriching the learning and research opportunities available to UWS students and staff and supporting St Mirren to improve standards across all facets of the club; praises St Mirren on its commitment to Paisley and the community, and acknowledges what it sees as the excellent example that it sets as a fan-owned community-focused football club.

S6M-14208: Keith Brown: Armed Services Advice Project Closure— That the Parliament notes with concern the reported decision by the Royal British Legion (RBL) to cease funding to the Armed Services Advice Project (ASAP), which will see the service close; understands that ASAP was established in 2010 as a partnership between Poppyscotland and Citizens Advice Services Scotland to provide dedicated information, advice and support to members of the Armed Forces community in Scotland; believes that ASAP supports an average of 2,200 beneficiaries a year, through 16 local Citizens Advice Bureaux across Scotland, covering 75% of all local authority areas in Scotland, including in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency; understands that, since its inception, the project has generated over £20 million of financial gain for veterans and their families; acknowledges recent analysis, which shows that 95% of service users showed improvements in peace of mind, 84% saw improvements in their financial situation, including access to benefits, 75% felt more able to help themselves, and 67% saw improvements to their mental health, and notes the calls for RBL, in light of what it sees as these significant outcomes, to reconsider its decision, which, it considers, will have a detrimental impact on the veteran community in Scotland.

S6M-14155: Pam Gosal: Repairing Potholes on Scotland's Roads— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the degrading state of Scotland's roads, due to potholes; understands that, between April 2023 and February 2024, 108,256 potholes were recorded in 29 out of 32 Scottish local authorities, including 2,463 potholes in East Dunbartonshire and 1,867 potholes in West Dunbartonshire; further understands that the number of potholes recorded by local authorities has increased by 15% since the fiscal year 2021-22; acknowledges the findings of a report from the RAC, which has shown that the state of roads was the main concern of six in 10 drivers across the UK, and that pothole damage costs drivers an average of £460, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take meaningful action to repair Scotland's roads by providing local authorities with the funding that they need to repair potholes.

S6M-14008: David Torrance: Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding— That the Parliament congratulates Kingdom Off Road

Motorcycle Club on securing £90,000 of funding from Foundation Scotland's Tackling Inequalities Fund; understands that the Fife-based motorbike charity will use the money over a three-year period to go towards supporting local young people and harnessing their energy through the adrenaline-inducing sport; acknowledges the club's aim to make safe, off-road motorcycling more accessible for people of all ages in a bid to reduce the antisocial and illegal use of off-road motorcycles; understands that the club works in partnership with Police Scotland and other organisations and has sustained an 80% reduction in antisocial behaviour over the last couple of years; commends the club on the opportunities that it provides for people, as well as the reported social impact that it has had in the Fife area, and wishes the club the very best for the future.

S6M-13967: Gordon MacDonald: S6M-13937: Celebrating the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership— That the Parliament celebrates the work of the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership (SEHP) and its reported success in bringing almost 11,000 long-term empty properties back into use since its establishment in 2010; understands that 1,875 long-term empty homes were brought back into use in 2023-24 alone, a record annual figure for the partnership; recognises the role of the SEHP in facilitating collaborative work between Shelter Scotland, local authorities and the Scottish Government, which it understands has invested over £3.7 million in the partnership to date; notes the view that joint efforts to bring long-term empty properties back into use must continue, with over 46,000 properties reportedly still identified as empty or void across Scotland, including 7,200 in the City of Edinburgh Council area; further notes the belief that initiatives such as a reduction in VAT by the UK Government for repairs and improvements could facilitate the investment required to support households into a further 46,000 short-term unoccupied and vacant homes, whether council home voids, housing association stock awaiting repairs, or private properties lying empty; believes that SEHP's recent milestone is a vital step towards achieving the Scottish Government's ambition to tackle the housing emergency and provide a further 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; understands that over 131,000 social and affordable homes have been provided by Scottish National Party administrations since 2007 and that this is the highest figure per head of population in the UK; further understands that more than 21,000 homes have already been delivered against the 2032 target; highlights that over £600 million is reportedly being committed to the Affordable Housing Supply Programme in 2024-25, despite what it sees as unprecedented pressure on Scotland's public finances as a result of rising costs and the budgetary decisions of the UK Government, and notes the calls on the UK Government to use its upcoming Budget to reverse what it sees as harmful cuts to Scotland's capital funding allocation, to enable the Scottish Government to invest further in the provision of warm, affordable housing for all.

S6M-13791: Foysoil Choudhury: The Importance of Medical Technology for Patients with Diabetes— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital importance of medical technology, especially real-time continuous glucose monitoring (rt-CGM), for patients with diabetes; notes the Stanford University study that highlighted that type 1 diabetics, and those who use insulin to manage their condition, make about 180 more decisions each day about their health than those without diabetes, and that access to diabetes technology helps to reduce this burden; welcomes the recent SIGN guidance to improve the accessibility of such

technology to patients via NHS Scotland; understands that many patients are not able to access rt-CGM or are being forced to switch to a product less suitable for their needs; is concerned about the impact that changes to product use and a lack of access to medical technology is having on patients and the potential impact on diabetes complications; recognises what it sees as the value of sustainable multi-year funding and lifecycle cost benefit analysis in diabetes care, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider what action can be taken to protect patients, including those in the Lothian region, and maximise the availability of cost-saving medical technology.

S6M-13790: Foysoil Choudhury: Addressing Equalities Issues Faced by BAME Individuals and Community Organisations— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of addressing the equalities issues faced by BAME and migrant communities and organisations in Edinburgh; notes the work of community organisations such as Project Esperanza in Edinburgh, which works to address issues of social isolation, migration trauma and racial trauma through its provision of practical, emotional and integration support to families and people of African and multi-ethnic backgrounds; further notes the view that more work should be done to support BAME and migrant communities, including working to remove economic barriers, helping migrant families to access services, expanding access to free English lessons, and supporting migrants with no recourse to public funds, and notes the view that more work should be done to support BAME and migrant organisations, including ensuring equal access to community assets and venues for black- and multi-ethnic-led charities, increasing access to senior managers and practitioners in healthcare, social care and education to encourage shared decision making and prompt systemic changes, and providing direct, sustainable funding and engagement to black and multi-ethnic experts and organisations.

S6M-13649: Elena Whitman: Common Ground Forum on Deer - That the Parliament recognises the achievements of the Common Ground Forum in addressing challenging conflicts and relationships in the deer management sector; welcomes that the forum has brought together stakeholders, including land managers and conservationists, to build consensus and common understanding; notes what it sees as the importance of effective deer management in achieving both nature restoration and the viability of rural businesses in many parts of the country, including in Ayrshire, and further notes the calls for all sides of the issues to continue to come together under the Common Ground Forum's approach.

S6M-13635: Stephanie Callaghan: 80th Anniversary of One Parent Families Scotland - That the Parliament congratulates One Parent Families Scotland on its remarkable 80th anniversary, and commends the charity for its tireless efforts in empowering single parents to reach their full potential; understands that the charity provides a range of essential support services, including family, employability, young parent support and welfare rights and financial advice at its five local family centres in Dundee, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow, and North Lanarkshire, as well as through a national lone parent helpline and digital support services; notes that the charity, originally founded in the 1940s as the Scottish Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, was established with the aim of keeping unmarried mothers and their children together; celebrates the charity's growth into what it sees as an impactful organisation, employing 97 members of staff, supporting over 8,000 parents, children

and young people annually, and providing welfare rights and financial advice that it considers has benefited nearly 4,000 families, resulting in financial gains for families of over £1.6 million; recognises that one in four families with children in Scotland are single-parent families, with 90% of those being women; considers that, despite significant improvements since the 1940s, gender inequality remains a major cause of discrimination against many single mothers; understands that single parents face unique challenges, combining the roles of sole carer and provider without the ability to pool resources with another adult, often resulting in a higher likelihood of poverty compared to other households; applauds the charity for what it sees as its pivotal role in advocating for single parents across all levels of government, striving to achieve lasting solutions to the poverty that many face, and celebrates what it considers to be the resilience of single parents and the amazing job that they do as parents.

S6M-13534: Foysoil Choudhury: Recognising the Benefits of Active Travel to Public Health and Communities - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the benefits of active travel to public health and communities; understands that active travel involves journeys made by modes of transport that are fully or partially people powered, such as walking, wheeling or cycling; considers that active travel is proven to improve the physical and mental health of members of the public, with the Sustrans Walking and Cycling Index stating that walking and cycling prevents over 2,700 serious long-term health conditions every year in Edinburgh and Glasgow; recognises what it sees as the barriers that exist for some groups in adopting active travel with, it understands, just 62% of women feeling safe walking in their local area at night, compared with 89% of men, and disabled people, who are underrepresented in active travel, reportedly making fewer journeys and travelling smaller distances on average, according to the Scottish Household Survey; notes the view that Scotland's streets and systems of travel can be designed to promote the adoption of active travel, for example, by integrating public transport with active travel, and providing street furniture such as secure cycle parking or pavement widening planters; welcomes the reported adoption of active travel plans and projects by Scottish local authorities; notes in particular the recently completed City Centre West to East Link in Edinburgh, which connects the Water of Leith and Picardy Place with protected cycle routes and cyclist and pedestrian priority at key junctions; acknowledges what it sees as the role that organisations such as Living Streets Scotland play in promoting active travel to the public, for example, through its recent walk-to-school campaign, The Magic of Walking; notes the belief that encouraging the adoption of active travel is vital for reducing congestion and pollution in Scotland's communities, and for reaching Scotland's 2045 climate change targets, and further notes the hope that there is continued support for, and growth of, active travel.

S6M-13469: Pam Duncan-Glancy: Saving the Trade Union Education Centre at City of Glasgow College - That the Parliament is concerned by proposals to close the Trade Union Education Centre at City of Glasgow College; understands that the Centre was formed in 1992, originally as part of Stow College in Glasgow and that, over the years, it has seen thousands of students enrol on its course; recognises what it sees as the vital role of trade union education in supporting workers' representation and rights; believes that, if it closes, a number of staff face losing their jobs; recognises what it sees as the important role the Centre has played in building

the trade union voices of today and for the next generation of workers' representatives, and notes the calls for the threat of closure to be lifted.

S6M-13439: Katy Clark: Crisis in Scotland's Retained Fire Service - That the Parliament notes that Scotland's retained Fire and Rescue Service covers 80% of the landmass of the country, including the West Scotland region, with over 2,700 Fire and Rescue Service personnel working out of 240 fire stations, serving urban and rural communities 365 days a year; is concerned that what it sees as years of budget reductions, the loss of jobs, a recruitment crisis and low pay have resulted in around 150 retained crewed fire appliances a day being "off the run" and unable to respond to emergency calls; understands that retained firefighters are required to make themselves available for 80 to 120 hours a week and be able to attend their nearest fire station within five to eight minutes of a call, and in return they are paid a retainer of £2,717 to £3,623 per year, with additional payments for training, drill nights and emergency calls, meaning that for most retained firefighters it is their secondary employment and they need another job to make ends meet; further understands that there is a 29% vacancy rate with 11% of recruits reportedly leaving the service in 2022-23 alone; notes the belief that this situation is completely untenable, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, which is consulting on the future of the service, to urgently address what it sees as this crisis in the retained service.

S6M-13434: Christine Grahame: Celebrating 10 Years of the .scot Domain— That the Parliament celebrates the 10th anniversary of the .scot domain; understands that the dotSCO campaign attracted cross-party support in the Scottish Parliament, after a petition with 1,200 signatures was brought before the Public Petitions Committee in 2008 by Ross Ingebrigtsen and David Hutchison; notes that, when the internet was opened up to new gTLDs (generic top level domains), Glasgow-based not-for-profit company dotScot Registry applied to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) for the .scot domain, and that, after what it understands to have been a complex and expensive application, was successful in 2014; further notes that the application was supported by letters from prominent Scots, Scottish businesses, cultural organisations, sports bodies, charities and Scottish societies at home and around the world, as well as a letter of non-objection from the UK Government; acknowledges that early users of the .scot domain included the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and NHS Scotland and that, today, it has a presence in 62 countries around the globe; congratulates those involved in pursuing the campaign to establish the .scot domain and sustaining it for the past 10 years, including dotScot Registry's Managing Director, Gavin McCutcheon and Chairman Harry McGrath, and notes the calls encouraging more organisations in Scotland to adopt the .scot name as a clear marker of their Scottish identity.

S6M-13422: Finlay Carson: Congratulating Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere on Promoting the Sustainable Development Goals - That the Parliament congratulates the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere for its work on sustainability, exemplified by the development of a Sustainable Development Goals trail that champions the actions of local communities and businesses from across the biosphere region; notes that the Biosphere Partnerships initiative is focussed on adding value to Scottish Blackface

sheep wool as part of the circular economy; recognises what it sees as the many training opportunities provided to early career starters, while acknowledging its commitment to young people through the development of educational resources for schools and for Scout and Guide groups; praises it for the international recognition that it believes it brings to the region through visits from other UNESCO sites and by being included on National Geographic's Cool List 2024 as one of the world's 30 most exciting destinations to visit in 2024, and wishes the Biosphere continued success in its future development.

S6M-13412: Brian Whittle: Josh Kerr Breaks British Mile Record - That the Parliament commends what it sees as the outstanding effort of Scottish athlete, Josh Kerr, from Edinburgh, in breaking Steve Cram's 39-year-old British record for the mile in the recent Diamond League in Oregon, with a time of three minutes and 45.34 seconds, beating Olympic Champion, Jakob Ingebrigtsen; understands that this places him as the sixth-fastest miler of all time; notes that this latest performance comes on the back of his World Championship 1,500m win in the 2023 Outdoor World Championships, and his World Indoor 2024 Gold Medal in the 3,000m; recognises that Scottish athletes, Neil Gourley and former World 1,500m Champion, Jake Wightman, placed fourth and fifth in the same race, with personal best times of three minutes and 47.74 seconds and three minutes and 47.83 seconds respectively, and believes that Scottish middle distance running is experiencing an amazing purple patch, and that these superb athletes are an inspiration to future athletes.

S6M-13402: Audrey Nicoll: Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland - That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Environment LINK report, *Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland: A Plan for Effective Action*, which collates the thinking of Scotland's environmental non-governmental organisations regarding invasive non-native species; understands that invasive non-native species constitute one of the five principal direct drivers of global biodiversity loss and that invasive non-native species are among the most significant pressures on Scotland's biodiversity; recognises the reported significant negative impacts that invasive non-native species have for Scotland's marine, terrestrial and freshwater environments, including in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency; highlights reports of the financial impact of invasive non-native and non-native species on Scotland's economy; notes the view that it is necessary to effectively tackle invasive non-native species as a prerequisite to successful nature restoration in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund is providing critical funds to initiate and develop projects, working with communities and volunteers to prevent the establishment, and control the spread, of invasive non-native species, and considers that this is allowing the recovery of biodiversity across Scotland, including river restoration projects addressing invasive non-native plants, controlling invasive rhododendron in Scotland's rainforest and safeguarding internationally important seabird islands from non-native mammals through island biosecurity action.

S6M-13339: Keith Brown: Establishing a Banking Hub in Alloa— That the Parliament notes with concern the decision of the TSB to close nine branches across Scotland, including the Alloa branch; further notes that this is the latest in a number of bank closures across the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency, which it

believes will leave Alloa town centre with only two cash machines and the entirety of Clackmannanshire, an area with a population of around 52,000, with only one high street bank; acknowledges what it considers to be the significant impact that this closure will have on local residents and businesses who rely on high street banks for access to cash and banking services; notes the belief that the establishment of a banking hub, such as those currently operating in Cambuslang, Carluke, Troon, and numerous other locations across Scotland, could be a viable long-term solution for access to banking services in Alloa and Clackmannanshire; recognises that LINK is the organisation that recommends the location of such hubs, and notes the calls urging it to give consideration to establishing one in Alloa.

S6M-13331: Emma Roddick: Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI) – That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the fast evolution and potential of artificial intelligence (AI); understands that there have been many warnings from those most closely familiar with AI capabilities who say that the regulation of and limits on AI's use is required to ensure safety; notes reports that Professor Geoffrey Hinton, known as the “godfather of AI”, has warned of the need for greater social security investment when AI is entrusted with roles currently carried out by salaried humans, and the need to consider the implications and threat to humanity of AI being given military roles and resources; further notes with concern the conclusions of researchers who report that AI is already acting independently in unexpected ways; acknowledges, for example, that a recent study from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) demonstrated AI models beginning to exhibit deception, apparently becoming aware of and adapting to safety assessments of its operation by deceiving assessors and operating differently while under observation, and notes the belief that, in order to effectively regulate the operation of and reach of AI, including in the Highlands and Islands region, policymakers have a duty to seek to understand how it works, what the dangers are, and how to protect society and vulnerable individuals from harm.

S6M-13307: Maggie Chapman: Ending Conversion Practices— That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's commitment to legislate to ban conversion practices; further notes the belief that this is a vital step forward in ensuring that everyone in Scotland can live their lives free from marginalisation and discrimination, including in the North East Scotland region; acknowledges the findings of the Scottish Government's Expert Advisory Group on Ending Conversion Practices, which concluded, amongst other things, that a ban would not lead to unlawful restrictions on existing freedoms, such as freedom of speech or belief, and that any ban must recognise the inability of victims to consent to these practices; notes the work undertaken by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on this issue and its unanimous report in 2022 in favour of a comprehensive ban on conversion practices; further notes the consultation carried out by the Scottish Government on ending conversion practices for both sexual orientation and gender identity, which closed on 2 April 2024, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to publish the findings of this consultation as soon as possible, along with a timetable for legislation to ban conversion practices before the end of the current parliamentary session.

S6M-13289: Ariane Burgess: Restoring Scotland's Nature— That the Parliament welcomes the awarding of £7.8 million to 14 projects across Scotland in the most

recent round of funding from the Nature Restoration Fund in spring 2024, including in the Highlands and Islands region; notes that the Nature Restoration Fund, established as part of the Bute House Agreement, comprises of a total of £65 million that is being allocated to projects that tackle biodiversity loss across the current parliamentary session; further notes that the funding to date is supporting woodland creation, wetland protection, river catchment restoration, marine species recovery and grasslands across the country; understands, with concern, that Scotland is one of most nature-depleted countries in the world according to the Biodiversity Intactness Indicator, and that nature is in crisis; notes the belief that the Scottish Government's proposed Natural Environment Bill will be crucial for enabling actions to halt biodiversity decline, including deer management and nature recovery targets, and awaits its introduction.

S6M-13288: Lorna Slater: National Parks: Investing in Scotland's Natural Environment—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's confirmation that it remains committed to designating at least one new national park by 2026; recognises what it sees as the enormous contribution made by Scotland's existing two national parks, in the Cairngorms and Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, since their creation; believes that the existing national parks provide outstanding opportunities for people across Scotland to enjoy the outdoors, including people from the Lothian region; considers that national parks deliver important land management and planning functions to benefit local communities, including supporting the provision of affordable housing; understands that the existing national parks have attracted inward investment to rural areas and provide grant support to local businesses; considers that national parks play a key role in taking forward the actions needed to meet Scotland's climate ambitions and restore biodiversity; extends support to each of the five areas seeking to be Scotland's next national park, and looks forward to the announcement of Scotland's newest national park in the current parliamentary session.

S6M-13266: Ruth Maguire: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression—That the Parliament recognises 2 June 2024 as International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression; understands that children living in what it sees as war-torn countries and regions, such as Gaza and Ukraine, are not safe sleeping in their homes or playing outside, learning in school or seeking medical care at hospital; recognises the UNICEF report, 25 Years of Children and Armed Conflict, which states that, since 2005, at least 104,100 children have been killed or maimed in situations of armed conflict, more than 93,000 have been recruited and used by parties to conflict, at least 25,700 children have been abducted, at least 14,200 children have been subjected to rape and other sexual violence, no fewer than 14,900 incidents of denial of humanitarian access have been verified, and that there have been more than 13,900 attacks on schools and hospitals; reflects on what it considers to be the progress made by the international community to better understand how wars impact children; acknowledges the global campaign to generate greater awareness and action to protect children affected by war by the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, and notes the support for the international community to end and prevent grave violations committed against children in times of conflict.

S6M-13178: Pam Gosal: 40th Anniversary of Volunteers' Week—That the Parliament commends the hard work and dedication shown by volunteers in Scotland; celebrates the 40th anniversary of Volunteers' Week, which runs from 3 to 9 June 2024; considers that this is an opportunity to highlight the vital role that volunteers play in local communities across Scotland; understands that without volunteers many services would not function, and pays thanks to the millions of people who volunteer across Scotland to make a genuine difference to people's lives.

S6M-13174: Graham Simpson: Tenement Maintenance Law Reform—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Law Commission's discussion paper on the proposed scheme for tenement owners' associations; recognises that this discussion paper follows the work of the Tenement Maintenance Working Group, convened at the Scottish Parliament in March 2018, which was established to explore actions that could be taken to improve the condition of Scotland's tenements, including those in the Central Scotland region; acknowledges that the Scottish Law Commission's project responds to the Tenement Maintenance Working Group's recommendation that every tenement building in Scotland should have an owners' association to coordinate work to the building, and a corresponding reference received from the Scottish Government to that effect in January 2022; notes the discussion paper's proposals concerning the functions, powers and duties of a tenement owners' association, including the role of an association manager, decision-making procedures, liability of owners for costs and the implementation of an annual budgeting system, and further notes the encouragement for those with an interest in the issues raised in the discussion paper to respond to its proposals before 1 August 2024, in order to shape the recommendations made in the Scottish Law Commission's final report.

S6M-12918: Fulton MacGregor: Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland - That the Parliament commends the recent paper, Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland, published by the Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse; notes with concern the lack of Scotland-specific data regarding sibling sexual abuse (SSA); understands that SSA is the most common form of intra-familial child sexual abuse; acknowledges research that suggests that it is estimated that at least twice as many children are sexually abused by a child sibling than by a parent; recognises that many survivors who talk of their experiences of rape or sexual assault perpetrated by a sibling find that their abuse can be met by disbelief or minimisation by adults and professionals as "sexual experimentation" or "natural curiosity"; understands that SSA is less likely to be disclosed than other forms of sexual abuse, due to shame, fears of punishment or blame, or not being believed; further understands that the consequences of SSA may include post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, substance and alcohol misuse, eating disorders and relationship difficulties throughout life; believes that there is credible evidence that SSA often goes unrecognised or is minimised by professionals, which it considers is adverse to the needs of survivors and their families; acknowledges what it considers the complex issue of SSA whereby perpetrators are often underage themselves and may be in need of additional support; notes the support for any measures to highlight the prevalence of sibling sexual abuse, its impact and what parents can do if they are concerned about sexual behaviour between siblings; further notes the belief that it is valuable to launch a reference group bringing together key agencies and those

with lived experience to consolidate learning, identify best practices and steer future policy and practice so that scalable, proportionate and trauma-informed responses are available to address this issue, and notes the belief that it is beneficial to establish dedicated training courses for social workers and other safeguarding professionals, including those in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, specifically on disclosure and communicating with children when there are concerns about SSA.

S6M-12467: Russell Findlay: The Murder of Emma Caldwell - That the Parliament notes the conviction of Iain Packer for the murder of Emma Caldwell, aged 27, from Erskine, Renfrewshire, in 2005; further notes that Iain Packer was also found guilty by a jury at the High Court in Glasgow of 32 additional charges, including the rape and sexual assault of 21 other women; notes with concern that some of Iain Packer's victims have told the media that they were initially not believed; understands that these include Magdalene Robertson, who reported Iain Packer to police in 2006 for raping her; notes with concern that, in 2007, four other men were charged by the police with Emma Caldwell's murder, and were remanded in custody before the Crown Office decided in 2008 not to prosecute them; understands that at least one of these four men reportedly received financial compensation for false arrest; commends former police detective, Gerry Gallacher, who learned of concerns about the murder inquiry and, it understands, decided to undertake his own inquiries as a private citizen; understands that Iain Packer was first publicly identified as a "forgotten suspect" by the Sunday Mail newspaper in 2015; further understands that, in response to the Sunday Mail report, Police Scotland launched an investigation that sought to identify the source of the newspaper's information; notes reports that Police Scotland unlawfully obtained private communications data from Gerry Gallacher, his wife, Marjorie Gallacher, former police officers, David Moran and Steven Adams, and two other individuals; understands that, in 2016, the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (IPT) found that Police Scotland's unlawful actions were contrary to these individuals' rights under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR); further understands that, in 2022, the IPT found that Police Scotland had acted in a manner that was incompatible with the ECHR rights of the newspaper's then editor, Jim Wilson, with the judge, Lady Carmichael, stating that "There is a real risk that conduct of that sort will have a chilling effect on his ability to obtain and disseminate information in the public interest"; notes that, in 2019, BBC Scotland broadcast a documentary entitled Disclosure: Who Killed Emma?, which was produced by Eamonn O Connor and included an interview with Iain Packer, conducted by Sam Poling, in which he denied killing Emma Caldwell and being violent towards women; further notes that some reported victims of Iain Packer contacted the BBC after the broadcast and provided statements to Police Scotland; agrees with trial judge Lord Beckett, who, in his sentencing statement, gave credit to Sam Poling for her journalistic work, and also cited the "patient, persistent and professional police work" of retired detectives, Stuart Hall and David Barr; commends the work of all police officers, lawyers and journalists who, it believes, have been instrumental in collectively exposing what it sees as significant police failings and wrongdoing, which it is believed resulted in Iain Packer evading investigation for far too long, and which, it considers, has caused damage to public confidence in Scotland's justice system; notes with sadness that Emma Caldwell's father, William Caldwell, died of cancer in 2011 at the age of 62; pays tribute to Emma Caldwell's mother, Margaret Caldwell, and her family for their

tireless 19-year campaign to secure justice, during which time, it believes, they have displayed great courage, strength, tenacity and dignity; welcomes the apology that has been issued by Police Scotland, and notes the reported view of Margaret Caldwell, her family, and their solicitor, Aamer Anwar, that while the judge-led public inquiry that has been agreed to by the Scottish Government is welcome, it should be presided over by someone who is wholly independent of Scotland's criminal justice system.

S6M-12264: Alexander Stewart: FAST Stroke Detection Guidance - That the Parliament notes that he calls for a review of the current FAST stroke detection guidance; understands that the acronym, which stands for "face, arms, speech, time", does not reliably detect all strokes, according to the independent academic evidence cited by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) in its briefing for the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on petition PE2048; further understands that figures suggest that between 8% and 10% of all strokes are missed by FAST, and that, with over 11,250 recorded strokes in Scotland in 2022, this could mean that more than 1,000 strokes are missed by FAST in Scotland each year; considers that further SPICe evidence highlights that what it sees as the updated BE-FAST test, which stands for "balance, eyes, face, arms, speech, time", is more effective at detecting strokes when compared with FAST; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to acknowledge this updated guidance, and to strongly consider issuing this across both NHS and private healthcare providers all over Scotland; commends Mid Scotland and Fife constituent, Selena Bundy, and her family for what it sees as their tireless efforts in raising awareness of BE-FAST and all stroke symptoms, following the sudden death of Selena's husband, Anthony Bundy, in 2023, and sends its deepest condolences to Mrs Bundy and her family for the tragic loss of their loving husband and father.

S6M-12232: Pam Gosal: International Women's Day - That the Parliament recognises International Women's Day, taking place on 8 March 2024; welcomes the 2024 theme, "Inspire Inclusion"; understands that the first International Women's Day was held in March 1911, and that it is a day of collective global activism and celebration that belongs to all of those committed to forging women's equality; believes that, in order to truly include women, one must embrace the diversity of women in terms of race, age, ability and body image; recognises the critical value of women, and work towards the inclusion of women and girls; notes the belief that this can be achieved in a number of ways, such as by promoting women's economic empowerment, assisting women and girls in assuming leadership and decision-making roles in business and STEM fields, designing and constructing infrastructure that meets the needs of women and girls, and much more; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of fostering an environment of inclusion that uplifts and empowers women from all walks of life, and notes the calls on MSPs to commit to working towards a more equitable and diverse society.

S6M-12209: Jamie Halcro Johnston: 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution - That the Parliament congratulates the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) on celebrating the 200th anniversary of its formation in 1824, and on the remarkable achievements of the RNLI in saving over 144,000 lives throughout its history; recognises the bravery and commitment of RNLI personnel throughout the 238 lifeboat stations across the UK and Ireland, and the RNLI lifeguards on over

240 beaches, who watch over Scotland's coastal communities and are ready to help those in trouble at sea; remembers all those RNLI crew members who have been lost risking their lives to save the lives of others; acknowledges what it sees as the huge respect in which Scotland, as a maritime nation, holds the RNLI, nowhere more so than in communities across the Highlands and Islands, which have a strong relationship with the sea; further acknowledges the contribution of all those who help to support the work of the RNLI, from fundraisers to volunteers, and wishes the RNLI every success for the future as it continues with its vital mission of saving lives at sea.

S6M-12169: Richard Leonard: Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike - That the Parliament notes that 12 March 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of the official start of the 1984-85 miners' strike; considers that this strike was, without parallel, the most significant industrial dispute since the 1926 general strike; believes that miners took action in defence of jobs, communities and a very way of life; considers that the full force of the state was deployed against the miners and their trade union, the National Union of Mineworkers, but that they stood steadfast for a full year; believes that the strike could not have endured without public support, including from women's groups, the lesbian and gay community, trade unions and workers across the world; deplores what it sees as the injustices towards miners and their communities during and since the strike; notes the belief that there is continuing need for investment in mining communities, and further notes the call for a public inquiry into the policing of the strike.

Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in the past 12 months

5. Below is a table of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in the past 12 months, a record of all Members' Business taken from the start of session 6 is available on request.

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
6 September 2023	Christine Graham	SNP	NHS Borders Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit Celebrates 20 th Anniversary
7 September 2023	Liz Smith	CON	Save our Pools Campaign
8 September 2023	Carol Mochan	LAB	Investing in Alcohol Services to Reduce Alcohol Related Harm in Scotland
12 September 2023	Bob Doris	SNP	Tackling Child Poverty
13 September 2023	Rona Mackay	SNP	Opening of Scotland's First Bairn's Hoose
14 September 2023	Gillian Mackay	GRN	Environmental Impact of Disposable Vapes
19 September 2023	Willie Rennie	LD	Consultation on Proposed Council Tax Rises
20 September 2023	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Maternity Services in Scotland
21 September 2023	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	World Rivers Day 2023

26 September 2023	Keith Brown	SNP	Devolution of Employment Law
27 September 2023	Kate Forbes	SNP	Rural Visa Pilot Scheme
28 September 2023	Miles Briggs	CON	See Beyond - See the Lives - Scotland
3 October 2023	Claire Baker	LAB	Our Kids Won't Wait Campaign
4 October 2023	Edward Mountain	CON	Stoma Care in Scotland
5 October 2023	John Swinney	SNP	Welcoming the Impact of Climate Cafes
24 October 2023	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Challenge Poverty Week
25 October 2023	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Climate Justice and Support for a Global Loss and Damage Fund
26 October 2023	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Free Bus Travel for People Seeking Asylum
31 October 2023	Katy Clark	LAB	Fire Service Cuts
1 November 2023	Clare Adamson	SNP	Scottish Games Week
2 November 2023	Bill Kidd	SNP	Nuclear Weapons Free Europe
7 November 2023	Finlay Carson	CON	Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy
8 November 2023	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector
9 November 2023	Daniel Johnson	LAB	Increase in Youth Anti-Social Behaviour
14 November 2023	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Children's Grief Awareness Week 2023
15 November 2023	Willie Coffey	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
16 November 2023	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Dying in the Margins
21 November 2023	Colin Beattie	SNP	Holodomor Memorial Day 2023
22 November 2023	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Calderwood Lodge Primary School 60-year Celebration
23 November 2023	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Keeping the Promise Oversight Board Report
28 November 2023	Clare Haughey	SNP	World AIDS Day 2023
29 November 2023	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Celebrating Age Scotland's 80th Anniversary
30 November 2023	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change

5 December 2023	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Future Island and Rural Transport Infrastructure
6 December 2023	Sue Webber	CON	Charitable Hospice Care to Meet Future Need
7 December 2023	John Swinney	SNP	Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl's Election to the UK Parliament
12 December 2023	Kaukab Stewart	SNP	75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
13 December 2023	Keith Brown	SNP	Fighting With Pride and Advocacy for LGBT+ Veterans
14 December 2023	Graham Simpson	CON	Antisocial Behaviour on Buses
19 December 2023	Alex Rowley	LAB	Supporting the Work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust
20 December 2023	Clare Adamson	SNP	Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month
21 December 2023	Bob Doris	SNP	75 Years of Marie Curie
9 January 2024	Jeremy Balfour	CON	Addressing the Availability of Changing Places Toilets
10 January 2024	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Protecting FCDO Jobs in East Kilbride
11 January 2024	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Bank of Scotland Ending Mobile Branch Services across Scotland
16 January 2024	Kevin Stewart	SNP	Languages at the University of Aberdeen
17 January 2024	Brian Whittle	CON	Recognising the Success of HMP Kilmarnock
18 January 2024	Ruth Maguire	SNP	International Insights, A Model for Scotland
23 January 2024	Emma Harper	SNP	The Role of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly
24 January 2024	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Celebrating Scotland's National Native Woodlands
25 January 2024	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Holocaust Memorial Day 2024
30 January 2024	Richard Leonard	LAB	Recognising the Contribution of Michael (Mick) McGahey
31 January 2024	Ben Macpherson	SNP	Enhancing Scottish Football
1 February 2024	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Lifting the £50 Million Charity Cap
6 February 2024	Donald Cameron	CON	Celebrating the Work of Dunoon Grammar School
7 February 2024	Rona Mackay	SNP	Definition of Deafblindness
8 February 2024	Stephen Kerr	CON	The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery

20 February 2024	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Gas and Electricity Standing Charges
21 February 2024	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy Launched at COP28
22 February 2024	Ivan McKee	SNP	Immediate Ceasefire in Palestine and Israel
27 February 2024	Stuart McMillan	SNP	McClure Solicitors
28 February 2024	Sharon Dowey	CON	Local Infrastructure and Rural Connectivity on the A77 and A75
29 February 2024	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024
5 March 2024	Emma Harper	SNP	Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2024
6 March 2024	Keith Brown	SNP	Congratulating the University of Stirling on the Launch of its Winning Students 100 Programme
7 March 2024	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Site-specific Just Transition for Mossmorran
12 March 2024	Willie Rennie	LD	Flood Management
13 March 2024	Sandesh Gulhane	CON	International Long Covid Awareness Day 2024
14 March 2024	Karen Adam	SNP	Young Carers Action Day 2024
19 March 2024	n/a	SNP	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
20 March 2024	Kate Forbes	SNP	The Economic Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland
21 March 2024	Douglas Ross	CON	Save Our Surgeries - Burghead and Hopeman
26 March 2024	Foyso Choudhury	LAB	Brain Tumour Awareness Month
27 March 2024	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update
28 March 2024	Christine Grahame	SNP	Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards
16 April 2024	Oliver Mundell	CON	Putting Langholm on the Map
17 April 2024	Ivan McKee	SNP	Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry
18 April 2024	Pauline McNeill	LAB	Prison Officers Association Campaign, 68 is Too Late
23 April 2024	Clare Haughey	SNP	Seventh Anniversary of the Two-child Benefit Cap

24 April 2024	n/a	SNP	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
25 April 2024	Liam Kerr	CON	The Need for New Railway Stations North of the Central Belt
30 April 2024	Bill Kidd	SNP	50th Anniversary of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
1 May 2024	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Celebrating Workers and Trade Unions on May Day
2 May 2024	Tess White	CON	New Energy Infrastructure in the North of Scotland
7 May 2024	Richard Leonard	LAB	Supporting the Further Education Workforce
8 May 2024	Emma Harper	SNP	World Asthma Day 2024
9 May 2024	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month
14 May 2024	Maurice Golden	CON	Urgent Action to Tackle Climate Change
15 May 2024	Clare Adamson	SNP	No Falls Week 2024
16 May 2024	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Foster Care Fortnight
21 May 2024	Marie McNair	SNP	National Epilepsy Week
22 May 2024	Alexander Burnett	CON	National Lyme Disease Awareness Month
23 May 2024	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Europe Day 2024
29 May 2024	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Importance of Wood-burning Stoves and Other Direct Emission Heating to Homes in Rural and Island Communities
30 May 2024	Alex Rowley	LAB	Physiotherapy Workforce Shortage in Scotland
30 May 2024	Michelle Thomson	SNP	Taliban's Suppression of Women's and Girls' Rights in Afghanistan - Rescheduled from 28 May 2024
4 June 2024	Clare Adamson	SNP	Child Safety Week 2024
5 June 2024	Kevin Stewart	SNP	40th Anniversary of Volunteers' Week
6 June 2024	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Permanently Ending Peak Rail Fares on ScotRail
11 June 2024	Neil Bibby	LAB	Proposed Cuts to Renfrewshire HSCP Services
12 June 2024	Tim Eagle	CON	Resolving Scotland's Rural Depopulation Crisis
13 June 2024	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Fostering a Discussion on a Kindergarten Stage in Scotland
19 June 2024	Clare Haughey	SNP	WASPI PHSO Final Report Published

20 June 2024	Jamie Greene	CON	West Coast Ferry Disruption and Replacement
20 June 2024	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Increasing Benefits Uptake in the Current Economic Climate
26 June 2024	Humza Yousaf	SNP	Immediate Recognition of the State of Palestine
27 June 2024	Marie McNair	SNP	Action Mesothelioma Day 2024
28 June 2024	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Rural and Island Digital Connectivity Challenges
3 September 2024	Sue Webber	CON	A New Winchburgh Train Station
4 September 2024	Bob Doris	SNP	Tackling the Misuse of Off-road Vehicles
5 September 2024	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Recognising the UN's Declaration for Future Generations
10 September 2024	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Repealing the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020
11 September 2024	Graham Simpson	CON	Retrofitting and Tenement Maintenance
12 September 2024	Bill Kidd	SNP	The Late Reverend John Ainslie
17 September 2024	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	Celebrating the Federation of Small Businesses' 50th Anniversary
18 September 2024	Lorna Slater	GRN	10 Years since Scotland's Independence Referendum
19 September 2024	Sharon Dowey	CON	Addressing Retail Crime and Antisocial Behaviour
24 September 2024	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity
25 September 2024	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Importance of the Scottish Wholesale Sector
26 September 2024	Rona Mackay	SNP	Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month
1 October 2024	Tess White	CON	Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls
1 October 2024	David Torrance	SNP	Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College (Rescheduled from 19 March)
2 October 2024	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Regulation of the Medical Aesthetics Industry in Scotland
3 October 2024	Katy Clark	LAB	Ardrossan Harbour

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Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	Alba	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	176	82	55	21	10	0	344

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