

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 February Recess is as follows—

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
October recess 2024			
28 October 2024	SNP	CON	SNP*
4 November 2024	SNP 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
Christmas Recess 2024-25			
6 January 2025	LAB	SNP	ALBA
13 January 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
20 January 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
27 January 2025	SNP	CON	LAB
3 February 2025	SNP	SNP	GRN

* Swapped with Lab on 10 October 2024

** Rescheduled from 24 April 2024

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

S6M-14922: Karen Adam: Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary— That the Parliament congratulates One Parent Families Scotland on reaching the remarkable milestone of its 80th anniversary, and commends the charity for its unwavering dedication to empowering single parents to realise their full potential; recognises what it sees as the charity's crucial role in offering a comprehensive range of support services, including family, employability, young parent support, welfare rights, and financial advice through its five family centres in Dundee, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow and North Lanarkshire, as well as its national lone parent helpline and digital services; acknowledges that the charity, originally established in the 1940s as the Scottish Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her

Child, was founded with a mission to keep unmarried mothers and their children together; celebrates the charity's extraordinary growth into an impactful organisation, employing 97 dedicated staff members, supporting over 8,000 parents, children, and young people each year, and providing what it considers to be life-changing welfare rights and financial advice that has, it understands, benefited nearly 4,000 families to date, resulting in financial gains for families exceeding £1.6 million; recognises that one in four families with children in Scotland are single-parent households, with 90% of these led by women; believes that, despite significant progress since the 1940s, gender inequality continues to fuel discrimination against many single mothers; understands the unique challenges faced by single parents combining the roles of sole carer and provider without the support of another adult, often facing a higher risk of poverty than other households; applauds the charity for its tireless advocacy for single parents at every level of government, working to create lasting solutions to what it sees as the widespread poverty that many face, and celebrates what it considers to be the remarkable resilience of single parents and the exceptional strength that they demonstrate every day in raising their families.

S6M-14871: David Torrance: 10% Increase in Prevalence of MS in Scotland Found by MS Society— That the Parliament thanks the MS Society for its work in conducting a new study, which has reportedly discovered that the number of people living in Scotland, including in Kirkcaldy, with multiple sclerosis (MS) has increased by 10%, and that the latest MS prevalence figure for Scotland is now estimated to be more than 17,000, which is higher than the 2019 figure of 15,000; understands that the sharp rise is thought to be due to a combination of factors, including better diagnosis and people with MS living longer, rather than simply an increase in the risk of developing MS, and that the new data shows that there are now estimated to be more than 150,000 people living with MS across the whole of the UK, up from an estimated 130,000; further understands that 73% of people with MS in Scotland are female, meaning that almost three times as many females live with the condition compared with males, and that people are most likely to be diagnosed in their 30s and 40s but that MS can affect people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and genders, and notes the belief that this new data highlights the need for further investment into neurological services to support those with MS, particularly given reports that the UK currently ranks 44 out of 45 European nations for the number of neurologists for each person with a neurological condition.

S6M-14848: Fulton MacGregor: Publication of National Primary School Swimming Framework— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the National Primary School Swimming Framework and supporting guidance for increasing and improving swimming lessons by primary schools, including in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency; understands that the development of this framework has been carried out by Scottish Swimming, in partnership with Scottish Water, to improve the current levels of swimming attainment within Scottish schools as part of a wider effort to ensure that every primary school pupil is afforded the opportunity to learn how to swim; further understands that the main objectives of the framework's proposals include introducing non-swimmers to the aquatic environment to develop their water confidence, and developing a strict understanding of safety in the water; acknowledges that Scottish Swimming recommends pupils to have a minimum of seven and a half hours of curriculum swimming delivery, which could be comprised of 10 sessions of approximately 45 minutes; recognises that Scottish

Swimming believes that the recommended age at which pupils should receive school swimming lessons is P4 and P5 because such children will have attained the appropriate literacy skills and before any social stigma can hinder their participation, which will help to ensure that all children have equal means and opportunities to engage with the swimming lessons; considers that the framework makes a clear distinction between a "universal" and "targeted" approach to school swimming provision, whereby all children are afforded the opportunity to swim, while a targeted approach identifies any pupils who are non-swimmers and require additional training and support; notes that the framework actively encourages swimming lessons in consistent blocks to support pupils in an organised way and ensuring that pupils are actively supported in teaching them how to swim; supports the framework's objectives on inclusivity, which highlight the provision of opportunities and pathways for children with physical, sensory, and learning impairments; praises the framework's objectives on the importance of reporting information to further understand the progress made by pupils, which will include information such as year group, school postcode, and any disabilities or health problems that are faced by pupils; believes that the framework has effectively emphasised aquatic safety at the heart of its recommendations on teaching children how to swim, and notes the belief that the framework provides an effective starting point for a national conversation on how to more effectively encourage swimming from a young age to be considered a vital skill to teach children.

S6M-14812: Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2024— That the Parliament celebrates St Andrew's Day on 30 November 2024; recognises the global, national and local importance of this annual event; highlights what it sees as the opportunity that the people of Scotland have through St Andrew's Day to celebrate their national identity, cultural diversity and place as one of the oldest nations in the international community; notes with thanks the efforts of the former MSP, Dennis Canavan, who it understands worked hard to gain cross-party agreement to make St Andrew's Day a national holiday in Scotland; acknowledges what it sees as the economic benefits that global recognition brings to Scotland through the culture, business, education, tourism and retail sectors, including through the global brand created by Scotland in the use of the Saltire as the national flag and identifier of Scottish produce and marketing; understands that St Andrew is an internationally recognisable figure within faith communities and that, while St Andrew has been a patron of Scotland since the 14th century, he is also a patron of many other countries, bringing together different nationalities, faiths and cultures; acknowledges the events hosted by those countries that identify St Andrew as their patron, and the use of the Saltire and links with Scotland that these events promote globally; commends all those in Scotland who celebrate St Andrew's Day and recognise the importance of the national day, and looks forward to future events being held across the world to keep connections with Scotland subsisting.

S6M-14806: Marie McNair: World COPD Day— That the Parliament recognises that 20 November 2024 is World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day, with this year's theme being Know Your Lung Function; understands that the day takes place to raise awareness of COPD and how to spot the symptoms, which include shortness of breath, a persistent chesty cough with phlegm, frequent chest infections and persistent wheezing; further understands that this lung disease causes restricted airflow and breathing problems and that it is a condition that most

commonly affects people who smoke or have smoked, those who have been exposed to dust fumes or chemicals in work, and those who had chest trouble or asthma in childhood; notes with concern that, currently, the condition is estimated to affect over 140,000 people in Scotland who have had a diagnosis and that tens of thousands are living without a proper diagnosis; understands the importance of the five fundamentals of COPD care, which are smoking cessation advice, flu and pneumococcal vaccines, access to pulmonary rehabilitation, co-development of a self-management plan and treatment for co-morbidities; welcomes the work of groups such as Asthma + Lung Scotland, which provides advice and support to people living with COPD, and commends community groups, such as the Clydebank Asbestos Group, which provide support to people living with asbestos-related illnesses, which can include COPD.

S6M-14804: Christine Grahame: Borders Railway Extension— That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the importance of the potential extension of the Borders Railway from Tweedbank to Carlisle; understands that the Borderlands Growth Deal, which was signed in 2021, stated that up to £10 million of funding would be available, made up of £5 million each from the UK and Scottish governments, for use on a feasibility study on this extension; believes that a number of campaigners are concerned that the UK Government's portion of this funding may be reviewed or withdrawn following the recent General Election, which brought in a Labour administration; further believes that there is a great deal of support for this extension, following what it sees as the success of the partial reopening of the line to Tweedbank, which has been part of the wider, decades-long campaign, to reinstate the full Borders Railway, following what it considers was its previous controversial closure during the Beeching closures in 1969, and notes the view that promises made on this must be honoured.

S6M-14784: Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024— That the Parliament marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place every November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which takes place on 21 November 2024; believes that, for decades, pancreatic cancer has been left behind, receiving just 3% of the UK cancer research budget; considers that an increase in long-term investment in such research could transform persistent low survival rates; welcomes Pancreatic Cancer UK's recent announcement of nearly £600,000 in funding for research taking place in Scotland into early diagnosis and treatment for the disease; acknowledges that pancreatic cancer is tough to detect and diagnose and understands that, once diagnosed, only three out of 10 people get any treatment, the lowest proportion of all cancer types; acknowledges that half of people die within three months of diagnosis; believes that, once diagnosed, people often face obstacles getting the information and care that they need to be well enough to have treatment, with scarce patient experience data and many people feeling "written off", with no support plan in place or help to manage symptoms; understands that, at present, there are shortages in the availability of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT), directly affecting the quality of life for people living with pancreatic cancer and other conditions; commends the health professionals and pancreatic cancer charities coming together to develop holistic support and guidance on what to do if a patient is running low or cannot get PERT; further commends all of the charities and activist organisations, and their dedicated supporters, on what it sees as their tireless efforts to improve

outcomes for people with this condition, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day every success in raising awareness of this devastating disease.

S6M-14749: Craig Hoy: Findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs Report, What Does "Brand Scotland" Mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub Sector?— That the Parliament notes the publication of the findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs' report, What does "Brand Scotland" mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub sector?; believes that Scotland should be a highly desirable country to live, work, study, visit, trade and invest; understands that the Scottish beer and pub sector contributes significantly to Brand Scotland; welcomes the inquiry carried out by MSPs, who took written and oral evidence from a wide section of witnesses, including breweries, pub operators, trade groups and research organisations; understands that witnesses told the inquiry about the dynamic and vibrant contribution that the sector makes to communities and the economy across Scotland, including in the South Scotland region, with over 100 breweries and 4,340 pubs employing 65,000 people and contributing £1.8 billion in wider economic benefits; notes what it sees as the largely unacknowledged and unique benefits that Scotland's pubs and breweries provide, including preventing social exclusion, boosting tourism, supporting local festivals, music, arts and sport, and acting as a catalyst for local events and charity fundraising; further notes, with concern, reports that Scotland's pubs are closing at a faster rate than elsewhere in the UK, with investment being diverted as, it understands, a lack of certainty makes it difficult to plan ahead, including as a result of regulatory proposals, complex and time consuming planning processes, employment challenges and business rates; notes that the report calls for a new hospitality strategy that aligns with Brand Scotland, which includes a review of business rates, the promotion of employment opportunities and a recognition of the need for a period of regulatory calm, and which should be developed in partnership with the sector, trade representatives and the Scottish Government, and further notes the calls for MSPs to commit to implementing these changes for the social and economic wellbeing of the Scottish hospitality sector.

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-14585: Keith Brown: Transparency of Political Donations in the UK— That the Parliament notes the reported £4 million donation made to the UK Labour Party by Quadrature Capital, a company that, it understands, has significant investments in fossil fuels, arms manufacturing and private healthcare firms, and which is owned by a firm registered in the Cayman Islands; understands that, according to Electoral Commission records, this donation was received in the one-week window between

the announcement of the 2024 UK General Election and the start of the pre-poll reporting period, which requires all political donations over £11,180 to be published weekly, rather than the usual quarterly publication; further understands that this means that, despite being made on 28 May 2024, Quadrature's donation was made public by the Electoral Commission more than two months after Labour won the election; believes, with concern, that, as a result, this donation was able to avoid due scrutiny during the election period; highlights what it sees as the need for clear, transparent and timely reporting of all political donations to safeguard the trust of people in the democratic process, including those in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency; notes the calls for all political parties to adhere to the highest levels of transparency regarding donations, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to introduce stronger rules to improve transparency in relation to donations to political parties.

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.

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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-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

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-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
3 October 2023	Claire Baker	LAB	Our Kids Won't Wait Campaign

4 2023	October	Edward Mountain	CON	Stoma Care in Scotland
5 2023	October	John Swinney	SNP	Welcoming the Impact of Climate Cafes
24 2023	October	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Challenge Poverty Week
25 2023	October	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Climate Justice and Support for a Global Loss and Damage Fund
26 2023	October	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Free Bus Travel for People Seeking Asylum
31 2023	October	Katy Clark	LAB	Fire Service Cuts
1 2023	November	Clare Adamson	SNP	Scottish Games Week
2 2023	November	Bill Kidd	SNP	Nuclear Weapons Free Europe
7 2023	November	Finlay Carson	CON	Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy
8 2023	November	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector
9 2023	November	Daniel Johnson	LAB	Increase in Youth Anti-Social Behaviour
14 2023	November	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Children's Grief Awareness Week 2023
15 2023	November	Willie Coffey	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
16 2023	November	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Dying in the Margins
21 2023	November	Colin Beattie	SNP	Holodomor Memorial Day 2023
22 2023	November	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Calderwood Lodge Primary School 60- year Celebration
23 2023	November	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Keeping the Promise Oversight Board Report
28 2023	November	Clare Haughey	SNP	World AIDS Day 2023
29 2023	November	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Celebrating Age Scotland's 80th Anniversary
30 2023	November	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change
5 2023	December	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Future Island and Rural Transport Infrastructure
6 2023	December	Sue Webber	CON	Charitable Hospice Care to Meet Future Need
7 2023	December	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
8 October 2024	Clare Haughey	SNP	Raising Awareness of Liver Disease
9 October 2024	Jackson Carlaw	CON	40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb Blast
10 October 2024	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Challenge Poverty Week 2024

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Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	Alba	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	177	83	56	21	10	0	347
Frequency %	51	24	16	6	3	0	100

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