

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 Easter recess is as follows—

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20 January 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
27 January 2025	SNP	CON	LAB
3 February 2025	SNP	SNP	GRN
February Recess 2025			
17 February 2025	LD	CON	SNP
24 February 2025	SNP	SNP	CON
3 March 2025	LAB	SNP	SNP
10 March 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
17 March 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
24 March 2025	SNP	GRN	CON
31 March 2025	LAB	SNP	SNP
Easter Recess 2025			

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

S6M-16094: Bob Doris: Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston: That the Parliament congratulates the community of Summerston, in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency, on reaching the significant milestone of having been established for 50 years; understands that the first residents settled in the area from late 1974; believes that, in the years that followed, they witnessed a strong, close knit and civically-minded community develop; commends the Summerston Community and Environmental Group (SCEG) on its efforts to both improve the area's environment and celebrate the five decades of Summerston as a community; acknowledges the work of SCEG in, it believes, it being "hands on" in its efforts to enhance the local area; notes that a community action plan was developed by SCEG following a major community consultation to help further improve the area; believes that a successful, piper-led, winter lantern parade, supported by Summerston schoolchildren and the wider community took place on the 27 November 2024 to mark the 50th anniversary, which kickstarted a number of events planned over the next 12 months; considers that constructive community activism and participation is a key component in helping communities such as Summerston prosper; supports the

coming year's activities, and wishes the people of Summerston every success on the area continuing to thrive for the next 50 years and beyond.

S6M-16045: Christine Grahame: Ending Low Welfare Animal Activities Abroad

—That the Parliament believes that wild animals are exploited globally on a massive scale for entertainment, including being forced to undertake unnatural behaviours to train them to perform; considers that dolphin entertainment, such as "swim-with" experiences and dolphin shows, elephant rides and bathing, tiger selfies and various other forms of wild animal entertainment are cruel and that the training methods and the enclosures in which they are kept cannot meet their welfare needs; recognises that the sale and advertising of these overseas activities is supporting and allowing the trade to continue; considers that, while travel companies continue to sell low-welfare activities abroad, the trade will continue, and notes the reported view of many people in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and across Scotland, that domestic legislation to prohibit the sale and advertisement of low-welfare animal activities abroad is a policy that would reduce considerably the cruel exploitation of wild animals trapped in the tourist entertainment industry.

S6M-16005: Christine Grahame: The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice

— That the Parliament notes the publication of Dr Jim Swire's book, *The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice*, which has been serialised on television; recognises what it sees as Dr Swire's painful but steady commitment to uncovering the facts behind the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, which, shortly after 7.00 pm on 21 December 1988, was destroyed by a bomb over the town of Lockerbie, killing all 243 passengers, 16 crew and 11 Lockerbie residents, a total of 270 fatalities, including his much loved daughter, Flora; understands that Dr Swire, with many others, considers that the conviction of Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, under Scots law at Camp Zeist, is insecure; believes that the failure of subsequent Scottish courts to allow any appeal, despite two referrals by the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission, on the grounds that there may have been a miscarriage of justice, gives concern; notes the view that, until there is a full and independent inquiry and full disclosure at a UK level into all aspects of this, the worst terrorist attack in the UK, the integrity of the conviction, and indeed Scots law, will remain in question, and commends Dr Jim Swire for never giving up on his search for the truth and for those responsible for the murder of his daughter and the other 269 people whose lives were so cruelly ended.

S6M-16002: Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, For a Better Future

— That the Parliament recognises that 27 January 2025 will mark Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD); understands that the Holocaust was the brutal, barbaric and inhumane murder of six million Jewish men, women and children from 1941 to 1945 in concentration and death camps, mass shootings and ghettos; acknowledges that HMD takes place on 27 January each year as the date represents the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, which was the largest concentration camp; notes that the official theme for HMD 2025 is "For a better future"; recognises that there are many actions that people can take to make a contribution towards achieving a better future for all, such as confronting prejudice, reinforcing the importance of learning about both the Holocaust and the more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, and challenging Holocaust denial, distortion and trivialisation whenever such narratives arise; acknowledges that 2025 marks

both 80 years since Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia; accepts that the Holocaust is an incredibly dark chapter in human history, and considers that HMD is a crucially important event in the annual calendar, which aims to highlight why its lessons can never be forgotten and why a zero tolerance approach must always be taken against antisemitism and all forms of prejudice.

S6M-15955: Alexander Stewart: Additional Support Needs in Scotland —That the Parliament acknowledges that, in Scotland, additional support needs (ASN) is a term used to describe the requirements for an estimated 190,000 children and young people, or 26.6% of all school pupils, who require extra help to reach their full learning potential; believes that ASN can include having motor or sensory impairments, learning difficulties such as dyslexia, English as an additional language or a myriad of emotional and social difficulties; notes that all schools have a duty to provide appropriate support and that this requirement was laid out in the Education (Additional Support for Learning) Scotland Act 2004; further notes that the Additional Support for Learning: Statutory Guidance 2017 sets out that schools have a number of responsibilities to support pupils who have ASN, such as making adequate and efficient provision for the support required, publishing, reviewing and updating specified information about their ASN policy, providing the parents of the pupils with all of the information that they are required to publish, providing, where needed, co-ordinated support plans for the pupils, and keeping this under regular review, and providing independent and free mediation services for parents and pupils, including publishing information about these services; believes that, with the right resources and focus, schools and further education settings, including those in Stirling and Clackmannanshire, can create a whole-school environment with an emphasis on inclusion and cooperation and delivering high aspirations; further believes that social and emotional skills programmes, which aim to build resilience through learning or coordinated support plans, can build skills step by step to bring success and give pupils with ASN a chance to test their skills out and receive encouragement and feedback, developing inclusiveness that can be encouraged through good quality health and wellbeing lessons, promoting relationships and diversity, supporting pupils to feel accepted and to belong; believes that, in addition to myriad other ambitions, they can help to deal with, and reduce, bullying and discrimination, and notes the calls that, in order for all pupils with ASN to benefit in full from their education, the support that they receive should be tailored to meet their individual needs and build on their strengths to help them overcome any difficulties that they experience.

S6M-15940: Christine Grahame: Banning Fur Imports— That the Parliament commends the work of Humane Society International/UK in exposing the reported conditions that some 700,000 animals are kept in annually in so-called high welfare fur farms in Finland; notes reports that the animals suffer both physically and mentally in cage confinement for their entire lives, and that their welfare needs are fundamentally not met; is concerned by virologists' reported warnings that the cramped conditions on fur farms are ideal for viruses to mutate and spread, and that they therefore present a serious public health risk; understands that animals are kept in these conditions to supply a global fur trade, which, it believes, is unethical and cruel; believes that, despite Scotland introducing legislation banning fur farming in 2002, fur from countries including Finland continues to be imported and sold across

the UK, which goes against the reported opinion of more than three quarters of the public who support a ban, including people in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency; understands that, while powers over import and export control remain reserved to the UK Parliament, the Scottish Government is unable to ban the trade of all fur in Scotland; notes the calls for the UK Government to reintroduce legislation to do so, and further notes the calls for existing bans on the import of cat, dog and seal fur to be extended to cover all fur-bearing species.

S6M-15868: Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025 — That the Parliament recognises that the week of 24 February to 2 March is Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025, and that the theme is that anyone can be affected by an eating disorder; understands that eating disorders affect at least one in 50 people across Scotland, including people of all ages, genders and backgrounds, with anorexia nervosa having a higher mortality rate than any other mental health condition, and that there is a range of recognised eating disorders; further understands that the sooner someone is treated for an eating disorder, the better their chance of making a full recovery, but that people too often delay seeking help due to perceived stigma and misconceptions about who can develop an eating disorder; welcomes the work of Beat, a UK-wide charity supporting people living with eating disorders and their families; understands that Beat continues to provide help across Scotland through funding from the Scottish Government; notes what it sees as the importance of protecting vital eating disorder services during the current fiscal challenges, and further notes the calls encouraging anyone in Scotland concerned about an eating disorder to contact their GP surgery and reach out to Beat on 0808 801 0432 or at beateatingdisorders.org.uk.

S6M-15759: Douglas Lumsden: Celebrating the Extension of Torness Nuclear Power Station— That the Parliament welcomes the reported decision by EDF Energy to extend the operational life of Torness Nuclear Power Station until 2030; recognises what it sees as the significant contribution of the power station, which employs approximately 750 people, including 550 employees and 180 contractors; considers that Torness, which began generating electricity in 1988, will continue to play a crucial role in providing stable, low-carbon electricity to Scottish homes, having generated, it understands, more electricity than all the wind energy in Scottish history, and saving three million tonnes of CO2 emissions annually; acknowledges the reported substantial investment of £1.3 billion across EDF's nuclear estate and what it sees as the careful management that has allowed for continued safe operation; understands that the extension will help bridge the energy gap and maintain critical skills in the nuclear energy sector, providing 1,200 MW of capacity and protecting against potential electricity supply shortages; commends the station's ongoing commitment to safety through regular inspections and technical assessments; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider its moratorium on new nuclear power and to recognise nuclear energy as a vital component of a stable, low-carbon energy mix, in light of, it understands, the station having prevented over 100 million tonnes of CO2 emissions throughout its lifetime; recognises the reported potential consumer savings of up to £75 per year, and wishes the Torness team continued success in what it sees as its important work of providing reliable electricity to the North East Scotland region and the wider UK.

S6M-15739: Murdo Fraser: Protection of Park Home Residents— That the Parliament believes that there are approximately 100 park home residential sites across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and that these contain more than 8,000 residents, with a typical residency of pensioners and retirees; further believes that park homes are a growing component of the housing stock; notes that residents own their park home and associated structure, but not the land that the park home is located on, and understands that the average cost of such homes varies between £90,000 and £250,000; recognises that there are reported concerns about park homes being mis-sold as main residencies despite site owners only having holiday licences, which leaves occupiers vulnerable to eviction; applauds the work of the Scottish Confederation of Park Home Residents Association (SCOPHRA) in raising awareness of the legal issues facing park home residents in Scotland and in protecting its members, and acknowledges SCOPHRA's reported calls for action on crucial areas such as including the organisation in the planning approval process for park home sites, supporting local authorities with proper training regarding park home legislation, and providing support for adaptations to park homes to aid those with disabilities and health conditions.

S6M-15657: Elena Whitham: Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System— That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems' paper, Alcohol (In)justice: Position on people with an alcohol use disorder in the justice system; is concerned that it is estimated that almost two-thirds, 63%, of people in prison have an alcohol use disorder, with almost half of those, 31%, possibly dependent on alcohol; is further concerned that the risk of death from alcohol causes is three times higher in men and nine times higher for women who have been in prison than for the general population; understands that the paper sets out why and how people with alcohol use disorders who come into contact with the justice system should have the best opportunities to access treatment and support, and that this could reduce reoffending and pressures on the justice system, tackle inequalities, improve the health and lives of the people concerned and the lives of their families and wider communities; believes that there are examples of innovative practice across Scotland, including Glasgow's Alcohol Court; acknowledges that the paper further sets out several potential standards that could be implemented across the justice system, and understands that accountability for such standards is required in order to make a difference to the health and lives of people in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley and across Scotland with alcohol problems who are being dealt with by the justice system.

S6M-15611: Evelyn Tweed: Heritage Crafts Endangered List— That the Parliament notes the belief that crafts are an important part of Scotland's history and culture and that the preservation of traditional and heritage crafts is important and worthwhile; understands that Heritage Crafts has published the fourth edition of a ground-breaking list of crafts, ranking heritage crafts based on the likelihood that they will survive into the next generation; further understands that a heritage craft is considered to be viable if there are sufficient craftspeople to transfer the craft skills to the next generation; notes with concern reports that, across the UK, well over 100 crafts are endangered or critically endangered; understands that a number of Scottish crafts are considered endangered, including kilt making, sgian dubh and dirk making, Orkney chair making, Shetland lace weaving, shinty caman making and Highlands and Islands thatching; commends Heritage Crafts and its generous

donors for providing small grants to fund projects supporting endangered crafts; understands that projects eligible for support include developing new and innovative approaches, taking on a trainee, teaching courses, and continuous professional development; notes the belief that supporting the survival of heritage crafts is important to the history and culture of Scotland, and further notes the calls to support any measures to preserve these skills and help them survive into the next generation.

S6M-15468: Alex Rowley: Dignity for Drivers Report Launch— That the Parliament welcomes the publication on World Toilet Day of the report, Dignity for Drivers, by the train drivers union, ASLEF; notes that this new research looks at what it sees as the very serious issue of train drivers having to drive for long periods of time without frequent toilet breaks and access to safe, clean, dignified facilities; understands that over 3,000 train drivers took part in the research, which has produced what it considers to be shocking findings, including drivers being forced, through a lack of facilities and time to use them, to urinate or defecate on the rail track, in train cabs, improvised receptacles such as food containers, bottles, plastic bags and newspapers, or having to change sanitary products in unhygienic situations that lack privacy and dignity, and deliberately dehydrating or not taking prescribed medicines to avoid soiling themselves; is concerned that what it sees as these Dickensian conditions are reportedly endemic across freight and passenger services in every nation of the UK, including Scotland; notes that the serious health, safety and wellbeing issues raised by the report affect not only drivers and other rail workers, but also threaten the health and safety of all who use rail services, including those in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government, employers, the regulator, ASLEF and other stakeholders to address the four main demands of the report, which, it understands, are for a maximum period of four hours without access to toilet facilities as standard across the industry, for the provision of safe, clean, accessible and dignified toilet and welfare facilities across the network, that drivers must be able to go to the toilet based on their individual and personal needs without being subjected to management interference, discrimination or disciplinary action, and for all operators to provide free sanitary products in the workplace and for them to be available across the network for drivers who want to use them.

S6M-15365: Pam Gosal: Recognising the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence— That the Parliament recognises the annual 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign, taking place between 25 November, which is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and 10 December 2024, which is Human Rights Day; further recognises that this year's theme is "Towards Beijing +30: UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls", which makes reference to the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA), a global policy framework for gender equality and women's rights; acknowledges that this campaign was started by activists at the inauguration of the Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991, and is used as an organising strategy by individuals and organisations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls; expresses concern at reports that an estimated 736 million women, almost one in three, have been subjected to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both, at least once in their life; notes reports that, in 2022, around 48,800

women and girls worldwide were killed by their intimate partners or other family members, accounting to 55% of all female homicides; expresses concern that the latest domestic abuse figures published by the Scottish Government showed that 61,934 cases of domestic abuse were recorded in the space of a year, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take concrete action to eliminate domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.

S6M-15348: Christine Grahame: Safer Ageing Week - Raising Awareness of Economic Abuse— That the Parliament notes that Safer Ageing Week runs from 11 to 17 November, with 2024's theme being "TAKE NOTE"; understands that the charity Hourglass is using this week to raise awareness of the economic abuse of older people, with reports of over £23.5 million having been stolen or defrauded from older people in 2023, with the average value stolen reaching as much as £87,000; further understands that, in Scotland, Hourglass's support service helped 17 older people in 2023 who had a combined circa £1,035,300 stolen from them, an increase on previous years; believes that these figures are likely to be the tip of the iceberg, in light of under-reporting and the figures not accounting for factors such as property changing hands; understands that this abuse is most often perpetrated by family members and close friends, whom older people trust the most, and notes the calls for everyone to do what they can to prevent any such abuse and to report it if they are suspicious that this is happening.

S6M-15212: James Dornan: Profits on the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall— That the Parliament believes that people in Scotland, including in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency, watched with horror and disgust the report from Channel 4's *Dispatches* programme, which highlighted what it sees as the unconscionable greed of members of the Royal Family; considers that King Charles and his son, William, Prince of Wales, drained numerous charities and the NHS of vitally important funds, by charging rent for the use of their lands; believes that this deprived those crucial bodies and services of much-needed funds; notes the belief that a constitutional monarchy, as portrayed by the Royal Family, is no longer a suitable basis of government for the UK or any potential future independent Scotland; further notes the support for moves towards the creation of a democratic system of government, in which the heads of state are selected by the people of the country that they purport to represent and not by chance of birth, as at present, and notes the belief that the monarchy, until such time, should be liable to the same environmental, housing and other regulations as other businesses and pay taxes on any profits made from its private income related to the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall.

S6M-15165: Daniel Johnson: Supporting People with Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence— That the Parliament notes its disappointment at reports that the promised Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill was not announced in the most recent Programme for Government; believes that people with learning disabilities, autism and neurodivergence in Lothian and across Scotland are structurally excluded and disadvantaged, and that it is harder for them to achieve their potential than people who are neurotypical; considers that the measures included in the draft Bill, such as creating and upholding statutory rights, improving access to mental health services and tailoring education provision, would break down some of the barriers faced by people with learning disabilities, autism or

neurodivergence, given that a reported 37% of schoolchildren reportedly have additional support needs but that only 6% of teachers are trained to provide these, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to provide clarity on its commitment to legislating in this area.

S6M-15164: Daniel Johnson: Concerning Figures About Violence Against Public Service Staff Set Out in Unison Scotland Report— That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the important work carried out by Unison Scotland in publishing, "It's not part of the job", violence at work report 2024; notes that the report found 65.875 incidents of violence, or 180 incidents per day, against public service staff; is concerned that these figures suggest a 20% increase in violent incidents since 2023; is further concerned that violent incidents against local authority staff have reportedly risen by 14% year on year, and that NHS boards accounted for a quarter of all violent incidents in 2024, and notes the calls for further steps to be taken to ensure that public service workers in Lothian and across Scotland are protected in their place of work.

S6M-15136: Colin Smyth: Justice for the Fornethy Survivors— That the Parliament commends what it sees as the bravery and determination of the group, Fornethy Survivors, which continues in what it considers its fight for justice for the reported hundreds of women who experienced appalling physical, psychological and, in some cases, sexual abuse as young girls while they resided at Fornethy Residential School, in Angus, between 1960 and the 1990s; understands that Fornethy was reportedly one of a small number of schools run by Glasgow Corporation, and later by Strathclyde Regional Council, under its "scheme of residential education", and that the scheme began in 1945 with the approval of the then Secretary of State; notes the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's recommendation that the Scottish Government should consult on expanding Scotland's Redress Scheme to include residential institutions, such as Fornethy, that were owned and operated by public bodies, regardless of how long children stayed in those institutions; acknowledges the reported difficulties that the survivors have had in obtaining personal records that were held by the owners of Fornethy House at the time, which were Glasgow Corporation and Strathclyde Regional Council; understands that, in March 2024, the former Deputy First Minister, Shona Robison, told the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee that she did not intend to change the eligibility criteria for Scotland's Redress Scheme, and that part of the rationale for this was that "the absence of records means that, even if the eligibility criteria were to be changed, Fornethy survivors are unlikely to meet the evidential requirements of the scheme"; considers, however, that this did not align with the committee's understanding of Redress Scotland's evidence to it that panel members tasked with determining applications for redress work from a presumption of truth, and that there is provision in the statutory guidance for discretion to be used where records are missing or limited, with applications considered on their individual merit; recognises that it has been reported that over 200 women from different parts of the country, particularly in the Glasgow area but also including the South Scotland region, have come forward to tell of the abuse that they suffered, and understands that the Fornethy survivors are seeking compensation in recognition of this abuse, and also answers to why the abuse at Fornethy reportedly continued over so many years, as well as a meaningful public apology.

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-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-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-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-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.

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
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 2024	January	Ruth Maguire	SNP	International Insights, A Model for Scotland
23 2024	January	Emma Harper	SNP	The Role of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly
24 2024	January	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Celebrating Scotland's National Native Woodlands
25 2024	January	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Holocaust Memorial Day 2024
30 2024	January	Richard Leonard	LAB	Recognising the Contribution of Michael (Mick) McGahey
31 2024	January	Ben Macpherson	SNP	Enhancing Scottish Football
1 2024	February	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Lifting the £50 Million Charity Cap
6 2024	February	Donald Cameron	CON	Celebrating the Work of Dunoon Grammar School
7 2024	February	Rona Mackay	SNP	Definition of Deafblindness
8 2024	February	Stephen Kerr	CON	The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery
20 2024	February	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Gas and Electricity Standing Charges
21 2024	February	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy Launched at COP28
22 2024	February	Ivan McKee	SNP	Immediate Ceasefire in Palestine and Israel
27 2024	February	Stuart McMillan	SNP	McClure Solicitors
28 2024	February	Sharon Dowey	CON	Local Infrastructure and Rural Connectivity on the A77 and A75
29 2024	February	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024
5 2024	March	Emma Harper	SNP	Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2024
6 2024	March	Keith Brown	SNP	Congratulating the University of Stirling on the Launch of its Winning Students 100 Programme
7 2024	March	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Site-specific Just Transition for Mossmorran
12 2024	March	Willie Rennie	LD	Flood Management
13 2024	March	Sandesh Gulhane	CON	International Long Covid Awareness Day 2024
14 2024	March	Karen Adam	SNP	Young Carers Action Day 2024
19 2024	March	n/a	SNP	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
20 2024	March	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
29 October 2024	Emma Roddick	SNP	Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
30 October 2024	N/A	CON	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
31 October 2024	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland
5 November 2024	Karen Adam	SNP	Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary
5 November 2024	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024 - rescheduled from 24 April 2024
6 November 2024	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland
7 November 2024	Gillian Mackay	GRN	North Lanarkshire School Bus Campaign
12 November 2024	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Protecting Communities from Antisocial Behaviour and Antisocial Driving
13 November 2024	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Rural Roads Infrastructure
14 November 2024	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Day of the Imprisoned Writer
19 November 2024	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Celebrating the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership
20 November 2024	Marie McNair	SNP	World COPD Day
21 November 2024	Roz McCall	CON	Increasing Stroke Awareness

26 November 2024	n/a	SNP	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
27 November 2024	Richard Leonard	LAB	Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike
28 November 2024	Christine Grahame	SNP	25 Years of Tweeddale Youth Action
3 December 2024	Craig Hoy	CON	Findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs Report, What Does "Brand Scotland" Mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub Sector?
4 December 2024	Emma Harper	SNP	The Open University Supports the Scots Language – rescheduled from 26 November 2024
4 December 2024	Michael Matheson	SNP	Powering Futures - Putting Young People at the Heart of the Energy Transition
5 December 2024	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Publication of the Marie Curie Report, Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2024
10 December 2024	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan
11 December 2024	Jeremy Balfour	CON	Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets
12 December 2024	David Torrance	SNP	Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding
17 December 2024	Emma Roddick	SNP	Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland
18 December 2024	Lorna Slater	GRN	A Safe, Accessible and Sustainable Holyrood Park for the 21st Century
19 December 2024	Pam Gosal	CON	Repairing Potholes on Scotland's Roads
7 January 2025	Foyso Choudhury	LAB	The Importance of Medical Technology for Patients with Diabetes
8 January 2025	George Adam	SNP	St Mirren Announces Landmark Partnership with UWS
9 January 2025	Ash Regan	ALBA	Expanding Scotland's Connectivity from Edinburgh and Beyond
14 January 2025	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Introduction of NOVA Scotland
15 January 2025	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Compensation for the WASPI Women
16 January 2025	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands
16 January 2025	Tim Eagle	CON	Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland (rescheduled from 30 October)

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Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	Alba	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	193	90	60	23	11	1	378
Frequency %	51	24	16	6	3	0	100

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