

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 Summer recess is as follows—

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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			
21 April 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
28 April 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
5 May 2025	SNP	CON	LAB
12 May 2025	SNP	SNP	GRN
19 May 2025	LD	CON	SNP
26 May 2025	SNP	SNP	CON
2 June 2025	LAB	SNP	SNP
9 June 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
16 June 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
23 June 2025	SNP	GRN	CON
Summer Recess 2025			

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

S6M-16655: Elena Whitham: Shelter Scotland-commissioned Research Regarding Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation— That the Parliament notes the publication of new research, *In Their Own Words: Children's Experiences in Temporary Accommodation*, which was commissioned by Shelter Scotland and carried out by research co-leads Professor Nadzeya Sviryzdenka, of De Montfort University, and Professor Monica Lakhnpaul, of University College London, with research fellow, Dr Joseph Williams; understands that the findings bring to light the serious harm being done to children, including in the Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley constituency, due to current constraints in the housing system; notes that the research suggested that children were being harmed across the three key areas of safety, health and education; further notes the calls for it to act on the stories bravely shared by children in the research, which highlighted that

some children were moved miles away from friends and family, or forced to sleep in beds covered in black mould, or placed in accommodation with urine-soaked carpets, dead rats and broken windows and having no access to decent cooking or washing facilities; understands that this is the first research of its kind to be published in Scotland; notes the view that the experiences detailed by the children involved highlight the need for change; further notes demands for urgent action to be taken to end the harm being caused by the housing emergency; thanks the children and families for their bravery in sharing their stories; understands that the Scottish Government recognises the housing emergency; commends the work that it believes the Scottish Government is doing with its partners in addressing this urgent situation; notes the call for action to be taken alongside COSLA to review and consider the recommendations of the report, and further notes that these include increasing investment in the supply of family-sized social homes, providing greater support to prevent homelessness from happening in the first place, having an improved supply of good quality temporary accommodation, having a greater emphasis on children's rights, upholding the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child and having greater wrap-around support for children and their families.

S6M-16644: Daniel Johnson: Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill— 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-16633: George Adam: Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy— That the Parliament applauds the work of the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) and what it sees as the groundbreaking work that it is doing with the Foundation Academy, which is a 12-month programme helping pupils across S5 and S6 to develop academic skills, experience university-level study, and visit a university campus in order to boost their confidence in pursuing higher education and strengthen university applications; understands that the programme is the first of its kind in Scotland and has been recognised by various institutions as an alternative pathway to meeting the required qualifications to enter university; acknowledges how successful the academy has reportedly been for the thousands of pupils who have benefited from the additional support offered since the launch of the programme in 2022, and praises the time and effort of all those involved in the creation and running of the programme for the impact that this is having on pupils, including those in the Paisley constituency, who otherwise may not have been able to attend university.

S6M-16631: Emma Harper: Brain Tumour Awareness Month 2025— That the Parliament recognises that March 2025 is Brain Tumour Awareness Month;

understands that brain tumours remain the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40; recognises that data in Scotland shows that 70% of diagnoses of brain cancer take place in an emergency setting; acknowledges that people affected by brain cancer are the most likely of all cancer patients to be diagnosed during an emergency admission to a hospital; understands that there are over 120 different types of brain tumour; further understands the benefits and need for achieving a faster diagnosis for those affected, which includes potentially reducing the number of initial surgeries that are conducted as emergency procedures and providing potentially more opportunities to participate in research; commends the efforts of the Brain Tumour Charity and its Scottish Steering Committee in working towards achieving a faster, better diagnosis for those affected by raising awareness of the disease, seeking to improve diagnostic pathways and establishing diagnostic/triage tools once available, and notes that those impacted by a brain tumour can reach out to the Brain Tumour Charity and access a variety of support services.

S6M-16621: Christine Grahame: Stow Station House Celebrates— That the Parliament congratulates Stow Community Trust on the official opening of Stow Station House on 26 February 2025 by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport; understands that this milestone represents the culmination of several years of intense efforts on behalf of the Trust to realise its ambition to restore the 185-year-old building, utilising funding from a range of sources, including the Scottish Government, Scottish Borders Council, Railway Heritage Trust, Station Community Regeneration Trust, BCCF Environmental and windfarm funds from EDF Energy and SSE, transforming the building into a beautiful and stylish community space displaying an array of railway memorabilia, including a large station clock from Glasgow Central railway station; notes that, now that it is complete, it has a tenant operated bar and grill, and provides a vibrant place for the community to come together; further notes that it won the Network Rail Community Award at the National Heritage Railway Awards for the restoration, refurbishment or other improvement of a station or building either by a community group, or for a community use which connects communities and promotes social inclusion; commends the skills and commitment of Stow Community Trust; notes the recommendation for any other communities looking to transform a surplus railway station building to visit Stow to see just what can be achieved, and recognises the achievements of community and other development trusts across Scotland.

S6M-16558: Emma Roddick: The Campaign for a Highland Tartan Act— That the Parliament notes Clare Campbell of Prickly Thistle's campaign to protect, preserve and promote traditional tartan cloth making in the Scottish Highlands; recognises what it sees as its profound cultural and economic significance and potential; notes that Clare's campaign seeks the enactment of a Highland Tartan Act, analogous to the Harris Tweed Act 1993, specifically safeguarding tartan woven in the Highlands; understands that such legislation would need to be introduced at a UK level; considers that any economic benefits and employment derived from Highland dress, including the production and sale of tartan, rightfully belong in the Highland communities themselves; believes that such protection would not only provide due recognition and reward to the Highlands for its unique heritage and valuable exports, but also serve as a crucial step towards redressing historical injustices; recognises Clare in her efforts, and notes the calls urging the UK

Government to look on her petition favourably and consider introducing legislation to secure the future of this craft.

S6M-16557: Stuart McMillan: Bladder Cancer in Scotland— That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of improving bladder cancer diagnosis, care and treatment in Scotland, where it is reported that outcomes for patients lag behind outcomes for bladder cancer patients elsewhere in the UK and in Europe; notes the view that there is a need to improve the availability of staff and resources to improve standard of care, and to support all those involved in diagnosing and treating bladder cancer in Scotland, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, such as nurses, GPs, urological surgeons, oncologists, and other specialised health care professionals; further notes the current dedication, tirelessness and passion shown by those individuals and organisations, such as Fight Bladder Cancer, who work to ensure that the best care is provided for what is considered a life-changing disease, and notes the calls for all organisations to play their part in ensuring that the general public has awareness of this cancer and its symptoms so that bladder cancer can be caught and treated as early as possible.

S6M-16539: Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers— That the Parliament notes the recent publication by Professor Jen Ang of the legal briefing, Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers; further notes that this report was commissioned by I-SPHERE and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, as part of the Fair Way Scotland partnership, following the publication in September 2024 of the paper Destitution by Design: righting the wrongs of UK immigration policy in Scotland; understands that the legal briefing sets out clear, actionable steps that lie within the powers of the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government to reduce destitution for people coming to Scotland to study, work, join family or seek sanctuary; further understands that there are clear recommendations about access to social security and financial support, housing, transport, health and social care, justice and legal aid, education, and work; notes the view that the Scottish Government can and should be doing more to prevent destitution in Scotland, including in the North East Scotland region; further notes the view that the complexity of UK immigration law, and the challenges of striking the right balance in the exercise of powers within the devolution settlement, must no longer be an excuse for failure to act on the part of the Scottish Government and local authorities, in the face of what it sees as overwhelming evidence of the harms caused to people with no recourse to public funds/other restricted eligibility, and to the communities in which they live; notes the view that Scotland can create a fairer system based on need and the realisation of rights, ensuring that everyone has access to essential services and what they need to live a life of dignity, regardless of their immigration status; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to act on each of the recommendations, including to review devolved policy to eliminate unintended exclusions from support, to establish and scale up the financial support available, to ensure appropriate training and resources for all frontline workers, and to negotiate a clearer understanding of “public funds”, as defined by the Home Office, and congratulates the Fair Way Scotland Partnership on its ongoing work to prevent destitution in Scotland.

S6M-16503: Michael Marra: Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs— That the Parliament understands that local authorities have a

statutory duty to provide out-of-school and holiday care for children classified as “in need”, which includes those who are disabled; is concerned by reports that many families of children with additional support needs are unable to find out-of-school care during holiday periods, including in Dundee and its surrounding areas; believes that the struggle to balance care-giving with employment can lead to routines being disrupted and is a cause of significant distress to families; further believes that reductions to local authority and third-sector organisations' budgets have contributed to these issues, and notes the view that the Scottish Government and local authorities should take action to ensure that families of children with additional support needs do not face another summer of uncertainty and disruption.

S6M-16452: Sharon Dowey: Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population— That the Parliament understands that over 900,000 adults in Scotland live with age-related hearing loss; believes that uncorrected hearing loss can have a significant impact on people, notably social isolation, mental ill health and a heightened risk of developing dementia; understands that demand for hearing care services is increasing across the country, including in Ayrshire, as a result of changing demographics; notes that the number of over 60s in Scotland is projected to increase by 50% by 2033, and that South Ayrshire is the fastest ageing local authority area; notes the view that additional capacity in NHS services is needed to ensure that people presenting with hearing loss can access quality and timely care; considers that independent providers of audiology services have the skills, IT connectivity and capacity to meet the increased demand; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to bolster community audiology provision and put community audiology services on a par with the country's free community eye care services, and further notes the view that there is an opportunity to improve dramatically access to hearing care services by replicating this model.

S6M-16434: Michael Matheson: Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children— That the Parliament welcomes the recent reports of Professor Alexis Jay and Action for Children, and the charity's service provision, which highlight the issue of criminal exploitation of children; considers that the testimony from exploited young people, Action for Children staff who support these young people, and other professionals connected with this work have described the harrowing and shocking experiences that children have encountered; understands that this issue hides in plain sight and that criminal exploitation of children can take place anywhere across Scotland, including in the Falkirk West constituency, and can happen to anyone; believes that these reports offer an opportunity to raise awareness of this important topic with members of the public, parliamentarians and decision makers, while also creating the chance to explore solutions to tackling this form of child abuse, and notes the belief that, in doing so, society can help to meet the aims and vision of The Promise, ensuring that Scotland does become the best place in the world for children and young people to grow up, where they feel loved, safe, respected and able to realise their full potential.

S6M-16432: Ben Macpherson: Scotland's Seabirds— That the Parliament believes that Scotland has internationally important seabird populations, including, at the last assessment, 60% of the world's great skuas and almost half, 48%, of the world's northern gannets, with the biggest colony on Earth being found at the Bass Rock in the Firth of Forth, along with important common tern colonies, including one

in a special protection area at Leith docks; recognises that the country has international and domestic obligations to protect and enhance these species; understands with concern that 70% of Scotland's national populations are in decline, according to the latest seabird census and notes the view that action is needed to address this; further understands that the proposed Scottish Government Scottish Seabird Conservation Action Plan sets out many measures that would protect seabird prey fish supplies, end the ongoing bycatch of seabirds by fisheries, clear seabird islands of invasive predators and prevent them from returning, and that it would protect, appropriately, important areas for seabirds, both on land and at sea; considers that many people in Scotland care deeply about the fate of puffins, gannets, terns and other seabird species, and acknowledges the view that timely, collaborative action is needed to preserve their future on Scotland's coasts and islands.

S6M-16354: Stephen Kerr: Blackness Primary School Faces Closure— That the Parliament notes the proposal by Falkirk Council officers to close Blackness Primary School; acknowledges what it sees as the potentially significant and detrimental impact such a closure would have on the community; considers that families living in rural and village communities should have the option to send their children to a local primary school; understands with concern that, according to Scottish Government data, 44 rural schools have been closed in Scotland since 2013, and commends the dedicated efforts of the Blackness Primary School Parent Council, and the Blackness community, in campaigning to preserve the school for the benefit of current and future generations.

S6M-16290: Clare Adamson: MacDiarmid's Brownsbank Cottage, a Scottish Cultural Treasure— That the Parliament commends the work of MacDiarmid's Brownsbank; notes that it is a charitable organisation, which was founded in 2015 to preserve and promote the legacy of Brownsbank Cottage in the Peebleshire Hills near Biggar, South Lanarkshire; understands that Brownsbank Cottage is an A-listed building, most notably remembered as the former home of the renowned poet, Christopher Murray Grieve, who was better known by his pen-name, Hugh MacDiarmid; further understands that the charity works to restore and upgrade the cottage, to conserve its contents, to promote the works of Hugh MacDiarmid nationally and internationally, to re-establish the Brownsbank Writing Fellowship for writers in residence to work from the cottage and to generate educational and community creative involvement, as well as promote literary tourism; recognises that Hugh MacDiarmid stood as a significant Scottish poet, journalist, essayist and political figure, and believes that he is widely regarded as one of the most influential Scottish writers of the 20th century, making a profound and lasting impact on Scottish culture and politics; acknowledges that MacDiarmid's Brownsbank has, to date, been supported by the Clyde Wind Farm Community and Development Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund, SSE Renewables Community Investment Programme, the William Grant Foundation and generous donations from the public, but that further support is urgently required; notes that distinguished past occupants of Brownsbank include the award-winning author and publisher, Matthew Fitt, and James Robertson, the inaugural Scottish Parliament Writer in Residence and author of the Booker Prize-nominated, *The Testament of Gideon Mack*; believes that Brownsbank Cottage has made an indelible imprint on Scottish cultural heritage and that its preservation, with immediate works required, is a cultural priority; commends

the board of trustees and volunteers of MacDiarmid's Brownsbank on what it sees as their tireless efforts to protect and promote this historical Scottish landmark; notes the view that the protection and development of Scotland's literary heritage is vital to the nation's cultural health, identity and confidence, and further notes the calls for the Scottish and UK governments to assist with the restoration of Brownsbank Cottage, to preserve this historic and national treasure.

S6M-16219: Mercedes Villalba: Amnesty International Report Accuses Israel of Genocide Against Palestinians in Gaza—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Amnesty International report, 'You Feel Like You Are Subhuman': Israel's Genocide Against Palestinians In Gaza; is gravely concerned that Amnesty's research has, it believes, found a sufficient basis to conclude that the Israeli Government has committed, and is continuing to commit, genocide against Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip; understands that the report documents how, during its military offensive launched in the wake of the deadly Hamas-led attacks in southern Israel on 7 October 2023, the Israeli Government has unleashed what it sees as hell and destruction on the Palestinians in Gaza and it considers that this has been done brazenly, continuously and with total impunity; notes the view that, as a state party to the genocide convention, the UK must uphold its legal obligation to help prevent this crime and immediately end all arms transfers to Israeli forces, while pressing the UN Security Council to impose a comprehensive arms embargo on all parties to the conflict; understands that Amnesty's findings have implications for the Scottish Government, and recognises concerns, in the North East Scotland region and across the country, that Scottish Enterprise's reported continued support for arms companies manufacturing weapons and components that could be supplied to rights-violating states, including Israel, might place Scotland at risk of complicity with the most serious of international humanitarian law violations.

S6M-16212: Paul Sweeney: International Year of Co-operatives— That the Parliament notes that the UN General Assembly has declared 2025 as the International Year of Co-operatives and that the International Co-operative Alliance has announced that the theme for the year is, Co-operatives Build a Better World; recognises what it sees as the strong history of co-operative development in Scotland, including the Fenwick weavers in the 1760s and the Robert Owen mill at New Lanark in the 19th century; celebrates the contributions of co-operatives to Scotland's economy today with, it understands, the 595 co-operatives having a total income of £1.9 billion and 700,000 members, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should celebrate the International Year of Co-operatives by increasing support for them, which, it believes, could build a better Scotland.

S6M-16194: Elena Whitham: Common Ground Forum on Deer —That the Parliament recognises the recent Nature of Scotland Award for Innovation to the Common Ground Forum for its work 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, both in achieving nature restoration and the viability of rural businesses in many parts of the country, including in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, and notes the view that all sides of the deer sector should continue to embed the Common Ground Forum's approach.

S6M-16168: Kenneth Gibson: The Impact of Increased Employers National Insurance Contributions— That the Parliament notes with concern the impact of increased employers national insurance contributions (ENIC) from 6 April 2025 across the Scottish economy and, specifically, the public and third sectors; understands that the Scottish Government estimates that the direct cost to the public sector at £549 million in 2025-26, excluding "on costs", such as rising procurement inflation, due to ENIC increases; believes that the impact on the third sector, universities and independent care providers will collectively be £210 million in 2025-26; acknowledges the Office for Budget Responsibility's view that 75% of ENIC costs will fall on employee pay; believes that this will hit the lowest paid hardest, with 25% being paid for by reduced business investment; acknowledges that Secretary of State for Scotland, the Rt Hon Ian Murray MP confirmed on 7 November 2024 that "the UK Government will provide funding to the public sector to support with the additional costs associated with these changes", but that no confirmation of how much funding has yet been provided to the Scottish Government, and notes the view that the UK Government should fully fund the cost of ENIC increases on the Scottish public sector as promised, as well as the third sector, independent care providers and universities, to ensure no detriment to the people and communities of Cunninghame North and those across Scotland.

S6M-16154: Katy Clark: ScotRail's Plans to Reduce Ticket Office Opening Hours — That the Parliament is concerned that rail operator, ScotRail, is reportedly proceeding with plans to reduce ticket office opening hours at 101 of its 143 staffed stations, of which more than 30 are in the West Scotland region, including Wemyss Bay, Ardrossan South Beach, Irvine, Kilwinning and Largs; is further concerned about the impact on passenger accessibility, safety, security, quality of service and access to rail products and services of these proposals and believes that certain groups such as disabled and older people and women and girls will be particularly impacted; considers that ticket offices provide a fixed location for passengers to locate staff and are a place of safety for both passengers and staff; understands that, through schedule 17 of the Ticketing and Settlement Agreement, ticket office staffing is the only regulated station staffing, and, therefore, if there are reductions in ticket office hours, there are no future safeguards regarding station staffing levels; further understands that ScotRail is basing these proposals on a public consultation, which was undertaken in January 2022 by former operator, Abellio; notes with concern that, in the public consultation, 98% respondents opposed the proposals; applauds the members of the railway trade unions who are currently campaigning to oppose these plans; understands that, as ScotRail is owned by the Scottish Government, the Cabinet Secretary for Transport was required to authorise ScotRail's proposals, and notes the belief that the Scottish Government and ScotRail should commit to halting these plans at the 101 stations and commence the long-delayed National Rail Conversation over the future of Scotland's railway that was first announced in 2022.

S6M-16152: Stuart McMillan: Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area — That the Parliament acknowledges reports that Peel Ports Clydeport is planning to introduce a conservancy fee for leisure craft sailing in the Clydeport area; understands that the boating sector has expressed concerns that such a charge could impact the marine tourism economy, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, as it could discourage boaters from sailing in Clydeport's waters; believes that boaters have also expressed their anger at what it understands is Peel

Ports' lack of meaningful dialogue with the sector about these plans; further believes that this has led to questions arising over how the fee will be spent; understands that members of the Cross-Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism have agreed that their collective position is that these plans should be abandoned, and that a public petition has been launched to attract support for this view, which, it understands, has attracted almost 2,500 signatures so far, and notes the view that Peel Ports should scrap its proposal and work with the sector to address any issues.

S6M-16128: Liz Smith: 300 Years of the Black Watch —That the Parliament marks the tercentenary of the origins of the Black Watch; understands that, in 1725, six companies were raised by General George Wade, comprising of "loyal" clans, including the Campbells, Grants, Frasers and Munros, and formed the Highland watches to police the Highlands following the 1715 Jacobite rebellion; notes that a further four companies were raised in 1739 to form the Regiment of the Line, which first mustered at Aberfeldy; understands that, throughout this period, the companies began being referred to as Am Freiceadan Dubh or the Black Watch; believes that this term was likely due to the dark tartan uniform that was worn by its soldiers; recognises what it sees as the significance of the regiment's involvement throughout the UK's most important and consequential military campaigns, ranging from, but not limited to, the Seven Years' War, the American War of Independence, the Napoleonic wars, the Crimean War, the Boer War, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, the Troubles in Northern Ireland and the Gulf Wars; acknowledges what it sees as the fearless and renowned reputation that the Black Watch established and reinforced over the course of these conflicts, as well as the countless stories of individual gallantry, particularly the 14 soldiers who received the UK's highest military decoration, the Victoria Cross; commemorates all who have served and died in the historic regiment, who have predominately come from across Perth and Kinross, Fife, Dundee and Angus, but also the rest of Scotland and beyond, and offers its full support to the veterans, and their families, who are alive today.

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-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-15898: Elena Whitham: No Rollback on Housing Rights —That the Parliament celebrates that Scotland has, it believes, the world's strongest legal rights to safe, suitable housing and to housing support, including for people in the Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley constituency; notes the opposition to any steps that would reduce or suspend rights in law for people who are homeless, related to priority need, local connection or unsuitable accommodation; expresses concern at reports that, across Scotland in 2023-24, the duty to offer temporary accommodation was breached 7,915 times and the unsuitable accommodation order was breached 7,400 times; notes the letter from the Everyone Home collective, a group of almost 40 organisations working to end homelessness, to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, and the view that being able to exercise rights in full must be a key measure of Scotland's rights-based approach and the next phase of fixing the housing emergency; understands that members of All in for Change, with personal experience of homelessness, are clear that these rights make a difference on the ground; recognises the inclusion of what it sees as potentially world-leading prevention of homelessness duties in the Housing (Scotland) Bill; notes the calls for

the Scottish Government to publicly commit to no rollback on rights in law for people who are homeless, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government and local authorities to work together to ensure that statutory housing duties are consistently fulfilled.

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-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-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.

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

- 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
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 224	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	Foysol 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 2025	January	Ash Regan	ALBA	Expanding Scotland's Connectivity from Edinburgh and Beyond
14 2025	January	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Introduction of NOVA Scotland
15 2025	January	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Compensation for the WASPI Women
16 2025	January	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands
16 2025	January	Tim Eagle	CON	Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland (rescheduled from 30 October)
21 2025	January	David Torrance	SNP	European Showmen's Union Congress 2025
22 2025	January	Oliver Mundell	CON	Celebrating the Continued Social, Cultural and Economic Importance of Robert Burns
23 2025	January	Michelle Thomson	SNP	Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero
28 2025	January	Clare Adamson	SNP	Brexit Harm to Scotland, Five Years Since the UK Left the EU
29 2025	January	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, For a Better Future
30 2025	January	Alex Rowley	LAB	Scottish Engineering's Engineering Skills Gap Analysis for Scotland
4 2025	February	Christine Grahame	SNP	The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice
5 2025	February	Mark Ruskell	CON	Save Local Libraries
6 2025	February	Elena Whitham	SNP	Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System
18 2025	February	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Opportunities and Challenges for Scotland's Fishing Sector in 2025
19 2025	February	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Tackling the Rise in Rural Crime and Equipment Theft in Scotland
20 2025	February	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	The Ongoing Impact of PFI/PPP on Scotland's Public Finances
25 2025	February	Emma Harper	SNP	Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025
26 2025	February	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Northern Corridor Community Forum's Evidence-based Report
27 2025	February	Murdo Fraser	CON	Protection of Park Home Residents
4 2025	March	Carol Mochan	LAB	Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage
5 2025	March	Colin Beattie	SNP	Three Years of Solidarity with Ukraine
6 2025	March	Marie McNair	SNP	Impact of UK Welfare Reforms in Scotland

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Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	Alba	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	203	94	62	24	12	1	396
Frequency %	51	24	16	6	3	0	100

Parliamentary Business Team
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