#### 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
9 May	SNP	SNP	GRN (post-FMQs)
			LAB (post-DT)
16 May	LD	CON	SNP
23 May	SNP	SNP	CON
30 May	LAB	SNP	SNP*
6 June	CON	SNP	LAB
13 June	SNP	CON	SNP
20 June	SNP	GRN	CON
27 June	LAB	SNP	SNP

- 4. The asterisked slot on Thursday 2 June will require re-scheduling due to the closure of the Office of the Clerk for the Jubilee. Options include rescheduling for a future Thursday after Decision Time, or holding two Member's Business debates in a row after Decision Time on a Tuesday or a Wednesday. Business Managers are invited to agree what approach to take to this Member's Business slot.
- 5. Motions submitted for Members' Business are shown below—

S6M-04210: Maggie Chapman: Revitalising Scotland's Town Centres - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of the revival of Scottish town centres in the North East Scotland region, and throughout Scotland; notes the view that a town centre's first principle, which it understands aims to put the health of town centres at the heart of decision-making processes, needs to be applied consistently, not only to the retail sector but also to housing, public sector administration, healthcare, education, recreation and culture, celebrating the particularity of each town's unique history; recognises what it sees as the importance of healthy town centres for people's physical, emotional and social wellbeing; considers that the commercial sector has its role in this shift but needs certainty, and that developers will

only invest in town centres if it is clear that this is a long-term and reliable policy; highlights what it sees as the importance of recognising alternatives to big retail, and celebrating and supporting co-operatives, social enterprises and community wealth-building projects, and notes the view that a renewed focus on, and priority for, town centres is essential in the context of a deepening climate crisis, and for the health and wellbeing of people in their local communities.

S6M-04154: Clare Adamson: R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose, and Political Aesthetic - That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new book examining the life and legacy of R.B. Cunninghame Graham; notes that the book, R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose, and Political Aesthetic, authored by the political scholar and history PhD, Dr Lachlan Munro, and published by Edinburgh University Press, will be launched at The Black Bull Inn, Gartmore, on 6 May 2022; acknowledges that R.B. Cunninghame Graham was one of the most influential Scottish politicians of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, described by Dr Munro as "the most contentious, controversial, and contradictory Scot of his generation"; understands that Cunninghame Grahame, born in 1852, was a radical political campaigner, who founded the Scottish Labour Party with Keir Hardie in 1888, and was later instrumental in founding The National Party of Scotland in 1928, a predecessor of the Scottish National Party (SNP), becoming honorary president of the SNP; further understands that Cunninghame Graham, also a writer, journalist and adventurer, was elected as the Liberal MP for North West Lanarkshire but, after witnessing the poverty and destitution among the mining community, rebelled against his own party; notes that he was known as "The Miners' MP" and was an outspoken anti-racist and anti-imperialist who, at the age of 62, volunteered for service in the First World War, and was awarded the title of Colonel; recognises that, following his death in Buenos Aires in 1936, his body lay in state, and his coffin, followed by thousands of people, was put aboard the ship he planned to sail home on, and that he was buried in the ancient priory on Inchmahome where his grave can still be seen; commends Dr Munro's efforts in highlighting Cunninghame Graham's extraordinary and controversial life, and wishes him every success with the book launch.

**S6M-04108:** Alexander Stewart: Dementia Awareness Week 2022 - That the Parliament acknowledges Dementia Awareness Week 2022; understands that, in Scotland, the event will run from 30 May to 5 June; acknowledges that the aim of the week is to continue the raising of awareness of dementia and to help improve the lives of people with dementia, their families and their carers; notes what it sees as the importance of acknowledging that dementia is not part of the natural ageing process, and that it affects the brain and makes it harder to remember things or think as clearly as before; understands that dementia is an umbrella term for over 100 different types of illnesses and disease symptoms, which may include memory loss, difficulties with day-to-day tasks, language difficulties and affected problem-solving ability, but that all the types of diseases are the same in that they damage brain cells and stop it working as well as it should; notes that Alzheimer Scotland provides information, support and

dementia-friendly activities to help ensure that nobody faces dementia alone; is concerned that dementia can affect every area of human thinking, feeling and behaviour, but that each person with dementia is different in how the illness affects them, depending on which area of their brain is damaged; understands that over 90,000 people in Scotland have dementia, including many in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and that it is most common in older people but can affect people in their 40s and 50s, or even younger; acknowledges that the causes of dementia are not fully understood; highlights what it sees as the importance of the researchers all over the world who are working hard to understand the causes of dementia and develop treatments, and acknowledges what it considers the importance of initiatives such as Alzheimer Scotland's "Tea & Blether" mornings during Dementia Awareness Week to support people in Scotland with dementia, and to raise valuable funding for research and care.

S6M-04082: Sharon Dowey: Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands - That the Parliament marks the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the Falkland Islands in 1982; notes that the anniversary is recognised as a national holiday in the Falklands; recognises all the brave sacrifices made by the British military personnel, their families and the British public throughout this 74-day war; celebrates what it sees as the unity demonstrated by UK citizens in a time of great need to restore freedom for the people in the Falklands; highlights what it considers are the strong cultural links between Scotland and the Falkland community and recognises the significant contribution that members of the Armed Forces from Scotland made to liberating the Islands in 1982; commemorates the lives of the three civilian Falkland Islanders and 255 British military personnel that were sadly lost, as well as the hundreds that were injured; notes the significant role that many civilians reportedly played in supporting the Task Force on its campaign in the South Atlantic; further notes the support that it believes the UK Government continues to provide to the Falklands' right to self-determination and their wish to remain a UK Overseas Territory; expresses its support for veterans on both sides and Islanders who it understands still struggle with mental and physical scars as a consequence of the events that they have experienced or witnessed; acknowledges the year-long programme of different honouring and celebratory events across the world that aim to commemorate the sacrifices made in 1982; values the Falkland Islands as what it considers a forward-looking community with a strong sense of culture and heritage, and celebrates what it sees as the great progress made in the Falkland Islands since 1982.

**S6M-04057:** Katy Clark: DWP Office Closures - That the Parliament notes with concern the UK Government's reported announcement that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) plans to close 41 offices across the UK by June 2023; understands that 13 of these closures, which would affect 64 workers at Aberdeen and over 100 at Kirkcaldy, are processing sites where no alternative nearby premises have been identified for relocation of staff; further understands that a further six sites in

Scotland will close with an alternative site for relocation offered, including in the West Scotland region; notes with concern the estimates reported by the PCS trade union that the closure and relocation of these offices will put up to 3,000 workers at risk of redundancy in total; further notes the publication of figures by the DWP, which it understands indicate that jobs in Scotland have already been cut by a third since 2011, meaning that Scotland has experienced the fastest rate of DWP job cuts in the country; acknowledges what it sees as the tireless work of civil servants at the DWP, who it understands have paid out benefits to almost 2.5 million families during the COVID-19 pandemic and been described as "miracle workers" by the Prime Minister; notes the view that these latest cuts are part of a wider agenda to unjustly place more responsibility on individual claimants, who it understands already face sanctions if they refuse to take up a job offer if it involves less than a 90-minute commute; further notes the view that the UK Government should reverse these cuts, which it considers undermine the UK Government's levelling up agenda and will have a negative impact on workers, claimants and wider communities, and notes the calls for UK and Scottish government ministers to work with Social Security Scotland and the DWP to save jobs and develop contingency measures for redeployment of staff who face redundancy if these cuts are pursued.

S6M-04040: Rachael Hamilton: Decline of Iconic Scottish Species - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the concerning decline of iconic Scottish species; understands that there has been a marked reduction in many species of bird across Scotland, namely in populations of capercaillie, ptarmigan, lapwing and curlews; recognises the latest report by a sub-group of the NatureScot Scientific Advisory Committee, Review of Capercaillie Conservation and Management, which it understands advises that, if perilous population declines continue, the species could be lost to Scotland within two to three decades; notes the view that additional predator control is required, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the action points from the review are taken and that land managers, including those in the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency, are able to properly control predators in order to save iconic bird species.

**S6M-04035:** Katy Clark: Supporting Peace in Colombia - That the Parliament welcomes the reported commitments made by senior trade union leaders across the UK, including in the West Scotland region, to continue with their unwavering support for the Colombia peace agreement; understands that the signing of the agreement in Havana in 2016 came after decades of civil war left 220,000 citizens dead and millions displaced or disappeared; further understands that the agreement creates a framework for political and land reform, the incorporation of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as a political party, a transitional justice system, peace courts and other restorative justice approaches; recognises what it sees as the proactive and positive role that UK and Irish trade unions have played supporting the work of the NGO, Justice for Colombia (JFC), which it understands has facilitated a series of visits to the country by union leaders and activists to promote dialogue,

learning and cooperation; notes JFC's reported role in helping bring political leaders from Northern Ireland and South Africa to Colombia to share their experience of implementing peace agreements in their respective lands; is concerned that, in recent years, the peace process has reportedly stalled, with increasing reports of human rights abuses, political violence and the murder of trade unionists and environmentalist and indigenous activists, which it understands has seen over 1,000 people killed since the agreement was signed; notes the calls on all candidates in the forthcoming presidential election in Colombia to commit to implementing the peace agreement in full, and further notes the calls on the Scottish and UK governments to do all that they can to promote peace in Colombia.

S6M-04013: Sue Webber: Economic Value of Medical Charity Research in Scotland - That the Parliament notes the publication of two reports by the Fraser of Allander Institute and British Heart Foundation Scotland about the role of medical research charities in Scotland's medical research environment; welcomes the findings regarding the economic impact of medical research charity funding in Scotland, which, it understands, supported 7,475 jobs, £470 million in output and £320 million in Gross Value Added (GVA) in 2019; understands that funding from medical research charities is amongst the most effective of all sectors, reportedly supporting £1.33 million in GVA and 31 jobs for every £1 million invested; notes what it sees as the significant impact COVID-19 had on the ability of medical research charities to fund research, putting, it understands from the research, 575 jobs, £36 million in output and £25 million in GVA at risk in 2020 alone; understands that the British Heart Foundation currently invests almost £33 million on research in the Lothian region, and notes the call from British Heart Foundation Scotland for continued support for clinical research infrastructure and research careers to ensure the long-term health of the medical research environment and to amplify what it sees as the benefit of investment into medical research to the economy.

**S6M-03994:** John Mason: Scotland's Companies - That the Parliament notes the reported probable loss of independent control and headquarter function of two major Scottish companies, namely Stagecoach and John Menzies; understands that Stagecoach, which was founded in 1980, agreed a merger with National Express late in 2021 but that a fund managed by Germany's DWS, which is part of Deutsche Bank, presented a near £600 million offer to take over the company; further understands that John Menzies, which was founded in 1883, has reached an agreement on a £571 million bid from Kuwait-based National Aviation Services; recognises what it sees as a further erosion of large thriving Scottish companies leaving the stock market, which it believes is detrimental to the nation's standing in the corporate world; further recognises what it sees as similar high-profile examples such as McVities in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency; notes the view that Scotland needs to do all that it can to encourage large Scottish companies to keep their independence, and further notes the hope that more Scottish companies see the value of keeping control of their operations in Scotland.

**S6M-03993:** Paul Sweeney: Extending Free Bus Travel to All Asylum Seekers Resident in Scotland - That the Parliament commends the work of organisations that are supporting and amplifying the voices of asylum seekers in Scotland, including in Glasgow; considers that this includes organisations such as The VOICES Network, Refuweegee, Maryhill Integration Network, Refugee Survival Trust and Survivors of Human Trafficking in Scotland amongst others, and notes the reported calls from these organisations for free bus travel to be provided to asylum seekers by extending the existing concessionary travel schemes to include all asylum seekers currently residing in Scotland regardless of age.

S6M-03916: Graeme Dey: Commemorating 40 Years Since the Falklands War - That the Parliament marks the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War, which began on 2 April 1982 and lasted 74 days until the Argentine surrender on 14 June; remembers the 255 UK Armed Forces personnel who died and were among over 1,000 lives lost in the conflict; commemorates the service and sacrifice of all those involved, with 30,000 sailors, marines, soldiers, airmen and merchant mariners having taken part, and with many more civilians having supported the war effort; recognises the particular role of Arbroath-based 45 Commando and the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, which between them lost 15 men to the fighting; appreciates the efforts of poppyscotland and Legion Scotland to mark the occasion, including a service of remembrance to be held in Edinburgh on 18 June 2022, and commends the work of both organisations in supporting the veterans of this conflict and their families, many of whom continue to be affected by the tragedy of war to this day.

S6M-03899: Alexander Stewart: NHS Out-of-hours GP Services - That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the importance of NHS out-of-hours GP services; understands that, according to Healthcare Improvement Scotland, primary care out-of-hours services are a fundamental part of the healthcare service in Scotland; notes that the service provides support to those who require medical assistance outwith normal GP surgery hours; understands that this involves a number of healthcare professionals, agencies and support staff, such as drivers, working together to provide a high-quality and integrated service for patients, with many individuals going above and beyond their normal remit to ensure maximum quality of service; notes the view that Healthcare Improvement Scotland and many GPs have collectively acknowledged that the quality and safety of out-of-hours care, such as that available in Clackmannanshire, across the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and all over Scotland, is extremely important and that patients should have access to consistent, high-quality standards of care, and further notes the calls for all regions of NHS Scotland to do all that they can to maintain, sustain and retain their out-of-hours GP services.

**S6M-03892: Edward Mountain: Highland PICT Wins Emergency Services Hero Award -** That the Parliament recognises that the Highland Pre-hospital Immediate Care and Trauma (PICT) team received the emergency services Hero of the Year

Award at the 2022 Highland Heroes event; notes that PICT teams attend scenes of major trauma incidents and help to provide advanced care; further notes that the PICT team based at Raigmore Hospital in Inverness has been deployable seven days a week since August 2020; considers that Highland PICT meets the ambitions of the Scottish Government's national trauma network programme and plays a key role in NHS Highland's major incident planning, collaborating with the Scottish Ambulance Service and other emergency services; welcomes that NHS Highland has extended its funding to Highland PICT in order for the team to continue to provide a seven-days-a-week service until September 2022; notes the calls encouraging the NHS board to secure the longer term future of Highland PICT beyond September 2022, which ensures the service's current operational capabilities are maintained; commends all members of the Highland PICT team for the essential service that they provide, and wishes the team all the best for the future.

**S6M-03887:** Graeme Dey: Pre-payment Meters in Scotland - That the Parliament condemns the reported higher energy costs faced by people on pre-payment meters, and considers that this is a poverty premium on households on the lowest incomes; understands that 467,000 households in Scotland, including 21.3% of those in Angus, pay for their gas and electricity via a pre-payment meter; is concerned by reports that people who topped up pre-payment meters ahead of the 1 April price rise may have this taken back by energy suppliers, including by Scottish Power and E.ON; notes the calls on energy companies to halt further installations of pre-payment meters, and on suppliers to actively contact pre-payment customers with appropriate and consistent support for those who are struggling, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to cut the cost of pre-payment meter energy to the level available via Direct Debit arrangements.

**S6M-03852:** Karen Adam: David Dickens and the Work of The Fishermen's Mission - That the Parliament thanks David Dickens CBE, who has carried out the role of Chief Executive at The Fishermen's Mission for over a decade, for what it sees as his selfless dedication, support and passion for the fishing communities across Scotland, including in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency; recognises the work that he led in the Mission to support Scottish fishermen and coastal communities through, it understands, a range of adverse events in recent years; further recognises what it sees as his role of being a strong voice in tackling what it considers as the worldwide issue of modern slavery in the fishing industry; notes David Dickens CBE impending retirement from The Fishermen's Mission, and wishes him a long, happy and fulfilling retirement.

**S6M-03839: Fiona Hyslop: Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Union Canal and its Contribution to Scotland -** That the Parliament recognises the economic, environmental and social value of the Union Canal in 2022, its bicentenary year; commends the measures taken by Scottish Canals to mark this historic occasion with a year-long calendar of events; understands that this year will feature a blended

programme of community activities as well as digital and in-person events that include a flotilla on 21 May, led by Scottish Waterways for All, a 20th birthday party at the Falkirk Wheel on 28 May, the EventScotland-funded Dandelion initiative taking to the water in June, and an online event inviting everyone to sign up for the Canal Challenge 200, to walk, cycle, wheel or paddle 200 times, for 200 days or 200km throughout the year across one or all of Scotland's canals; commends all the staff and volunteers at Scottish Canals for their hard work and dedication over the years in creating flood prevention measures, undertaking regeneration and youth work and preparing for a new marina at Winchburgh; further commends the work of Linlithgow Union Canal Society, which has cared for and developed the canal in the Linlithgow constituency for modern use, as well as undertaking other work, including the Millennium Project; recognises what it sees as the joy that the canal and its routes bring to the local community, and the reported increasing number of walkers, cyclists and boaters, and wishes the whole team at Scottish Canals well for all its future endeavours.

S6M-03817: Annabelle Ewing: Kelty Hearts FC, Scottish League 2 Champions - That the Parliament congratulates Kelty Hearts FC on winning Scottish League 2 with five matches remaining in the season; understands that the club only became a full Scottish Football Association member in December 2017 and secured promotion to the national leagues following two consecutive seasons as Champions of the Lowland League; considers this to be a remarkable rate of progression through the pyramid system, and wishes the club every success next season in Scottish League 1.

S6M-03811: Katy Clark: Shipbuilding - That the Parliament notes that Turkey-based Cemre Marin Endustri has been commissioned to build two CalMac ferries for Islay, with state-owned yard Ferguson Marine at Port Glasgow not making the shortlist: notes the view that Scotland needs an industrial strategy to ensure capacity is built upon and public service vessels are commissioned and built in Scotland; understands that a significant proportion of the UK's shipbuilding capacity can be found along the River Clyde, where HMS Glasgow, HMS Belfast and HMS Cardiff are currently under construction for the Royal Navy; further understands that just two ferries operating on core service routes have been delivered to CalMac since 2007 and that half of all stateowned vessels are over 25 years old; notes that Ferguson Marine has trialled what it considers ground-breaking hydrogen-fuelled ferries through the HySeas III project and has a seat on the UK Government's Clean Maritime Council; further notes that the International Maritime Organization's Greenhouse Gas Strategy commits countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping by at least 50% by 2050 compared to 2008 emission levels, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to ensure that contracts to build zero emission ferries outlined in its Infrastructure Investment Plan to 2025-26 are directly awarded to publicly-owned shipyards in Scotland or the rest of the UK.

**S6M-03807:** Katy Clark: Celebrating Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act at 20 **Years -** That the Parliament welcomes the Freedom of Information (Scotland) (No. 2)

Bill, drafted by the Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland; recognises that 28 May 2022 marks 20 years since the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FoISA) received Royal Assent; is pleased that the law has provided people and organisations, including in the West Scotland region, with a free, enforceable right to access information held by public authorities, and considers that opening up the decision-making process, knowing who and what information informs decisions, and how public money is spent are fundamental to ensuring a fair and equal society; believes, however, that FoISA has failed to keep pace with information management and changes in how publicly funded services are delivered, and notes the view in the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee inquiry report on FolSA, published in May 2020, that "there is a clear need to improve the legislation." particularly in respect of the bodies that it covers and in relation to proactive publication"; acknowledges the polling results published by the Scottish Information Commissioner indicating that enforceable legal rights regarding access to information are popular with the public, and notes the calls to ensure that access to information rights are robust and fit for purpose, and to expedite the necessary legal reform.

**S6M-03802:** Joe FitzPatrick: National Awareness Month for Osteogenesis Imperfecta - That the Parliament recognises the Brittle Bone Society's campaign to mark the month of May as National Awareness Month for Osteogenesis Imperfecta; understands that osteogenesis imperfecta is a genetic bone disorder characterised by fragile bones that break easily; further understands that it is a rare condition affecting approximately one in every 15,000, which equates to around 5,000 individuals in the UK; acknowledges that the Brittle Bone Society is the sole organisation in the UK that supports people born with osteogenesis imperfecta; notes that the Brittle Bone Society was established in Dundee in 1968 by Dr Margaret Grant MBE, and is still based in Dundee; notes the support for the mission of the Brittle Bone Society to ensure that people living with osteogenesis imperfecta are understood and respected, and congratulates the Brittle Bone Society on continuing to champion the needs of people living with osteogenesis imperfecta.

**S6M-03797:** Katy Clark: Low Frequency Noise - That the Parliament notes the concerns raised by the local community over low frequency noise (LFN) produced by generators on two drill ships, which, it understands, were berthed at Hunterston Jetty, near Fairlie, for approximately a year; further notes reports of concerns raised by the local community at Cromarty over persistent noise pollution from nearby offshore oil rigs; understands that responsibility for dealing with the majority of complaints about nuisance, such as noise, rests with local authorities and that they have a duty to investigate such complaints under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA); further understands that frequency weighting is added to decibel measurements by Environmental Health Officers but that no recent general guidance for local authorities on LFN has been produced by either the Scottish or UK governments; notes the findings of the report, Proposed criteria for the assessment of low frequency noise disturbance, published by the University of Salford for the

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in 2011, which recommended "a method of assessment is needed both from the sufferer's point of view, because there is currently not much to protect them against LFN, and from the Environmental Health Officer's point of view, where guidance is needed in determining whether a nuisance exists"; further notes with concern the report's findings that surveyed complainants attributed sleep disturbance, stress, headaches, migraines and severe mental health issues to LFN; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to commission some upto-date research into the subject to ensure best practice is followed on LFN and to protect public health, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to incorporate clear guidance on LFN into its National Planning Framework.

S6M-03788: Katy Clark: Apprentices' Wages - That the Parliament notes with concern the findings of the most recent Scottish Apprenticeship Pay Survey, published in 2020, which found that the median hourly wage for apprentices at levels 2 and 3 was £7.67; understands that the official guidance from Skills Development Scotland is that all employers should pay at least the real Living Wage of £9.90 an hour, as set by the Living Wage Foundation, to all workers, including apprentices; further understands that apprentices aged under 19, or in the first year of their apprenticeship, will be paid a minimum rate of £4.81 an hour from April 2022, which is nearly half the minimum rate of £9.50 an hour that is to be paid to all workers and apprentices aged 23 and over; notes the calls for the UK Government's minimum apprentice rate to be abolished and all apprentices to be paid at least the same real Living Wage rate of £9.90 an hour regardless of age; further notes the view that all apprentices in the public sector in Scotland, including in the West Scotland region, should be paid the real Living Wage rate, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to make paying the real Living Wage to all workers and apprentices a binding condition for employers who seek modern apprenticeship funding support from Skills Development Scotland.

S6M-03777: Bob Doris: MND Scotland Report, No Time to Lose: Addressing the Housing Needs of People with MND - That the Parliament welcomes the MND Scotland report, No time to lose: Addressing the housing needs of people with MND, which outlines the challenges that people with MND, including those in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency, face when trying to obtain the accessible home that they need through adaptations or an alternative accessible property; understands that MND is a rapidly progressing terminal neurological disease, which can cause those with the illness to lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, drink or breathe unaided, with the average life expectancy being just 18 months from diagnosis; acknowledges that many waiting lists for adaptations and alternative accessible homes are reportedly too long for people with MND with, it understands, some longer than the average life expectancy with the illness; believes that this can leave people with MND unable to spend the precious time that they have left safely and with the dignity that everyone is entitled to, and that, for some, support never comes in time; understands that speed in service provision is critical for people with MND, and notes the expectation that the Scottish Government and local authorities will give meaningful and early consideration

to implementing the report's various recommendations, which include fast-tracking people with MND for adaptations and accessible homes, a proactive, not reactive, approach to adaptations, establishing a national definition of accessible housing, and building more wheelchair accessible housing across Scotland.

**S6M-03755:** Paul McLennan: **25** Years of John Muir Award in Scotland on John Muir Day on **21** April - That the Parliament notes John Muir Day on **21** April 2022 and commends the John Muir Trust on **25** years of running the John Muir Award; understands that, since its launch in Scotland, it has encouraged over 451,578 people from all backgrounds across the UK to enjoy, connect with, and care for wild places through a nationally recognised environmental award scheme, and considers that nature connection encourages healthy pro-environmental behaviours, which it believes are essential for a fairer, sustainable world, including tackling the climate crisis and reversing biodiversity loss.

**S6M-03742:** Karen Adam: Mental Health Awareness Week, Loneliness and Mental Health - That the Parliament notes that 9 to 15 May 2022 is Mental Health Awareness Week; welcomes this week of mental health awareness-raising, education and campaigning; recognises what it sees as the relevance of this year's theme, Loneliness and Mental Health, to Scotland; considers that, based on available data, loneliness is a key risk factor of poor mental health and that, by reducing loneliness, mental health problems can be prevented; notes reports that some people are at higher risk of loneliness than others and therefore require targeted interventions from the Scottish Government, such as creating safe and accessible spaces for social connectedness and reducing digital exclusion; believes that addressing loneliness is something that needs to be done as a society, within communities, and as individuals, and commends the work of the Mental Health Foundation and local volunteers who help to make Mental Health Awareness Week each year possible.

**S6M-03739:** Karen Adam: A Public Heath Approach to the Prevention of Child Sex Abuse - That the Parliament notes the calls from NSPCC Scotland, Barnardos Scotland and Stop it Now! Scotland for a public health approach to the prevention of child sexual abuse; further notes reports that the scale of online child sexual abuse and exploitation is increasing and has become particularly acute during recent COVID-19 lockdowns; believes that, as a society, Scotland should be focusing its efforts on ensuring that child sexual abuse is prevented before it occurs, before people at risk of abusing become offenders, and before potential victims become actual victims; considers that understanding child sexual abuse, and what causes it, is an essential step towards developing effective prevention strategies, and notes the calls, including from across the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency, for an approach that embraces an integrated, cross-departmental and comprehensive approach to prevention, involving health, police, education, community safety, children's services, social services, housing and the wider community.

S6M-03653: Fulton MacGregor: Celebrating the Monkland's Canal - That the Parliament recognises the work of Friends of Monkland Canal, which it understands has worked tirelessly to revive and restore an approximately 2km stretch of the Monkland Canal in Coatbridge; further understands that the group, which is led by the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency residents, Alan McCormack and Stephen McCargo, has a large number of volunteers and inspired a whole community to get involved in their local area; praises the work of Scottish Canals and Sustrans for working to ensure that the canal remains accessible for the whole community to enjoy; welcomes the recent £429,000 investment that has been made for upgrading the tow path as part of Sustrans Scotland's Network Development Fund; notes what it sees as the importance of preserving and celebrating Scotland's canals, which were once a historic part of the industrial heritage and are now, it considers, a vital component of the green and blue spaces in urban areas; recognises what it sees as the importance of preserving the history of the Monkland Canal and other canals in Scotland, and the significant health and wellbeing benefits of access to good quality outdoor spaces, and notes the calls for further investment in the area to realise these benefits in full.

S6M-03646: Tess White - Improving the Disaster Response to Serious Weather **Events -** That the Parliament recognises that parts of Scotland, and particularly the north east, have been seriously affected by adverse weather events such as Storms Arwen, Barra, Malik and Corrie, at the end of 2021 and early 2022, which tragically led to a loss of life; acknowledges that these weather events resulted in a loss of power for thousands of households, in some cases for a protracted period over a number of days, and that the water supply, telecoms, rail and road infrastructure were also compromised; notes the view that it is vital for all those involved to learn lessons from the disaster response to these storms and to make appropriate and prompt improvements to increase community resilience in future; further notes the six recommendations of the Scottish Government's Storm Arwen review, published in January 2022, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to set out an action plan for the implementation and delivery of these recommendations ahead of the update in June 2022; considers that the communication of information during emergencies is particularly important and notes the view that more must be done in advance of serious weather warnings to notify communities how they can access upto-date information when telecoms are down; pays tribute to those volunteers who mobilised following these storms to support vulnerable individuals, and those who became newly vulnerable as they lost power, telecoms and water supply in communities such as Fettercairn, Stonehaven and Glenbervie, and notes the calls for people who can to engage with the British Red Cross and other organisations about opportunities to volunteer in their communities as emergency responders alongside local partners.

**S6M-03645:** Katy Clark: Tackling Child Poverty and Destitution - That the Parliament recognises the reported worsening cost of living crisis and the impact that this will have on what it sees as the already unacceptable levels of child poverty in

Scotland, including in the West Scotland region; welcomes the report, Tackling Child Poverty and Destitution, by the Trussell Trust and Save the Children, and notes their recommendations on how child poverty and overall deep poverty can be tackled; further notes the view that the Scottish Child Payment should be doubled again to £40 in the current parliamentary session, and that an awareness campaign is ne eded to ensure that all of those who are eligible apply for the payment; notes the calls for the value of the Scottish Welfare Fund to be increased to allow it to respond to the reported cost of living crisis, and further notes the view that a review is needed to eliminate regional variations in acceptance of applications to the fund and the value of grants paid out.

S6M-03629: Bill Kidd: Protecting Refugees and Making Scotland a Hostile Place for Human Traffickers - That the Parliament notes with concern reports that human traffickers are targeting Ukrainian women and child refugees, who are amassing in the countries bordering Ukraine and also in Germany; understands from reports that German, Romanian and Polish police are reporting of lone women and girls being approached by suspected traffickers and procurers, who, it believes, are using deceptive tactics of offering rooms and work, which would lead to dangerous exploitation and abuse; considers that these developments confirm the findings of the Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as submitted to the UN Human Rights Council in December 2015, stating that "humanitarian crises or conflicts can also foster the demand factor. The ensuing chaos and lawlessness empower offenders to target vulnerable children in order to sell and/or sexually exploit them"; understands that two thirds of victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation are women and one third are children; notes that the charity A21, which re-shelters victims of trafficking, and the UNHCR, have released statements highlighting the vulnerabilities of women and children fleeing Ukraine; further notes that the UNHCR has emphasised the importance of family reunification schemes to protect children who have been split up from their parents while fleeing Ukraine, and has urged countries receiving refugees to adopt official blue dot safety points; believes that, when refugees arrive in Scotland, including in Glasgow, they must be protected by proactive safeguarding schemes and not be subject to the same prospects of abuse and forced prostitution; notes reports of the violent nature of the prostitution system and its facilitation of mass rape and commends the Equally Safe strategy and the A Model for Scotland campaign for seeking to addressing this; further notes the calls for Scotland to become a hostile environment for human traffickers and, to this end, to make the purchase of sex illegal, and notes the view that the vulnerabilities and plight of Ukrainian refugees reinforce the need to address what it sees as the systemic violence against women and children, and that this underlines the urgency of tackling the demand for prostitution, which, it believes, fosters trafficking, in Scotland.

S6M-03624: Mark Griffin: Motherwell in Running to be New Home for Britain's Railways - That the Parliament welcomes Motherwell's entry into the national

competition to become the new headquarters for Great British Railways (GBR), which, it understands, was submitted by North Lanarkshire Council; notes the UK Government's competition to find a home for the Great British Railways' headquarters, which must be outside of London; believes that Motherwell is perfectly placed to host the GBR headquarters; considers that the town is at the heart of Scotland's rail network and has outstanding connectivity to Scotland and the rest of the UK; believes that the town has a highly-skilled workforce and one of the fastest-growing economies in the country, and that the location of the headquarters would attract further investment to the town, and understands that work is already well underway to considerably improve Motherwell railway station and transform it into a major UK transport interchange, which, it believes, will improve connectivity for all modes of transport including rail, bus, cycling, taxis and cars, as well as pedestrians.

S6M-03616: Martin Whitfield: UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill - One Year On - That Parliament notes that 16 March 2022 marks one year since the Scottish Parliament committed, it considers, to deliver a "revolution in children's rights" by unanimously passing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; believes that, by taking what it sees as a maximalist approach to incorporating children's rights into Scots law, Scotland is aiming to deliver a fundamental culture shift that, it considers, will transform the life chances and outcomes for children and young people, including in the South Scotland region; acknowledges that the Bill was passed after over 10 years of campaigning by children, young people and their families, and supported by children's organisations across Scotland; further acknowledges reports that the passage of the Bill was celebrated widely by children and young people through to teachers, social workers, the police, MSPs across all political parties and members of UN committees; accepts that it is over five months since The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom ruled that the Bill needs to be amended to bring it within the competence of the Scottish Parliament; welcomes the Deputy First Minister's commitment to address The Supreme Court judgment through the Scottish Parliament's reconsideration process; acknowledges the view that children and young people still do not know what timescale the Scottish Government is working to, or how long this process will take, and understands that, on the first anniversary of the Bill being passed, charities are urging MSPs to set out to children their continued commitment to the incorporation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots law and to supporting reconsideration of the Bill that brings it within the Parliament's competence, and are requesting that the Scottish Government sets out a timescale for the reconsideration process so that children and young people know when UNCRC incorporation will be a reality in their lives.

**S6M-03566: Joe FitzPatrick: Alcohol Management in Deep End Practices -** That the Parliament welcomes the new report, Exploring the management of alcohol problems in Deep End practices in Scotland, which was funded by Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) and carried out by researchers at the University

of Dundee and University of Stirling, and which highlights the effectiveness of the Primary Care Alcohol Nurse Outreach Service (PCANOS) model in Deep End practices; understands that alcohol continues to cause a significant amount of harm in Scotland, including in Dundee: further understands that, in 2020, alcohol was directly responsible for 1,190 deaths in Scotland, with death rates 4.3 times higher among those living in the most deprived areas; highlights what it sees as the effectiveness of the PCANOS model, including its person-centred approach, one-to-one and flexible nature, and the fact that it enabled collaborative working between practice staff; notes the calls for investment into alcohol services that reflects the need across the country; further notes that the report calls for more research to be carried out to establish an evidence base on the effectiveness of unique services such as PCANOS, in supporting people with moderate to severe alcohol problems who do not engage with alcohol services, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to carefully consider the report's recommendation for the PCANOS model and other alcohol treatment services to be rolled out across Deep End practices, with long-term funding, to enable as many people as possible with alcohol problems, who have complex needs, to be supported.

**S6M-03469:** Katy Clark: International Workers' Memorial Day - That the Parliament joins workers, trade unions and communities in commemorating International Workers' Memorial Day on 28 April 2022; welcomes that International Workers' Memorial Day is commemorated throughout the world, including in the West Scotland region, and is officially recognised by many governments, including the UK Government; acknowledges the publication of the annual statistics for fatal injuries at work in Great Britain during 2020-21 by the Health and Safety Executive; notes with sadness the findings that 17 workers in Scotland lost their lives during 2020-21 as a result of fatal injury at work; believes that a strong trade union movement is vital for advancing workers' rights and improving health and safety in Scotland; commemorates all those who have lost their lives at work, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to do what it can to officially mark the day.

**S6M-03233:** Colette Stevenson: Access to Cannabis-based Products for Medicinal Use - That the Parliament welcomes the Home Office's rescheduling of certain cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs) in 2018; notes the reported improvement in some children with treatment resistant epilepsy who take CBPMs, such as Cole Thomson, from East Kilbride, who it understands receives Bedrolite on private prescription; acknowledges the reported financial pressure that these prescriptions can place on families; further acknowledges the reported hesitancy of NHS consultants to prescribe unlicensed CBPMs due to the lack of robust evidence; notes the view that the rescheduling does not go far enough in assisting some patients, and the calls for a change in rules to allow GPs, who consider it appropriate, to prescribe unlicensed CBPMs where a non-NHS consultant has initiated that course of treatment; understands that the British Paediatric Neurology Association published its updated Guidance on the use of cannabis-based products for medicinal use in children

and young people with epilepsy in October 2021, which, it considers, outlines concerns around the lack of randomised control trials demonstrating a product's safety, quality and efficacy; acknowledges the Scottish Government's reported commitment to collaborate with NHS England and the National Institute for Health Research to support research trials into medicinal cannabis in order to give NHS consultants the assurances that they need to consider prescribing CBPMs on the NHS; understands that, once a medicinal product has undergone clinical trials, it could be considered by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency for licensing and that this could lead to further consideration by organisations such as the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, the Scottish Medicines Consortium and NHS Scotland; notes the calls for industry to run observational and clinical trials; believes that an increased evidence base offers the best opportunities for expansion of the range of CBPMs available from the NHS; welcomes the reported plans by Target Healthcare, which operates in East Kilbride, to produce CBPMs in Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish and UK governments to work together to find solutions on these issues.

S6M-03222: Pam Gosal: International Women's Day 2022 - That the Parliament notes the achievement of women around the world on International Women's Day on 8 March 2022; welcomes the 2022 theme of #BreakTheBias; recognises the need to end what it sees as gender-based bias in Scotland's communities, workplaces, schools, colleges, and universities; considers that, whether deliberate or unconscious, bias inhibits the progress of women in society; further considers that gender equality is key to the elimination of violence against women; believes that this day should be used to reflect on the notable contributions made by women, celebrate women's achievements, and raise awareness about women's equality; further believes that women, especially BAME women, have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; notes with concern reports that female-owned businesses in Scotland have decreased since 2017; further notes the calls to help women realise their ambitions, especially in less female-dominated fields, such as STEM, and notes the calls to commit to promoting gender-inclusive practices, which can help business and policy-makers engage in diversity of thought.

#### S6M-03196: Katy Clark: Fair and Fast Pension Compensation for 1950s Women

- That the Parliament regrets what it sees as the UK Government's inaction to end the injustice experienced by women affected by the changes to state pension laws; notes the campaign of the Women Against State Pension Injustice (WASPI) group, plus other similar campaign groups, to achieve fair and fast compensation arrangements for all women, including in the West Scotland region, who were born in the 1950s and were affected by these changes to state pension age, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to urge the UK Government to accept the reported findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman that 1950s-born women have been severely affected by Department for Work and Pensions maladministration, to take the swift action that many believe is needed to provide the recommended level of

compensation to the women, and to compensate beneficiaries of the estates of those who are deceased and failed to receive a pension.

S6M-03183: Fulton MacGregor: World Social Work Day 2022 - That the Parliament notes that 15 March is World Social Work Day 2022; understands that it has been celebrated since 2007 and that it aims to highlight the achievements and raise the visibility of social work and to defend social justice and human rights; recognises and praises social workers in Scotland, and across the world, for what it sees as the invaluable contribution they make to supporting communities and the difference they make to the lives of individuals and families; understands that this year's theme is Cobuilding a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind; further understands that it presents a vision and action plan to create new global values, policies and practices that develop trust, security and confidence for all people through ensuring the sustainability of the planet; considers that World Social Work Day is an opportunity for networks and communities to engage around the values and principles of social work. which, it believes, enable all people to have their dignity respected through shared visions for what it sees as a more socially just future; acknowledges what it sees as the critical role played by social workers, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic; notes with concern reports of the impact that high caseloads have had on mental wellbeing and their capacity to effectively protect adults and children; believes that changes in the role of social work have resulted in it being about high-risk crisis and statutory intervention rather than early intervention and prevention; notes the view that the creation of a National Care Service offers a unique opportunity to reform and shape a new future for social work in Scotland, and further notes the view that this can only be achieved through engagement with the profession.

S6M-03116: Paul McLennan: National Social Prescribing Day, 10 March 2022 -That the Parliament notes National Social Prescribing Day on 10 March 2022, and celebrates what it sees as the creation, implementation and success of the Scottish Social Prescribing Network (SSPN); understands that the SSPN was created in June 2020 as no such network existed in Scotland; believes that social prescribing is best described as a means of enabling health professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services; understands that social prescribing is an approach that is based on the view that people's health and wellbeing are determined mostly by a range of social, economic and environmental factors, and that it seeks to address people's needs in a holistic way; considers that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, social prescribing programmes stepped up and rapidly adapted, using what it sees as innovative approaches to support people in their communities; understands that this was done through a range of means, using community connectors, social prescribers and community link workers; notes that the SSPN facilitated a session on 30 September 2021, which, it understands, was targeted at key policy makers, and involved representatives from the Scottish Government, public health, academia and the third sector, and that a report from the session is available with a number of recommendations; believes that SSPN is an important movement; understands that it was established from a grassroots level; notes the view that the SSPN should continue to grow and develop and that it is essential to a national approach to achieving Scottish Government policies and strategies, and further notes the view that the Scottish Government should be involved in the network, in order to assess where it fits in terms of policy areas.

S6M-03099: Katy Clark: Precarious Employment in Further and Higher **Education -** That the Parliament notes the strike action announced by University and College Union (UCU) members to be taken across Scottish universities in February 2022, including in the West Scotland region; understands that a key demand of the workers is a nationally-agreed framework to eliminate precarious employment; notes with concern data published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency, which reportedly showed that 32% of all UK University staff were on fixed-term contracts in 2020-21 and 33% of all Scotland-based University staff were on fixed-term contracts in 2019-20; further notes College Staffing Data, published by the Scottish Funding Council, which reportedly showed that 13% of all teaching staff at Scottish colleges were on temporary contracts in 2019-20; notes with concern the findings of the UCU report, Second Class Academic Citizens: The dehumanising effects of casualisation in higher education, published in 2020, which found that students on temporary or fixed-term contracts felt invisible, vulnerable, lacking in agency and unable to make long-term plans; further notes surveys carried out by the UCU in June 2019, which reportedly found that 93% of respondents on fixed-term contracts in further education roles and 97% of respondents on fixed-term contracts in higher education roles would rather be on permanent contracts; understands that employers have a statutory responsibility to ensure that workers must not be treated less favourably than comparable staff; notes the calls for academic institutions not to use employment agencies to recruit staff; further notes the calls for the Scottish Funding Council to set out guidance that temporary or fixed-term contracts should not be used; acknowledges the view that academic institutions should seek to negotiate with trade unions to transition staff in precarious employment to more secure contracts, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to work with higher and further education institutions, local authorities and trade unions to put an end to what it considers the precarious employment in the academic sector.

**S6M-03091: John Mason: Persecution of Christians -** That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the persecution of Christians across the world; acknowledges the findings of the World Watch List 2022, compiled by Open Doors, which ranks the top 50 countries where, according to the list, Christians face the most extreme levels of persecution; understands that the top 10 on this year's watch list are, starting at number one, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, and India; further understands that analysis shows that, on average, every day, 13 Christians worldwide are killed because of their faith and 12 churches or Christian buildings are attacked; understands that 309 million Christians are living in places with very high or extreme levels of persecution, with, reportedly,

one in eight Christians facing persecution worldwide, and one in six in Africa, and two in five in Asia, facing persecution; sympathises with all those who face persecution for practising their faith, and notes the calls reminding Christians across Scotland, including in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency, to keep those victimised in their prayers.

S6M-03086: Edward Mountain: Highland Pre-hospital Immediate Care and Trauma Service - That the Parliament supports what it sees as the pioneering and life-saving work of the Highland Pre-hospital Immediate Care and Trauma (PICT) service; understands that Highland PICT is a dual clinician Medic/Advanced Practitioner rapid response team that is based at Raigmore Hospital, in Inverness, and provides enhanced frontline care to medical and traumatic emergencies across the Highlands; further understands that, since 2015, the team has successfully expanded its operations from a two-day service to a seven-day service, which has been in place since August 2020; considers that Highland PICT meets the ambitions of the Scottish Government's national trauma network programme and plays a key role in NHS Highland's major incident planning, collaborating with the Scottish Ambulance Service and other emergency services; notes, with deep concern, reports that NHS Highland's funding review for Highland PICT will result in a reduced service of four days per week, and further notes the calls encouraging the NHS board to reconsider its funding proposal for what it sees as a vital service.

S6M-03083: Alasdair Allan: Energy Bill Crisis for Island Communities - That the Parliament notes reports of growing concerns about what it sees as the energy bill crisis, including in Na h-Eileanan an Iar; understands that Ofgem's decision to raise the price cap will increase household energy bills by an average of 54%; considers that distribution levies unfairly penalise poorer people and those who live in rural areas; believes that the rise in energy costs from April will push many island households to breaking point; further believes that island residents are more vulnerable to what it sees as the current cost of living crisis due to existing higher living costs, including what it considers to be unfair energy levies, and to weather conditions, the lack of a mains gas option for most people, and low incomes in many areas; welcomes the Scottish Government's announcement of a £150 cost-of-living payment. which, together with funding for local authorities, will reportedly benefit 73% of households, and an additional £10 million to be targeted at people who are struggling to pay their fuel bills; considers that the power to make critical energy legislation is reserved to the UK Parliament; condemns the UK Government for, it believes, failing to step in further to prevent fuel poverty resulting from this situation; notes the calls for anyone who is struggling with their bills to contact Advice Direct Scotland for free practical advice; considers that the current devolution settlement prevents the Scottish Parliament from legislating directly on this issue, and notes the calls on the UK Government to do more to tackle what it believes to be the current fuel price crisis.

**S6M-03064: Christine Grahame: Men Don't Talk -** That the Parliament recognises the work that has gone into producing the one-act play, Men Don't Talk, by Clare Prenton, who is based in Peebles; understands that Clare based this play on the experiences of those involved with Peebles Men's Shed and conducted a number of workshops with members to inform the storyline, which was written and developed over two years; further understands that it explores the myth that men do not talk, in a fictional Men's Shed setting, discussing such issues as loneliness, alcoholism and recovery, loss of a life partner, caring for a partner with dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from previous service in the Armed Forces, and where the next supply of jaffa cakes is coming from; notes that this was made possible by funding from the Peebles-based charity, Inspiring Life - Evie Douglas Memorial Fund, which was set up by Freda Douglas in memory of her daughter Evie; congratulates those involved, on the play coming to fruition in January 2022, with a rehearsed reading at The Eastgate Theatre in Peebles, employing a professional cast of three actors and the services of one local amateur, who helped with the stage direction, in front of an audience of over 70 people; believes that projects such as this celebrate community collaboration and are an important part of raising awareness of issues around mental health, particularly among those in society who may be less comfortable in engaging in conventional support for this, and considers that organisations such as Men's Sheds are a vital support for many in Scotland's communities.

S6M-03023: Colin Smyth: Ethical Principles in Wildlife Management - That the Parliament notes reports that thousands of animals and birds are taken and killed in wildlife management operations every year, including in the South Scotland region; considers that these are sentient beings that are capable of experiencing pain and suffering; notes the view that Scotland should lead the way in sustainable and humane interaction with the wild animals in the environment; notes the belief that wildlife management should be governed by ethical principles, such as the international consensus principles for ethical wildlife control, which recommend that efforts to control wildlife should, wherever possible: alter the human practices that cause human-wildlife conflict and develop a culture of coexistence, be justified by evidence that significant harms are being caused to people, property, livelihoods, ecosystems, and/or other animals, have measurable outcome-based objectives that are clear, achievable, monitored, and adaptive, minimise animal welfare harms and be confined to the fewest number of animals, be informed by community values as well as scientific, technical, and practical information, be integrated into plans for systematic long-term management, and be based on the specifics of the situation rather than negative labels such as "pest" or "overabundant", and notes the view that there are opportunities to integrate ethical principles into the Scottish Government's strategic approach to wildlife management and its species licensing review.

**S6M-03022: Fulton MacGregor: Phenylketonuria (PKU) -** That the Parliament recognises that phenylketonuria (PKU) is a rare metabolic condition where the body cannot process phenylalanine, an amino acid found in protein foods; understands that

prolonged exposure to protein in their diet can result in people with PKU experiencing significant health issues, including brain damage; further understands that, at present, children and adults with PKU must follow an extreme dietary regime by cutting out almost all protein, weighing food and taking supplements, leaving them unable to make any spontaneous food choices or enjoy the same food as other people; understands that the drug, sapropterin, can assist in giving eligible people with PKU, including those in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, and across Scotland, some normality in their diet, and that the manufacturer of Kuvan, BioMarin Pharmaceutical, previously had an application for the drug turned down by the Scottish Medicines Consortium on grounds of cost; further understands that generic versions of sapropterin are now available; notes the calls on BioMarin Pharmaceutical to submit a new application, and further notes the calls on the NHS to explore any and all options to procure generic versions of sapropterin for prescription to eligible patients across Scotland.

**S6M-03010: Stuart McMillan: Regulation of Pet Groomers - That the Parliament** notes with concern the reported lack of regulation of the pet grooming industry, with, it understands, pet groomers not requiring training or licences to operate; further understands that this has led to a discrepancy between pet groomers, with some voluntarily choosing to set up procedures and policies to safeguard themselves and the animals that they provide services for, but nothing in place to ensure that all pet groomers follow the same set of standards; acknowledges that people can reportedly only access private training to become a pet groomer as there are no state-funded courses available to people to pursue this career path; believes that this makes it harder for individuals to obtain appropriate training to become a pet groomer and, in light of the reported absence of formal regulation, it is easy for individuals to set up a pet grooming business with no experience or training in the role; notes reports that one in four people in Scotland are thought to be dog owners, and that pet care services in the UK are expected to grow by 34.3% to £991 million; further notes the view that, as the market for pet grooming services continues to grow, there is an increased need to consider providing state-funded training for those wishing to pursue a career in the industry and for formal regulation of pet groomers to be introduced; considers that pet grooming services are not just about cosmetic and pamper treatments for animals, but also involve services that protect the health and wellbeing of animals, such as regular nail clipping, ear cleaning and haircuts; notes the view that it is important for pet groomers to have animal first aid training and appropriate pet handling skills due to the holistic approach that it considers pet owners would expect from groomers, but believes that, due to the reported lack of regulation, there are no checks and balances in place to ensure pet grooming businesses possess these skills; considers that many pet owners may not realise that the pet grooming industry is, it understands, unregulated and that pet grooming businesses will therefore have varying levels of experience and training, and notes the view that introducing regulation would instil confidence in pet owners, including those in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, who make use of pet grooming services.

S6M-02910: Paul O'Kane: ENABLE Scotland's My Own Front Door Campaign -That the Parliament acknowledges the ENABLE Scotland campaign, My Own Front Door, which it understands calls for urgent action to have priority plans in place for every person who has a learning disability in Scotland to access their right to a home that they choose, in the community that they choose, near to the people that they love, by 2023; considers that this is a basic human right, as identified in Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which states the right for disabled people to live independently and to be included in the community; acknowledges with concern reports that 1,011 adults with a learning disability in Scotland were recorded in 2019 as being "out of area", meaning that they do not live in their own community due to lack of available social care support; understands that this issue was identified as a priority in the 2013 Keys to Life strategy; further understands that the Scottish Government report, Coming Home, in 2018 identified 67 people who have a learning disability "living" in hospital due to lack of appropriate accommodation and support in the community, and that 22% had been in hospital for more than 10 years, with a further 9% having been in hospital for between five and 10 years; considers that this is unacceptable and a breach of an individual's human rights; understands that the campaign, My Own Front Door, highlights that there are many more people who are at risk of being in this position due to life transitions and/or breakdown in community-based social care support; is concerned by reports that there is currently no up-to-date information about progress that has been made to support people to live in the community of their choice, either from an area they do not want to live in, or from hospital; understands that the Scottish Government and COSLA convened a short-life working group in 2020 to address this issue and provided a £20 million Community Living Change Fund in February 2021 to health and social care partnerships to support change; further understands that the report of this group and detailed guidance on the use of the fund has yet to be published; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to support the five calls contained within the My Own Front Door campaign to ensure an urgent end to out-of-area placements that are not the choice of the individual and the overuse of assessment and treatment unit beds, a community first approach to the commissioning of support for people who have a learning disability, continued national investment to support the development of highquality, sustainable social care support for all people who have a learning disability, in any community that they choose to live in, national monitoring of local populations in this position, or at risk of being in this position, and the introduction of a national oversight panel to ensure that plans to support people to live in the community of their choice are informed by the rights, will and preference of these individuals, and upholds their human rights, and further notes the view that every person who has a learning disability in Scotland, including in the West Scotland region, has the right to have the keys to their own front door.

**S6M-02882: Richard Leonard: Changes to ScotRail Ticket Office Hours -** That the Parliament understands that Abellio ScotRail is consulting on changes to ticket office

opening hours, which would lead to a reduction in opening hours at 117 of its 143 staffed ticket offices, including the full closure of three ticket offices; considers that these reductions in hours would worsen passenger safety, security and accessibility and deter passengers from the rail network, including in the Central Scotland region; expresses concern at reports that changes to Schedule 17 regulated hours may lead to reductions in staffing in the future; notes passenger research by Transport Focus, which reportedly found that passengers want to see more, not less, staff on the railway; believes that the public consultation is being carried out at a time when passenger numbers are constrained due to the Scottish Government's work from home guidance, and understands that the consultation is being carried out by Abellio, who will no longer be operating the franchise as of 1 April 2022 when it transfers into Scottish Government ownership; further understands that the Scottish Government is already fully funding the franchise under the ongoing Emergency Measures Agreement, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to intervene and withdraw the proposals to reduce ScotRail ticket office opening hours.

S6M-02299: Fergus Ewing: Scotland's Fair Share, the Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland - That the Parliament welcomes Solar Energy Scotland's policy agenda, Scotland's fair share: Solar's role in achieving net zero in Scotland, published in the run-up to COP26, which sets out the potential for solar energy to play a much greater role in Scotland's low-carbon energy mix; understands that Scotland has levels of solar irradiation that can be effectively captured and that, compared to other nearby countries on the same latitude, such as Denmark, Scotland is behind in equivalent levels of solar technology deployment; considers that a number of policy matters within the control of the Scottish Government, including permitted development rights and business rates, could help the sector grow significantly; recognises what it sees as the ability of solar energy systems to work as a good companion to wind to make more effective, efficient use of the electricity grid and storage network; considers that, due to reported projections for solar to be the UK's cheapest form of energy this decade, and to have the unique capability to be deployed at all scales, solar is vital to supporting an affordable energy mix, and a just transition, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently assess the potential for a 2030 solar deployment target of a minimum of 4GW, and accompanying policy changes to embrace and enable this low-cost mature technology, to help tackle the climate emergency and provide investment and jobs in communities up and down the country, including in the Inverness and Nairn constituency.

**S6M-01845:** Monica Lennon: Scotland's Rail Unions Launch A Vision For Scotland's Railways - That the Parliament welcomes the report, A Vision For Scotland's Railways, by Scotland's rail unions, ASLEF, RMT, TSSA and UNITE, which it considers presents a transformative agenda for the future of passenger and freight services; understands that Scotland's rail unions believe that the country cannot meet its environmental obligations without a world-class rail service that shifts people from lorries and cars onto trains; further understands that the report calls for the railway

system to be green, reliable, affordable, well-staffed and punctual; understands that the report also calls for an end to profiteering, ticket office closures, job losses, budget cuts and reductions in services, using the COVID-19 pandemic as a justification; notes the view that the end of the Abellio franchise presents an opportunity to debate and action measures to make an investment in rail services and improve their quality and sustainability for the benefit of Central Scotland and beyond, and further notes the view that all MSPs and the Scottish Government should consider the report and engage with citizens, rail workers, trade unions, businesses and a range of organisations on its ideas and proposals.

#### S6M-01794: Meghan Gallacher: Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials

- That the Parliament notes the recent petition submitted on behalf of Dennistoun War Memorial, urging the Scottish Government to introduce stronger legislation, which would recognise the desecration or vandalism of war memorials as a specific criminal offence; understands that war memorials hold a very special place within the hearts of Scotland's communities; further understands that there has been an unprecedented increase in the desecration and vandalism of Scotland's war memorials since 2015, with some of those most recently targeted being the war memorial in the Duchess of Hamilton Park in Motherwell, the Carronshore War Memorial, the Boer War Memorial in Glasgow, the Spanish Civil War Memorial in Motherwell, the Kirkcaldy War Memorial, the Cowdenbeath War Memorial, and the Prestonpans War Memorial; notes calls to bring forward stricter legislation to ensure that war memorials are given special protection status; further notes the view that this would assist the authorities when prosecuting perpetrators of what it sees as these heinous crimes, and believes that war memorials are not representative of political or religious iconography, but are rather invaluable memorials to the young men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their countries, so that everyone today, irrespective of their background, can equally enjoy freedom from tyranny and oppression.

### Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament from 8 June 2021

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
8 June 2021	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Impact on Scottish Agriculture of Tariff-
			free Trade Deals
9 June 2021	Neil Gray	SNP	Social Justice and Fairness Commission
			Report
15 June 2021	Douglas Ross	CON	The Campaign to Restore the Consultant-
			led Maternity Unit at Dr Gray's, Elgin
16 June 2021	Monica Lennon	LAB	Historical Forced Adoption
22 June 2021	Bob Doris	SNP	MND Scotland (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
23 June 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	National Gaelic Language Plan
31 August	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Success of Great Borders River Clean
2021			
1 September	Emma Harper	SNP	100 Years of Insulin
2021	·		

2 September 2021	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Our Factory, Our Future, the Fight to Save McVitie's at Tollcross, Glasgow
7 September 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Reserved Board Seats for Islanders
8 September 2021	Brian Whittle	CON	Team GB Success
	Christine Grahame	SNP	Mineworkers' Pension Scheme
14 September 2021	Karen Adam	SNP	2020 Tokyo Paralympics
	Maggie Chapman	GRN	A Just Transition for Torry
16 September 2021	Miles Briggs	CON	SCVO Creates its 10,000 <sup>th</sup> CJS Job in Scotland's Voluntary Sector
	Michael Marra	LAB	Action on Brain Injury in Football
	Stuart McMillan	SNP	National Eye Health Week 2021
		SNP	FASD Awareness Day – 9 September
2021			, ,
28 September 2021	Johnston		Ambulance Services Across Scotland
29 September 2021	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Alleviating Poverty Associated with the Purchase of School Uniforms in Scotland
30 September 2021	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Community Wealth and the Emergence of "Green Lairds".
	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Big Noise Programme in Wester Hailes
	Donald Cameron	CON	Rest and Be Thankful
	Paul McLennan	SNP	World Mental Health Day 2021
	Clare Adamson	SNP	UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2021, Malnutrition in Older People
27 October 2021	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services
	Mercedes Villalba	LAB	The Need for an Offshore Training Passport
2 November 2021	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Improving Support and Ending the Stigma of the Menopause
	Elena Whitham	SNP	A Model for Scotland, the Campaign for Prostitution Law Reform in Scotland
	Gillian Mackay	GRN	Abortion Clinic Buffer Zones
	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Long Covid as a Condition of Concern
	Alexander Stewart	CON	100 Years of the Poppy in the UK
2021			

11 November 2021		SNP	Publication of the Communiqué Setting Out the Conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues		
2021	Emma Harper	SNP	World COPD Day 2021		
17 November 2021	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month		
18 November 2021	Stephen Kerr	CON	Road Safety in Falkirk		
23 November 2021	Foysol Choudhury	LAB	Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26		
2021	David Torrance	SNP	Mouth Cancer Action Month 2021		
25 November 2021	Gillian Martin	SNP	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage as Part of Scotland's Net Zero Ambitions		
30 November 2021		SNP	Lamb for St Andrew's Day Campaign		
2021	Jamie Greene	CON	World AIDS Day 2021		
2 December 2021	Pam Duncan- Glancy	LAB	International Day of Disabled People		
7 December 2021	Paul McLennan	SNP	16 Days of Activism Against Gender- Based Violence		
8 December 2021	Graham Simpson	CON	East Kilbride Rail Line Dualling		
9 December 2021	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Human Rights Day 2021		
14 December 2021		SNP	Importance of Community Defibrillators		
15 December 2021	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Protecting Rural Bus Services		
16 December 2021	,	CON	Edington Hospital		
21 December 2021	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Ending Pharmaceutical Monopolies of Covid-19 Vaccines		
22 December 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	Dumfries City Status		
11 January 2022	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Endometriosis		
12 January 2022	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service		
13 January 2022	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Championing the Right to Holistic Family Support		
18 January 2022	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Scottish History in Schools		
	Alexander Stewart	CON	The ASDA Foundation and its Community Work		

20 January 2022	Bill Kidd	SNP	NPT Review Conference and Anniversary of TPNW Entry Into Force		
25 January 2022	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	My Breath is My Life		
	Katy Clark	LAB	Domestic Abuse Charges		
27 January 2022 (FMQs)	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Memorial Day to be Marked on 27 January 2022		
27 January 2022 (DT)	Rona Mackay	SNP	Support for the 70/30 Campaign to Reduce ACES by 2030		
1 February 2022	Jackie Baillie	LAB	World Cancer Day 2022		
2 February 2022	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Response to Storm Arwen in Stirling and Future Resilience Planning		
3 February 2022	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Revitalising Coastal Communities		
8 February 2022	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Future of the BBC		
9 February 2022	Stephen Kerr	CON	Commemorating the 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II		
10 February 2022	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Online Pimping		
22 February 2022	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Redundancies at OVO Energy		
23 February 2022	Karen Adam	SNP	Celebrating LGBT History Month		
24 February 2022	Craig Hoy	CON	Decommissioning of Torness Nuclear Power Station		
1 March 2022	Emma Harper	SNP	Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2022		
2 March 2022	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland		
3 March 2022	Michelle Thomson	SNP	International Women's Day 2022: Break the Bias		
8 March 2022	8 March 2022 Pam Gosal C		Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2022		
9 March 2022	Jenni Minto	SNP	Recognition of Dr Elsie Inglis		
10 March 2022	Alex Rowley	LAB	Longstanding Underpayment of Social Care Staff		
15 March 2022	Gillian Martin	SNP	Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2022		
16 March 2022	Maurice Golden	CON	Tackling Dog Theft		
17 March 2022	Clare Adamson	SNP	Fair Trade Pledge		
	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Scottish Tourism Month 2022		
23 March 2022	Ross Greer	GRN	Industrial Relations in the College Sector		

24 2022	March	Miles Briggs	CON	World Tuberculosis Day 2022
	March	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022
30 2022	March	Marie McNair	SNP	Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
31 2022	March	Kaukab Stewart	SNP	Impacts of Benefit Sanctions
19 April	2022	Jeremy Balfour	CON	Welcoming the Down Syndrome Bill
20 April	2022	Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	Sexism in Football
21 April	2022	Katy Clark	LAB	Keeping CalMac Public and Publicly- Owned Ferry Services
26 April	2022	David Torrance	SNP	MS Awareness Week 2022
27 April	2022	Graham Simpson	CON	Honouring Emergency Workers
28 April	2022	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	Global Intergenerational Week 2022
3 May 2	022	Russell Findlay	CON	World Press Freedom Day
4 May 2	.022	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	International Day of the Midwife, 100 Years of Progress

## Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in Session 6

Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	48	23	15	4	2	92
Frequency %	52.17	25	16.30	4.35	2.17	100