

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 October recess is as follows—

| Week beginning | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 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 | SNP* | 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 | | | |
| 1 September 2025 | LAB | SNP | SNP |
| 8 September 2025 | CON | SNP | LAB |
| 15 September 2025 | SNP | CON | SNP |
| 22 September 2025 | SNP | CON | LAB |
| 29 September 2025 | SNP | SNP | GRN |
| 6 October 2025 | LD | CON | SNP |
| October Recess 2025 | | | |

*SNP and CON swapped

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

S6M-17049: Gordon MacDonald: Construction Skills for the Future— That the Parliament recognises reports of the continued skills gap in the construction sector, including in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency; notes recent statistics from the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) indicating positive shifts in perceptions of the sector across the country and, it understands, that almost three quarters (74%) of young people aged between 16 and 24 in Scotland hold a positive view of construction careers and more than a third (36%) would consider working in the

construction sector; further notes the belief that more must be done to increase awareness of careers in the sector to ensure that the construction industry has a steady supply of labour with the necessary skills, and welcomes industry-led initiatives that seek to increase engagement between young people and Scotland's construction sector such as the CIOB's Student Challenge and the Scottish Traditional Building Forum's skills demonstration programmes.

S6M-16977: James Dornan: Recognising the Work of Realgrassroots— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the hard work, over a period of more than 15 years, by Realgrassroots and the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland in seeking to ensure the safety and protection of young footballers while contracted to senior football clubs; commends the previous Public Petitions Committee on its report, *PE1319: Improving youth football in Scotland*, which was published in June 2020 and was based on more than a decade of hearing evidence from a wide range of stakeholders throughout Scottish football; notes the support for the committee's recommendations, in particular on registration and compensation; further notes the committee's reported criticisms of the Scottish Football Association (SFA) and Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) regarding what it sees as their apparent unwillingness to address some issues within Scottish football in a timely and effective manner; is disappointed that the committee's recommendations have, it believes, still not been fully accepted or implemented by the SFA and SPFL; notes with concern reports that the rules of the SFA and SPFL may breach competition law and that complaints have been filed with the Competition and Markets Authority; further notes the calls for both the SFA and SPFL to comply fully with the committee's recommendations, and with the calls made by Realgrassroots and the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland to ensure the protection of Scotland's young players, including those in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency, from any unfair or unlawful practices, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urge the SFA to ensure that the committee's recommendations are implemented, and that any anti-competitive practices are ended, as quickly as possible.

S6M-16920: Kenneth Gibson: Marine Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Marine Conservation Society 2024 report, *State of our Beaches*, which compiles data gathered through the organisation's year-round citizen science initiative, Beachwatch; acknowledges that Beachwatch was launched in 1994; believes that it provides one of the most detailed datasets on marine litter across the whole of the UK; applauds the 4,000 volunteers who attended beach cleans across Scotland in 2024, including in the Cunninghame North constituency, which represents a 25% increase in volunteers compared to 2023; notes that they removed over 10,000 kg of litter from Scotland's beaches in 2024, consisting of around 527,000 separate items; expresses concern that, on average, 204 items of litter were found for every 100 metres across Scotland's beaches, which represents a 7.2% increase on 2023 and is higher than the UK-wide average of 170 items per 100 metres; understands that 22,000 wet wipes were found on Scotland's beaches in 2024, and that drinks-related litter was recorded on 95% of surveyed beaches; acknowledges that marine litter not only harms what it sees as Scotland's beautiful coastline, but can also damage marine habitats; notes the view that reducing marine litter will require not only behavioural changes, but also a range of policy changes, including the introduction

of circular economy measures and the phasing-out of single-use plastic items, and further notes calls for the Scottish Government to continue its work alongside key stakeholders to drive down marine litter across Scotland's beaches.

S6M-16893: Richard Leonard: Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange

Scotland— That the Parliament notes the publication of Scotland in the Red 2024, by the debt charity, StepChange Scotland; considers this a flagship report on personal debt, providing an insight on what life is like for people, in every local authority area, who are experiencing problem debt; understands that the average unsecured debt for a family with children has risen sharply to £18,953 and the average level of arrears has soared to £5,193, which, it believes, is an increase of 61% on 2023 levels; further understands that, after paying essential bills, the charity's clients claiming universal credit, including those in Central Scotland, are left with an average of just £6 per month for everything else; commends the work of StepChange Scotland, which supported over 40,000 clients in 2024 who owe a total of £343 million of debt and £21 million in arrears on their household bills; believes that it is Scotland's largest debt charity, and acknowledges that it works towards a vision of a society free from problem debt.

S6M-16874: Fulton MacGregor: The Plight of Albion Rovers and Preserving Scotland's Historic Football Clubs—

That the Parliament notes with concern the financial difficulties faced by Albion Rovers FC; believes that the Coatbridge club, which is one of Scotland's oldest, was founded in 1882 and has been an integral part of the community for over 140 years; notes that these financial concerns were detailed in a statement from the club in March 2025 and include the impending loss of the SPFL "parachute payment" that it currently receives from the start of the 2025-26 season; considers that historic clubs, such as Albion Rovers, have played a significant role in shaping Scotland's football heritage and the communities they serve, bringing joy to many supporters, providing a pathway for local talent and fostering aspiration; is concerned that financial pressures and changing football structures threaten the future of many clubs with deep-rooted local and historical significance; acknowledges the efforts of fans, volunteers and businesses in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency in supporting Albion Rovers through what it sees as these challenging times, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government, football authorities and community stakeholders to explore ways to support and sustain historic clubs, with the aim of ensuring that they continue to thrive and contribute to their communities for generations to come.

S6M-16832: Christine Grahame: Borders Together Tartan—

That the Parliament welcomes the unveiling of the Borders Together Tartan, the Scottish Borders' memorial to the experiences of residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is part of a Scotland-wide project, Remembering Together; understands that the tartan's creation, which has been facilitated by Two Destination Language, was developed with input from people across the Borders, with over 700 contributions leading to the final design; notes that the tartan is made to symbolise the unity and strength of the Borders' communities during the pandemic, with 2025 marking five years on from its outbreak; recognises that there have been a number of public unveiling events at various locations throughout the Borders, offering the opportunity to take a moment to reflect on the impact the pandemic had on everyone's lives

while also celebrating the resilience shown by communities, and believes that this is a fitting way to reflect.

S6M-16803: Marie McNair: Testicular Cancer Awareness Month— That the Parliament recognises Testicular Cancer Awareness Month, which runs throughout the month of April 2025; notes that this takes place to raise awareness about testicular cancer and educate people about early detection and treatment; understands that this disease most commonly affects people aged between 15 and 45, and that, if detected early, testicular cancer has more than a 95% cure rate; further understands that approximately 220 people in Scotland are diagnosed each year, with the most common symptoms being a lump or swelling in a testicle, or dull ache, pain or heaviness in the scrotum; recognises what it sees as the importance of this month in raising awareness of the symptoms, tackle common myths and encourage self-checking; commends the tireless work done by Scotland's only dedicated testicular cancer charity, Cahonas Scotland, based in Clydebank, and thanks it for the significant work that it has done to raise awareness, from its "Check Yer Bawballs" campaign, which garnered significant media attention, to its educational talks and free resources, and for its work supporting men beyond diagnosis with cancer care packs, a podcast and peer support programme, and hopes for a productive and successful Testicular Cancer Awareness Month.

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 Svirydzhenka, 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-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-16615: Collette Stevenson: Concerns Over UK Government Foreign Aid Reductions— That the Parliament is concerned over the UK Government's reported reduction of the foreign aid budget in order to increase defence spending; believes that the decision to reduce the foreign aid budget by, it understands, 40% could cost lives in countries that rely on UK support; notes the reported concerns that instability may increase if the UK steps away from global leadership on aid; recognises what it sees as the need for increased defence spending during a period of geopolitical instability, but notes the belief that this should not come at the expense of aid funding; welcomes reports that the Scottish Government remains committed to playing its role in contributing to addressing the challenges faced by the world, and notes the calls on the UK Government to rethink its reported plans to move 1,500

staff from Abercrombie House in East Kilbride to Glasgow while, it considers, there is deep uncertainty over future spending plans.

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-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-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-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-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-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-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-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

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

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

| Date | MSP | Party | Subject |
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| 16 April 2024 | Oliver Mundell | CON | Putting Langholm on the Map |
| 17 April 2024 | Ivan McKee | SNP | Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry |
| 18 April 2024 | Pauline McNeill | LAB | Prison Officers Association Campaign, 68 is Too Late |
| 23 April 2024 | Clare Haughey | SNP | Seventh Anniversary of the Two-child Benefit Cap |
| 24 April 2024 | n/a | SNP | Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date |
| 25 April 2024 | Liam Kerr | CON | The Need for New Railway Stations North of the Central Belt |
| 30 April 2024 | Bill Kidd | SNP | 50th Anniversary of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 |
| 1 May 2024 | Maggie Chapman | GRN | Celebrating Workers and Trade Unions on May Day |
| 2 May 2024 | Tess White | CON | New Energy Infrastructure in the North of Scotland |
| 7 May 2024 | Richard Leonard | LAB | Supporting the Further Education Workforce |
| 8 May 2024 | Emma Harper | SNP | World Asthma Day 2024 |
| 9 May 2024 | Collette Stevenson | SNP | Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month |
| 14 May 2024 | Maurice Golden | CON | Urgent Action to Tackle Climate Change |
| 15 May 2024 | Clare Adamson | SNP | No Falls Week 2024 |
| 16 May 2024 | Martin Whitfield | LAB | Foster Care Fortnight |
| 21 May 2024 | Marie McNair | SNP | National Epilepsy Week |
| 22 May 2024 | Alexander Burnett | CON | National Lyme Disease Awareness Month |
| 23 May 2024 | Alasdair Allan | SNP | Europe Day 2024 |
| 29 May 2024 | Jamie Halcro Johnston | CON | Importance of Wood-burning Stoves and Other Direct Emission Heating to Homes in Rural and Island Communities |
| 30 May 2024 | Alex Rowley | LAB | Physiotherapy Workforce Shortage in Scotland |

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| 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 |

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| 1 2024 | October | Tess White | CON | Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls |
| 1 2024 | October | David Torrance | SNP | Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College (Rescheduled from 19 March) |
| 2 2024 | October | Stuart McMillan | SNP | Regulation of the Medical Aesthetics Industry in Scotland |
| 3 2024 | October | Katy Clark | LAB | Ardrossan Harbour |
| 8 2024 | October | Clare Haughey | SNP | Raising Awareness of Liver Disease |
| 9 2024 | October | Jackson Carlaw | CON | 40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb Blast |
| 10 2024 | October | Paul O'Kane | LAB | Challenge Poverty Week 2024 |
| 29 2024 | October | Emma Roddick | SNP | Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI) |
| 30 2024 | October | N/A | CON | Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date |
| 31 2024 | October | Audrey Nicoll | SNP | Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland |
| 5 2024 | November | Karen Adam | SNP | Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary |
| 5 2024 | November | Clare Adamson | SNP | Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024 - rescheduled from 24 April 2024 |
| 6 2024 | November | Fulton MacGregor | SNP | Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland |
| 7 2024 | November | Gillian Mackay | GRN | North Lanarkshire School Bus Campaign |
| 12 2024 | November | Alex Cole-Hamilton | LD | Protecting Communities from Antisocial Behaviour and Antisocial Driving |
| 13 2024 | November | Douglas Lumsden | CON | Rural Roads Infrastructure |
| 14 2024 | November | Ruth Maguire | SNP | Day of the Imprisoned Writer |
| 19 2024 | November | Gordon MacDonald | SNP | Celebrating the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership |
| 20 2024 | November | Marie McNair | SNP | World COPD Day |
| 21 2024 | November | Roz McCall | CON | Increasing Stroke Awareness |
| 26 2024 | November | n/a | SNP | Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date |
| 27 2024 | November | Richard Leonard | LAB | Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike |

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| 28 November 2024 | Christine Grahame | SNP | 25 Years of Tweeddale Youth Action |
| 3 December 2024 | Craig Hoy | CON | Findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs Report, What Does "Brand Scotland" Mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub Sector? |
| 4 December 2024 | Emma Harper | SNP | The Open University Supports the Scots Language – rescheduled from 26 November 2024 |
| 4 December 2024 | Michael Matheson | SNP | Powering Futures - Putting Young People at the Heart of the Energy Transition |
| 5 December 2024 | Paul Sweeney | LAB | Publication of the Marie Curie Report, Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2024 |
| 10 December 2024 | Kenneth Gibson | SNP | Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan |
| 11 December 2024 | Jeremy Balfour | CON | Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets |
| 12 December 2024 | David Torrance | SNP | Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding |
| 17 December 2024 | Emma Roddick | SNP | Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland |
| 18 December 2024 | Lorna Slater | GRN | A Safe, Accessible and Sustainable Holyrood Park for the 21st Century |
| 19 December 2024 | Pam Gosal | CON | Repairing Potholes on Scotland's Roads |
| 7 January 2025 | Foyso Choudhury | LAB | The Importance of Medical Technology for Patients with Diabetes |
| 8 January 2025 | George Adam | SNP | St Mirren Announces Landmark Partnership with UWS |
| 9 January 2025 | Ash Regan | ALBA | Expanding Scotland's Connectivity from Edinburgh and Beyond |
| 14 January 2025 | Meghan Gallacher | CON | Introduction of NOVA Scotland |
| 15 January 2025 | Kenneth Gibson | SNP | Compensation for the WASPI Women |
| 16 January 2025 | Rhoda Grant | LAB | Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands |
| 16 January 2025 | Tim Eagle | CON | Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland (rescheduled from 30 October) |
| 21 January 2025 | David Torrance | SNP | European Showmen's Union Congress 2025 |
| 22 January 2025 | Oliver Mundell | CON | Celebrating the Continued Social, Cultural and Economic Importance of Robert Burns |

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| 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 | GRN | 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 March 2025 | | Carol Mochan | LAB | Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage |
| 5 March 2025 | | Colin Beattie | SNP | Three Years of Solidarity with Ukraine |
| 6 March 2025 | | Marie McNair | SNP | Impact of UK Welfare Reforms in Scotland |
| 11 March 2025 | | Alexander Stewart | CON | Additional Support Needs in Scotland |
| 12 March 2025 | | Audrey Nicoll | SNP | International Women's Day 2025 |
| 13 March 2025 | | Paul O'Kane | LAB | Young Carers Action Day 2025 |
| 18 March 2025 | | Clare Adamson | SNP | MacDiarmid's Brownsbank Cottage, a Scottish Cultural Treasure |
| 19 March 2025 | | Tess White | CON | Addressing Sexual Violence in Scotland's Hospitals |
| 20 March 2025 | | Michael Matheson | SNP | Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children |
| 25 March 2025 | | Stuart McMillan | SNP | Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area |
| 26 March 2025 | | Maggie Chapman | GRN | Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers |
| 27 March 2025 | | Liz Smith | CON | 300 Years of The Black Watch |
| 1 April 2024 | | Daniel Johnson | LAB | Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill |

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| 2 April 2024 | Jamie Halcro Johnston | CON | Scotland's Islands |
| 3 April 2024 | George Adam | SNP | Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy |

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

| Party | SNP | CON | LAB | GRN | LD | Alba | TOTAL |
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| Frequency (no) | 208 | 98 | 64 | 25 | 12 | 1 | 408 |
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