

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 Christmas recess is as follows—

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
29 September 2025	SNP	SNP	GRN
6 October 2025	LD	CON	SNP
October Recess 2025			
27 October 2025	SNP	SNP	CON
3 November 2025	LAB	SNP	SNP
10 November 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
17 November 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
24 November 2025	SNP	GRN	CON
1 December 2025	LAB	SNP	SNP
8 December 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
15 December 2025	SNP	CON	SNP

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

S6M-18951: Fergus Ewing: Restoration of Vaccination Services in NHS

Highlands to GPs— That the Parliament welcomes the statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care that, in NHS Highland, vaccination services will be returned to those GPs who wish to provide them, but understands that, thus far, this service change has not been implemented; believes that communities in the NHS Highland area are under the very real threat of an outbreak of a preventable disease, including measles and whooping cough (pertussis), and that some areas of the Highlands continue to have very poor coverage of MMR vaccine at school local level; notes with concern that, in Scotland in 2024, one infant died from pertussis; understands that this was the first death since 2014, and considers that other infants are at risk because of reported deficiencies in NHS Highland's centralised system; believes that the GP contract of 2018 has not worked for the Highlands; notes reports that when NHS Highland took over the vaccination role, the "herd immunity" fell from a level where it was rarely below 94%, to 88.9% in the infant 6-in-1 vaccine; believes that many highland-based families were unable to access vaccines because GP practices could no longer assist a child or adult requiring a vaccination, including patients who were presenting with a tetanus prone wound; understands that many

patients had to travel great distances to access what it considers is the most basic level of care; notes reports that the levels of MMR vaccine uptake, both at first dose at 24 months and booster uptake by the age of six, are among the lowest in Scotland at 84.9%; understands that, unlike in England, GPs in Scotland are no longer directly responsible for delivery of the childhood and immunisation programme, and that the majority of Highland GPs wish to retain the vaccination service locally, out of concern that they may lose the link between them and the families that they look after; notes the belief that vaccination is often the first point of contact and can enable early detection of at-risk patients and more timely interventions; considers that the removal of vaccination services to centralised hubs caused a reduction in take-up, and a diversion of staff to the hubs from elsewhere in the NHS, and that it was far more costly than the GP-run service it sought to replace; is concerned at reports that GPs are not able to identify which patients have or have not had vaccinations and that the IT system deployed by NHS Scotland in running its service could not share data with GPs, thereby raising, it believes, serious questions about the safety of the system that NHS Highland introduced in 2023; believes that senior NHS officials have sought to prevent the restoration of the service to local GPs, and notes the calls for the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to swiftly implement the restoration of vaccination services to GPs.

S6M-18931: Edward Mountain: Bowel Cancer Screening—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Government in taking the lead in bowel cancer screening; understands that Scotland has the most sensitive level of screening in the whole of the UK; notes calls on the Scottish Government to continue to lead the way by working with bowel cancer charities to ensure that Scotland remains at the forefront of UK bowel cancer screening; congratulates all bowel cancer charities on their continued work, and notes that Stoma Aware Day/World Ostomy Day is on 4 October 2025, which, it believes, is vital in continuing to raise awareness.

S6M-18913: Colin Beattie: Holodomor Memorial Day 2025—That the Parliament recognises that 23 November 2025 marks the annual Holodomor Memorial Day; understands that this memorial day is in remembrance of the victims of the 1932-33 man-made famine that killed millions of Ukrainians; expresses its solidarity with the people of Ukraine who were victims of this genocide by, it believes, what were the deliberate actions of the Soviet regime, and pays its respects to those killed during this time.

S6M-18847: Elena Whitham: Bereavement Support and Awareness— That the Parliament recognises that everyone in Scotland, including those in Carrick, Cumnock, and Doon Valley, will experience a bereavement, and notes the view that good bereavement support is needed to guide people through what can be a difficult time; understands that frameworks have been put in place by the Scottish and UK governments that set out guidance on how proper bereavement care should be offered across society; notes the 2022 report from the UK Commission on Bereavement, Bereavement is everyone's business, which provided policy recommendations for the Scottish and UK governments to adopt; understands that a stigma exists surrounding bereavement and its discussion; notes research from Sue Ryder, which suggests that bereavement costs the UK economy an estimated £23 billion each year in lost Gross Value Added, and the UK Treasury an estimated £8 billion in reduced tax revenues; acknowledges the view that this could be improved

with better support and care, and notes the belief that a better understanding of grief and bereavement is required by all, particularly among young people.

S6M-18800: Liam Kerr: The Insights of the Report of the Energy Transition Institute at Robert Gordon University, Striking the Balance— That the Parliament notes the report, *Striking the Balance*, which was produced by the Energy Transition Institute at Robert Gordon University; understands that it provides predictions for the future of the offshore energy workforce in the UK, which, it states, employs around 154,000 people, including in the North East Scotland region; understands that the report states that a best case outcome could see a need for 210,000 roles in offshore energy production, but that this would only be achievable through the installation of a further 6GW approximately of offshore wind each year and by managing the decline of oil and gas production over a prolonged timeframe; notes the report's claim that the worst-case situation anticipates around 400 oil and gas job losses in the UK each fortnight across the next five years; acknowledges with concern the report's claim that, if Scotland does not pursue renewable activities comprehensively and oil and gas production continues to decline, employment across the offshore energy industry could drop from around 75,000 jobs in 2024 to a figure in the range of 45,000 to 63,000 in the initial years of the next decade; welcomes the growth predicted in the report of the number of offshore renewables jobs in the UK, notes with concern, however, the suggestion in the report that the sector will likely struggle to absorb the amount of former oil and gas workers before 2028; recognises the report's cautioning that a decrease in offshore energy jobs of nearly 20% could take place without decisive or prompt action, and commends the work of the Energy Transition Institute in producing what it sees as rigorous data regarding a pressing issue in Scotland.

S6M-18752: Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025 and Wear It Pink— That the Parliament recognises Breast Cancer Now Awareness Day 2025, which takes place on 24 October, and commends what it sees as the vital work of Breast Cancer Now, which, it understands, is the UK's leading breast cancer research and support charity; acknowledges what it considers the importance of the annual Wear It Pink initiative, which raises millions of pounds for lifesaving breast cancer research and care, and notes the calls for individuals, workplaces, schools and communities across Scotland to take part and show their support by wearing pink and fundraising on the day; pays special tribute to the late Christina McKelvie MSP, a dear friend and colleague, whose unwavering support for breast cancer awareness, equality and compassion continues to inspire; understands that around 4,700 people in Scotland are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and that early detection, timely treatment and ongoing support are crucial to improving outcomes; notes the view that there is a need for continued investment in research, improved access to care and increasing awareness of secondary breast cancer, for which, it understands, there is currently no cure, and further notes the view that, by working together, raising awareness and supporting vital initiatives like Wear It Pink, people can make a real difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer, now and in the future.

S6M-18731: David Torrance: Congratulations to Fife College on Being Awarded a £2.4 Million Modern Apprenticeship Contract— That the Parliament congratulates Fife College on being awarded a £2.4 million modern apprenticeship

(MA) contract from Skills Development Scotland, which, it understands, is the largest MA contract in its history; welcomes reports that, for the academic year 2025-26, this will bring up to 438 new apprenticeships and that the number of apprentices "earning while learning" with the college will be more than 1,200; recognises that the MA programme at the college offers courses across several sectors, including engineering, automotive, healthcare, childcare, construction, life sciences, digital technologies and various business skills; believes that these give learners the technical skills, knowledge and experience that they need to succeed; recognises that MAs are an important route to gain the skills and experiences that employers are looking for, while the students are also earning; considers that, for businesses, they provide an excellent route to develop enthusiastic new talent with the exact skills that they need; recognises the hard work and dedication of the staff of the college, and their employer partners, to make these opportunities possible, and further recognises the contribution that it believes such MAs make to supporting the economy, by developing a skilled workforce that meets the needs of employers across the region.

S6M-18720: Rona Mackay: Awareness of Aphasia— That the Parliament notes that aphasia, which is a language disorder that affects one in three stroke survivors, and can also arise with other neurological conditions or head injuries, can have a significant impact on many people; understands that it can affect speech production and understanding, reading, writing and using numbers and that the level of difficulty experienced varies from person to person, from mild to severe; recognises the significant impact aphasia can have on a person's life, including leading to feelings of isolation, loneliness and mental health issues; notes the impact that aphasia can have on a person's relationships with family and friends, everyday social interactions and access to work or services, as well as the stigma and negative treatment that can arise from living with the condition; welcomes the ongoing work of Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS) to support people living with aphasia through resources and services; further welcomes the new CHSS course, Living Well with Aphasia, which focuses on giving stroke survivors the information, skills and resources to live well with the condition; notes the calls on the Scottish Government, NHS boards and other key organisations to be better informed about aphasia and to have a greater understanding of the reality of living with what can be a serious and potentially devastating health condition, and further notes the calls to improve access to supported self-management and rehabilitation services for people living with aphasia in Strathkelvin and Bearsden and across the country, to ensure that everyone gets the support that they deserve.

S6M-18624: Paul Sweeney: Dying in Poverty at the End of Life in Scotland 2025— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Marie Curie report, *Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2025*; understands that the report is based on research carried out by Marie Curie and Loughborough University; notes that it found that end of life poverty in Scotland remains unchanged since 2024; understands from the research that one in four working age people and one in six older people still die in end of life poverty; considers that terminal illness exacerbates existing inequality and deepens the inverse care law where people in the most need of support are least likely to receive it; notes the report's findings that symptoms of terminal illness and diagnosis can result in higher energy and housing costs; believes that a terminal diagnosis can force both a dying person and their carers to reduce their working

hours or give up paid work entirely; notes the view that more must be done to target support to people at the end of life and their carers, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take action to prevent people, including those in the Glasgow region, from dying in end of life poverty.

S6M-18595: Pam Duncan-Glancy: World Arthritis Day 2025— That the Parliament notes that World Arthritis Day will be marked on 12 October 2025; understands that the day aims to raises global awareness of the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal (MSK) diseases; believes that arthritis and MSK conditions affect one in three people in Scotland; considers that MSK conditions are a significant burden on NHS Scotland, with, it understands, orthopaedics currently accounting for one third of waiting times; further considers that there is a clear link between MSK conditions and economic deprivation and believes that these conditions are second only behind mental health in relation to claims for sickness benefit; notes the view that it vital that MSK conditions are prioritised to reflect the serious impact that they are having on Scotland's public health, economy and society, and applauds what it sees as the excellent work of Versus Arthritis in Scotland to raise awareness of arthritis and change lives through world-class research, campaigning and service delivery.

S6M-18527: Gordon MacDonald: Vision for New Centre for Sustainable Brewing and Distilling at Heriot-Watt University— That the Parliament welcomes the commitment from Heriot-Watt University, in Edinburgh, on the economic importance of brewing and distilling in Scotland by seeking to raise £35 million to build a new Centre for Sustainable Brewing and Distilling (CSBD); understands the centre will be a new state-of-the-art version of the current International Centre for Brewing and Distilling (ICBD), which it understands is a world leading educational establishment delivering undergraduate and graduate courses; notes that the CSBD will embrace the latest green technologies and sustainable practices, ensuring that the university continues to lead the world in securing a future for both industries; recognises what it sees as the legacy and impact of Heriot-Watt University on the industries of brewing and distilling for more than 120 years, establishing both industries as key economic drivers, and commends what it considers to be the first-class teaching, innovation and sustainable methods of working at the ICBD, which has contributed to the success of brewing and distilling not only in Scotland but across the continents of Europe, the Americas and Asia.

S6M-18469: Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success— That the Parliament congratulates the charity, Growing2Gether, on what it sees as its successful programme aimed at helping young people who face various challenges by pairing young adults with toddlers to mentor; understands that participants and facilitators have reported a significant shift in young people's confidence and gaining of skills, helping to improve wellbeing; acknowledges the reported overall positive and successful work of this charity in partnering with 15 schools in Scotland, including 12 in the Highlands and Islands region; applauds the over 2,000 young people who have been paired with 2,200 toddlers over a seven-year period across the Highlands on their efforts; considers it important to provide opportunities for children and young people who face challenges with poverty, mental health or trauma to develop skills and confidence in themselves, and notes the view that the

Scottish Government should consider how it can best support this kind of work moving forward.

S6M-18364: Clare Haughey: Opposition to Proposed Closure of Cambuslang Jobcentre— That the Parliament condemns the proposed closure of Jobcentres across the UK, including the Cambuslang Jobcentre in the Rutherglen Constituency, by the UK Government.

S6M-18131: Alexander Stewart: Banking Hubs— That the Parliament acknowledges that Banking Hubs can give communities across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, access to banking services and face-to-face support from major high street providers; understands that Banking Hubs are shared spaces similar to a bank branch that allow access for customers to multiple banks, and offer face-to-face banking services, including cash and cheque transactions, balance checks and bill payments, which, it believes, are especially helpful to local residents who are either unable to, or do not wish to, use electronic banking; notes with concern reports that high street bank closures are becoming more prevalent; further notes the view that there is a growing need for Banking Hubs as a result; understands that these hubs are typically located where traditional bank branches have closed, and that, operated by the Post Office, they feature community bankers from different banks on specific days for more complex needs; further understands that many constituents, especially older people or those living alone, look forward to the social interaction of going to a branch to conduct their financial affairs, and that they can often find comfort in the feeling that someone is taking an interest in the security of their money; welcomes what it sees as the Post Office's proactive approach, and notes the hope that there will be more Banking Hubs opening in and around the towns of Scotland, including in Bridge of Allan and other rural areas.

S6M-18087: Stephen Kerr: The Importance of Credit Unions— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role that credit unions play in promoting financial stability and resilience of local communities, including in the Central Scotland region; acknowledges their contribution to providing affordable, locally-based financial services, including savings accounts and low-cost loans, which, it believes, protect individuals and families from predatory lending and unsustainable debt; considers that credit unions, as member-owned organisations, reinvest profits back into local communities, which bolsters local economic growth; celebrates the growth of credit union membership in Scotland with, it understands, over 420,000 members and over 100 credit unions; commends the work done by members present and past for their work to promote credit unions; notes the calls for MSPs and all public bodies to engage with the sector, and further notes the calls for continued support to ensure that credit unions thrive as a key pillar of Scotland's financial landscape and continue to deliver tangible benefits to individuals and communities.

S6M-17982: Foysol Choudhury: Honouring the Life and Legacy of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer OBE, CD, KT— That the Parliament notes with sadness the recent death of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer; recognises and celebrates the outstanding contributions of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer to Scotland as a pioneering scientist, academic, human rights advocate, and champion of racial equality; acknowledges his ground-breaking scientific work in the field of brewing and cereal

science, which, it understands, revolutionised the malting process and earned him international acclaim; notes his role as the first Black professor in Scotland, and his lifelong commitment to education, inclusion and justice; commends his tireless advocacy for addressing Scotland's historical links to slavery and colonialism, including his leadership as chair of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review Group; recognises what it sees as his influence in shaping a more honest and inclusive national narrative; further recognises that he has been the recipient of numerous honours for his work, including being knighted in 2014 for services to human rights, science and charity, as well as receiving the Jamaican Order of Distinction and Royal Order of the Thistle in 2024; notes the calls for permanent recognition of his legacy through educational programmes, commemoration, and the inclusion of his achievements in Scotland's national story, so that future generations remember and celebrate his extraordinary life and contributions; celebrates the incredible life and achievements of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer, and hopes that his vision of a world free of prejudice and racism can be achieved.

S6M-17917: Carol Mochan: 20th Anniversary of the Breastfeeding etc.

(Scotland) Act 2005— That the Parliament notes the view that breastfeeding provides the best nutrition for babies and young children, supporting their health in the short and longer term, as well as benefiting mothers' health, including through reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancer; recognises that 2025 is the 20th anniversary year of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, which resulted from the Member's Bill lodged by Elaine Smith, former Scottish Labour MSP for the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency and the Central Scotland region, to support and promote breastfeeding; considers that this Act has had a positive impact in helping to increase the breastfeeding rates in Scotland, with the latest infant feeding statistics from Public Health Scotland showing a significant increase in breastfeeding rates over the past 10 years, both at first visit and at the six- to eight-week review; notes reports that the increase in breastfeeding rates over the past 10 years has been greatest among those groups with historically lower rates, such as younger women and those living in more deprived areas, meaning that inequalities in breastfeeding have reduced over time; expresses concern, however, that babies of white Scottish ethnicity were reportedly much less likely to be breastfed than any other ethnicity; believes that there is good evidence that interventions, including good quality of breastfeeding support for mothers, influencing public attitudes to breastfeeding, restricting any inappropriate promotion of formula milk and ensuring supportive employment practices, can work to improve breastfeeding rates, and notes the view that all staff working in the NHS and wider public service should promote and support breastfeeding mums, babies and families, including those in the South Scotland region.

S6M-17914: Christine Grahame: Scottish Borders Widowed Community— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital work of the Scottish Borders Widowed Community (SBWC), a peer-to-peer voluntary support organisation operating across the Scottish Borders; acknowledges that SBWC provides sustained support for men and women who have experienced the bereavement of a partner, offering regular in-person meetings at Hope Central in Galashiels, online discussions, and social activities designed to tackle social isolation and loneliness; understands that the group is entirely volunteer-led, with all organisers themselves widowed, and that membership has grown to almost 480 people; commends SBWC

for being the only group of its kind in the Scottish Borders exclusively for widowed people, and for offering long-term, compassionate support beyond the immediate period of bereavement; notes the group's call to encourage more open conversations around death, including emotional, mental, physical, and practical preparedness, and believes that access to such support is essential to the health and wellbeing of those affected by the trauma of losing a partner in the Scottish Borders and elsewhere in Scotland.

S6M-17700: Alexander Stewart: Revitalising High Streets— That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the vital importance of Scotland's towns' and cities' high streets, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; understands that Scotland's retail industry employs almost 230,000 people of all ages and abilities in more than 22,000 shops, which collectively produce a turnover of £27 billion per annum; further understands that Scotland's retailers have donated and raised over £100 million for Scottish good causes since 2016, whilst Scottish retail contributes around £525 million in tax revenue; believes that retailers wish to work with the Scottish Government to deliver net zero, thus building a more circular economy whilst creating a far healthier Scotland; notes the view that there is a pressing need for a visible and effective high street police presence, especially in relation to reports of rising rates of theft and shop worker abuse; further notes the calls from high street business owners for more investment into transport infrastructure, to give apprenticeship levy payers access to skills training on the basis of those contributions, as well as to review all public sector bodies to assess whether there are opportunities for the identification of efficiencies, and notes the calls from retailers to universally revitalise high streets, which, it believes, have the potential, if nurtured, to be accessible for all, in addition to being safe, diverse, vibrant and attractive places for both residents and visitors alike.

S6M-17663: Foysoyl Choudhury: Proposed Cuts to Third Sector Organisations by Edinburgh Integration Joint Board— That the Parliament notes with concern the reported proposed cuts by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) to services totalling more than £29 million, including, it understands, the majority of contracts to third sector organisations under the Thrive Edinburgh programme, worth £2.2 million; considers that any such proposed cuts would result in the closure of vital community-based mental health services delivered by third sector partners such as CAPS Independent Advocacy, Cyrenians, Edinburgh Leisure, Health in Mind, Media Education, Penumbra Mental Health, SAMH, VOCAL, Wheatley Care and Change Mental Health, which, it understands, currently support 640 individuals through the Stafford Centre; acknowledges that Thrive provides early intervention and preventative support for people with complex mental health needs, including carers, survivors of abuse, veterans, LGBTQ+ individuals, neurodivergent people, and those living with severe mental illness; considers that such cuts may leave many people with mental illness without support and forced into frontline health services, increasing pressure on existing services and budgets; notes the Scottish Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which states that "there is a strong economic case for investing in early intervention and prevention, as the costs of poor mental health and wellbeing are clear"; understands that Thrive has demonstrated significant economic and clinical value, generating £7.13 in social value for every £1 invested, and that the Stafford Centre has been estimated to save the NHS up to £4.4 million in hospital admissions; notes the wider financial situation

of Integration Joint Boards across Scotland, which were reportedly projected to have a £457 million funding gap in an Audit Scotland report, and further notes the calls on EIJB to delay any proposed contract terminations by at least one year to allow for meaningful stakeholder engagement, co-production of a redesigned service model, and proper assessment of the long-term clinical and financial consequences of withdrawing community-based mental health support in Edinburgh.

S6M-17660: Colin Beattie: Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour in Coastal Towns— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the damaging impact that anti-social behaviour has on communities, including in the Midlothian North and Musselburgh constituency; believes that this behaviour impacts on residents' safety and affects local businesses; notes the view that it is necessary to support young people and their families to ensure that anti-social behaviour is stopped at the source; believes that anti-social behaviour in Musselburgh and other coastal towns spikes in the summer months; recognises the hard work of Police Scotland in dealing with anti-social behaviour, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to review and continue to support programmes aimed at preventing youth anti-social behaviour.

S6M-17630: Rona Mackay: Aphasia Awareness Month— That the Parliament notes Aphasia Awareness Month, which takes place in June each year and aims to raise awareness about aphasia; further notes that aphasia is a language disorder, which affects one in three stroke survivors but can occur with other neurological conditions or head injuries; understands that it can affect speech production, understanding speech, reading and writing, and using numbers; further understands that the level of difficulty varies from person to person, and from mild to severe; recognises what it sees as the significant impact that aphasia can have on a person's life, leading to feelings of isolation, loneliness and mental health issues; notes what it sees as the impact that aphasia has on a person's relationships with family and friends, everyday social interactions and access to work or services, as well as the stigma and negative treatment that it believes can come with living with the condition; welcomes the ongoing work of Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland to support people living with aphasia through resources and services; further welcomes Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland's living well with aphasia course, which focuses on giving stroke survivors the information, skills and resources to live well with the condition, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government, NHS boards and other key organisations to be better informed about aphasia, increase access to speech and language therapy, and better understand the reality of living with this serious and potentially devastating health condition.

S6M-17552: Michelle Thomson: 5G Connectivity for Scotland— That the Parliament notes the reported expansion of 5G connectivity across Scotland and the recent merger, approved by the Competition and Markets Authority in February 2025, between Vodafone UK and Three UK, which, it believes, facilitates one of the most competitive mobile providers in the UK; believes that wide-ranging, reliable mobile coverage, in all areas of Scotland, including in the Falkirk East constituency, and in both urban and rural areas, is important; notes the view that bringing 5G connectivity to 99% of the population, and 89% of Scotland's landmass, by 2034 would benefit people across Scotland, including businesses, public services and the economy; further notes the reported increasing demand on technological services,

and reliance on connectivity, in the ever-evolving digital age; notes the view that an increase in the quality, reliability and capacity of 5G would have a positive impact, not just on daily life, but on key sectors across Scotland, such as healthcare, agriculture, tourism and energy; further notes the calls for the UK Government, Scottish Government and local authorities to work across reserved and devolved powers to facilitate 5G infrastructure and reliable connectivity, and celebrates what it sees as the improvements being made towards improving 5G connectivity for the people of Scotland.

S6M-17540: Pauline McNeill: Increasing Risk of Famine in Palestine— That the Parliament is deeply concerned by World Health Organization (WHO) warnings of the permanent impact of hunger on a generation of Gazans; understands from WHO reports that the risk of famine in Gaza is increasing daily, due to the deliberate withholding of humanitarian aid, including food, in the ongoing blockade by Israel; further understands that the blockade has kept the crossing closed for 70 days, and that this is impacting on the entire 2.1 million population, who are facing prolonged food shortages; understands from WHO reports that almost half a million people are in a catastrophic situation of hunger, acute malnutrition, starvation, illness and death; notes the latest food security analysis by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) partnership, of which WHO is a member, and the reported belief that this is one of the world's worst hunger crises, unfolding in real time; further notes the comments from WHO director-general, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, that "we do not need to wait for a declaration of famine in Gaza to know that people are already starving, sick and dying, while food and medicines are minutes away across the border"; notes the comments by the commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, reported by the BBC on 13 May 2025, in which he reportedly agreed with the view that Israel was denying food and aid to civilians as a weapon of war; is concerned at reports of a shortage of clean drinking water and a shortage of fuel, which, it believes, is impacting on the only desalination plant; notes the view, from WHO reports, that the long-term impact and damage from malnutrition can last a lifetime in the form of stunted growth, impaired cognitive development and poor health, that, without enough nutritious food, clean water and access to healthcare, an entire generation will be permanently affected, and that, if the situation persists, nearly 71,000 children under the age of five are expected to be acutely malnourished over the next 11 months; further notes the calls for Israel to lift the blockade immediately and allow the free flow of food, medicines and other essential items, including fuel, to prevent famine and save the lives of a generation, and notes the calls, including from communities in the Glasgow region, for the international community to do more than just condemn this blockade, and to put pressure on Israel to act, and not to be complicit in what it considers to be permanent, long-term damage to the Palestinian population in Gaza.

S6M-17523: Jeremy Balfour: National Epilepsy Week and Epilepsy Scotland's "A Seizure That Stole a Future" Campaign— That the Parliament recognises National Epilepsy Week, which takes place from 26 May 2025, and its aim of raising awareness of epilepsy and its impacts on the lives of the 80,000 people in Scotland who live with the condition; notes with particular attention the launch of Epilepsy Scotland's campaign, "The Seizure that Stole a Future", which seeks to highlight the often unknown and devastating risk of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy

(SUDEP); acknowledges the emotional toll that SUDEP takes on families and communities; notes the view that there is a need for greater awareness, research and open discussion to reduce its occurrence; commends Epilepsy Scotland for its continued work providing support, advice and specialist services to individuals and families affected by epilepsy across the country, including in the Lothian region, and congratulates the charity on its leadership in tackling stigma, improving care and advocating for a safer and more informed Scotland.

S6M-17458: Annie Wells: ME Awareness Week 2025— That the Parliament notes that ME Awareness Week runs from 12 to 18 May 2025 and aims to raise awareness of the need for greater investment in care and support for people with ME, including through #MEAction Scotland's Missing Millions rally outside the Scottish Parliament on 14 May; welcomes the reported announcement of £4.5 million in the Scottish Budget to fund specialist support for long COVID, myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and similar conditions; understands that, despite over an estimated 58,000 people across Scotland, including in Glasgow, having ME, there are virtually no specialist ME services in Scotland, except in NHS Lothian; further understands that NHS Fife has been unable to replace the only specialist ME nurse in Scotland due to a lack of suitably skilled and experienced candidates; notes the view that it is important to expand services committed to following the 2021 ME/CFS NICE guidance, which includes key recommendations relating to diagnosis, management and specific care for those with severe ME, as well as children and young people with the condition; further notes the updated 2024 NHS board survey, which aimed to understand the barriers to, and opportunities from, implementing the updated NICE guidance and identify how NHS boards can best be supported to create ME/CFS specific care in the future; understands that the report indicated that awareness of the 2021 guidance among NHS boards had not been converted into implementation of the recommendations due to a lack of resource, capacity, pathways and training; notes the view that there is a need for appropriate training of healthcare professionals to ensure that they can offer appropriate, effective support to people with ME; further notes the view that the involvement of patients and third sector organisations across Scotland in the design and delivery of new services supported by this new funding is essential, and commends the volunteers and campaigners striving for better ME services for their continued efforts.

S6M-17430: Karen Adam: Cross-Party Group Report on How to Reverse the Fall in the Number of Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children— That the Parliament recognises the publication of the report of the Cross-Party Group on Deafness, *How do we reverse the fall in the number of Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People in Scotland?*; believes that qualified teachers of deaf children and young people are vital for enabling deaf children to reach their full potential, including in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency; considers that the number of qualified teachers of deaf children has fallen dramatically in Scotland, by 37% since 2011; understands that there is currently no explicit right for any deaf child or parent to have access to a qualified teacher of the deaf; further understands that there is no salary increment with the relevant qualification, and understands that the reported declining number in qualified teachers coincides with a period where deaf attainment is below that of the hearing population.

S6M-17103: Katy Clark: Recognition of the State of Palestine— That the Parliament notes the calls from people in the West Scotland region and across the country for the UK Government to recognise the State of Palestine; understands that 146 member states of the UN recognise Palestine as a sovereign state, encompassing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; believes that independent Palestinian statehood on the basis of a free people with rights to self-determination and territorial integrity is an inalienable right and requirement for permanent peace between Palestine and the State of Israel; expresses grave concern over what it sees as the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the Israeli military escalation in the occupied West Bank, including the deployment of tanks into Jenin for the first time in over two decades, and notes the view that a much-needed pathway to a sustainable and peaceful solution must be rooted in accountability and justice, upholding the dignity of both Israeli and Palestinian civilians.

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.

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

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

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
3 September 2024	Sue Webber	CON	A New Winchburgh Train Station
4 September 2024	Bob Doris	SNP	Tackling the Misuse of Off-road Vehicles
5 September 2024	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Recognising the UN's Declaration for Future Generations
10 September 2024	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Repealing the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020
11 September 2024	Graham Simpson	CON	Retrofitting and Tenement Maintenance
12 September 2024	Bill Kidd	SNP	The Late Reverend John Ainslie

17 September 2024	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	Celebrating the Federation of Small Businesses' 50th Anniversary
18 September 2024	Lorna Slater	GRN	10 Years since Scotland's Independence Referendum
19 September 2024	Sharon Dowey	CON	Addressing Retail Crime and Antisocial Behaviour
24 September 2024	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity
25 September 2024	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Importance of the Scottish Wholesale Sector
26 September 2024	Rona Mackay	SNP	Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month
1 October 2024	Tess White	CON	Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls
1 October 2024	David Torrance	SNP	Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College (Rescheduled from 19 March)
2 October 2024	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Regulation of the Medical Aesthetics Industry in Scotland
3 October 2024	Katy Clark	LAB	Ardrossan Harbour
8 October 2024	Clare Haughey	SNP	Raising Awareness of Liver Disease
9 October 2024	Jackson Carlaw	CON	40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb Blast
10 October 2024	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Challenge Poverty Week 2024
29 October 2024	Emma Roddick	SNP	Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
30 October 2024	N/A	CON	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
31 October 2024	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland
5 November 2024	Karen Adam	SNP	Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary
5 November 2024	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024 - rescheduled from 24 April 2024
6 November 2024	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland
7 November 2024	Gillian Mackay	GRN	North Lanarkshire School Bus Campaign
12 November 2024	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Protecting Communities from Antisocial Behaviour and Antisocial Driving
13 November 2024	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Rural Roads Infrastructure
14 November 2024	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Day of the Imprisoned Writer

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

				and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands
16 January 2025	Tim Eagle	CON		Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland (rescheduled from 30 October)
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
23 January 2025	Michelle Thomson	SNP		Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero
28 January 2025	Clare Adamson	SNP		Brexit Harm to Scotland, Five Years Since the UK Left the EU
29 January 2025	Jackson Carlaw	CON		Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, For a Better Future
30 January 2025	Alex Rowley	LAB		Scottish Engineering's Engineering Skills Gap Analysis for Scotland
4 February 2025	Christine Grahame	SNP		The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice
5 February 2025	Mark Ruskell	GRN		Save Local Libraries
6 February 2025	Elena Whitham	SNP		Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System
18 February 2025	Beatrice Wishart	LD		Opportunities and Challenges for Scotland's Fishing Sector in 2025
19 February 2025	Rachael Hamilton	CON		Tackling the Rise in Rural Crime and Equipment Theft in Scotland
20 February 2025	Kenneth Gibson	SNP		The Ongoing Impact of PFI/PPP on Scotland's Public Finances
25 February 2025	Emma Harper	SNP		Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025
26 February 2025	Fulton MacGregor	SNP		Northern Corridor Community Forum's Evidence-based Report
27 February 2025	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 2025	Daniel Johnson	LAB	Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill
2 April 2025	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Scotland's Islands
3 April 2025	George Adam	SNP	Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy
22 April 2025	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Addressing Waiting Times in NHS Grampian
23 April 2025	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	Global Intergenerational Week 2025
24 April 2025	Neil Bibby	LAB	BBC Scotland's Decision to End River City and Close its Dumbarton Studios
29 April 2025	Marie McNair	SNP	Testicular Cancer Awareness Month
30 April 2025	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care
1 May 2025	Emma Harper	SNP	World Asthma Day 2025
6 May 2025	Christine Grahame	SNP	30th Anniversary of Eco-Schools and Success for St Andrew's RC Primary School in Gorebridge
7 May 2025	Roz McCall	CON	Mental Health Awareness Week 2025
8 May 2025	Michael Marra	LAB	Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs
13 May 2025	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Construction Skills for the Future
14 May 2025	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Marine Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report
15 May 2025	Ross Greer	GRN	Addressing the Impact of Second Home Ownership in Scotland
20 May 2025	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off
21 May 2025	Clare Adamson	SNP	The Harm of Gambling Addiction
22 May 2025	Kevin Stewart	SNP	Aberdeen to Welcome the Tall Ships Races
27 May 2025	Elena Whitham	SNP	Common Ground Forum on Deer
28 May 2025	Sharon Dowey	CON	Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population
29 May 2025	Michelle Thomson	SNP	30 Years on from the Bosnian Genocide in Srebrenica

3 June 2025	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation
4 June 2025	Bob Doris	SNP	Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston
5 June 2025	Karen Adam	SNP	Thomas Blake Glover, Fraserburgh's International Legacy
10 June 2025	Miles Briggs	CON	A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout
11 June 2025	Stuart McMillan	SNP	60th Anniversary of the Scottish Law Commission
12 June 2025	Colin Smyth	LAB	Justice for the Fornethy Survivors
17 June 2025	Bill Kidd	SNP	Ongoing Crisis in Gaza
18 June 2025	Liam Kerr	CON	Recognising RAAC in Council and Former Council Housing
19 June 2025	Marie McNair	SNP	Action Mesothelioma Day 2025
23 June 2025	n/a	SNP	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
26 June 2025	Douglas Ross	CON	Action to Address the Impact of Gulls in Scotland
26 June 2025	Patrick Harvie	GRN	The Future of Glasgow's Bus Services. Rescheduled from 25 June 2025
2 September 2025	Alex Rowley	LAB	Provision of NHS Dentistry
3 September 2025	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Recognising the Impact of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
4 September 2025	Bob Doris	SNP	Peak Rail Fares Abolished
9 September 2025	Liz Smith	CON	Celebrating Residential Outdoor Education for Young People
10 September 2025	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Improving Bladder Cancer Diagnosis in Scotland
11 September 2025	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport
17 September 2025	Bill Kidd	SNP	Nuclear Incidents – rescheduled from 16 September 2025
17 September 2025	Pam Gosal	CON	Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman"
18 September 2025	Emma Roddick	SNP	Increasing Frequency and Intensity of Wildfires
24 September 2025	n/a	CON	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
25 September 2025	Paul Sweeney	Lab	Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation Frigate
25 September 2025	Christine Grahame	SNP	Organ Donation Week 22 to 28 September 2025 – rescheduled from 23 September

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Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	Alba	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	229	107	71	27	13	1	448
Frequency %	51	24	16	6	3	0	100

Parliamentary Business Team
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