

Business in the Chamber

Introduction

1. This paper sets out an updated calculation for the allocation of non-Government business further to discussion of the allocation of non-Government business as the Bureau meeting on 31 August.

Non-Government Business

2. Under Rule 5.6.1(b) of Standing Orders, the Bureau is required to set aside 16 half sitting days in each parliamentary year to consider business chosen by parties that are not represented in the Government. It has been the practice of the Bureau to use proportionality to allocate those half sitting days amongst the non-Government parties. This convention would provide the following results for:

Party	Proportion of non-Government seats	Share of non-Government business
Conservative	54%	8.7 (9)
Labour	39%	6.2 (6)
Liberal Democrat	7%	1.1 (1)

3. Direct proportionality would therefore allocate nine half sitting days to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, six to the Scottish Labour Party and one to the Liberal Democrats.
4. **The Bureau is invited to consider and agree the allocation of non-Government business.**