

## 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 February recess is as follows –

<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
6 December	SNP	CON	SNP
13 December	SNP	GRN	CON
20 December	LAB	SNP	SNP
10 January	CON	SNP	LAB
17 January	SNP	CON	SNP
24 January	SNP	CON	LAB
31 January	SNP	SNP	GRN
7 February	LD	CON	SNP

4. Should the Bureau agree to the proposed business on Thursday 23 December, this will mean that the Members Business slot highlighted above in yellow will not take place on Thursday 23 December. Instead, it will be rescheduled in early 2022 as an additional Members Business slot. This will not affect the rota set out above.
5. Motions submitted for Members' Business are shown below—

#### **S6M-02278: Richard Leonard: Role of Rail in Achieving Climate Change Targets**

- That the Parliament commends what it considers the essential role played by Serco Caledonian Sleeper workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; notes what it sees as the vital role that rail has to play in delivering a modal shift from high- to low-carbon transport, including in Central Scotland, and meeting Scotland's climate change targets; understands that, since March 2020, Serco Caledonian Sleeper has been operating under an emergency measures agreement, through which the Scottish Government takes on all cost and revenue risk, and the operator is permitted to receive payment of fees; further understands that members of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) employed by Serco Caledonian Sleeper have taken industrial action across several months during 2021 in a dispute over pay; believes that the RMT has concerns relating to health and safety matters and reported bullying and harassment of staff at Serco Caledonian Sleeper, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to meet with representatives of the RMT and Serco

Caledonian Sleeper, and use what it sees as its leverage to ensure there is a resolution to the pay dispute, health and safety concerns, and what it considers mistreatment of staff, in order that the service can continue to play its full part in helping to achieve Scotland's climate change targets.

**S6M-02164: Stuart McMillan: Scottish History in Schools** - That the Parliament notes what it sees as the importance of Scotland's history being taught in schools; believes that learning about local history helps pupils engage with their area's heritage and could empower them to explore their family's history; notes the view that this work should include aspects of Scotland's past that its people are not proud of, particularly in relation to its role in the transatlantic slave trade; believes that pupils in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency could learn about the Radical War of 1820, which saw the final battle take place in Greenock and left nine people killed and many wounded, aged eight to 65; appreciates the role of libraries and museums in assisting schools and families in exploring their history; welcomes reports that many teachers already carry out this work, aiming to ensure that lessons suit their pupils; acknowledges that learning about the history of other nations is important, but notes the view that this should be an aside to learning about Scotland's own history; commends the efforts of community groups, such as the 1820 Society and the Society of William Wallace, for helping keep stories about the nation's history alive, and notes calls encouraging MSPs to engage with community groups in their efforts to learn about and promote local history in their constituencies and regions.

**S6M-02093: Jenni Minto: Importance of Community Defibrillators** - That the Parliament notes the importance of access to defibrillators in communities across Scotland; understands that a defibrillator is required within three minutes of cardiac arrest for it to be effective; believes therefore that a wide spread of these devices across communities could play a key role in saving lives; understands that people living in the least affluent areas of the country are 60% less likely to survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; recognises the incredible community effort nationally, including in Argyll and Bute, of people who have raised funds to install and maintain defibrillators, but notes the view that more needs to be done; commends the work of the British Heart Foundation, in partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service, the NHS and Microsoft, in establishing the Circuit, which is Scotland's first network of defibrillators; notes the calls for more work to raise awareness of, and improve education on, defibrillator use, and further notes the calls for anyone with a defibrillator to register it on the Circuit to help the Scottish Ambulance Service find its location in the event of an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

**S6M-02070: Maggie Chapman: Transgender Day of Remembrance 2021** - That the Parliament recognises Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) on 20 November 2021, a day, which is observed annually and internationally, to memorialise trans people lost to transphobia; understands that, while the murder of trans people for being trans in the UK is rare, suicide is not; further understands that more than one in four (27%) trans young people have attempted to take their own lives, and that nine in 10 (89%) have thought about it, with 72% having self-harmed at least once; believes that the current media climate has not helped; further believes that trans people need reassurance and support, and notes calls on members to show their solidarity and support for trans people.

**S6M-01924: Miles Briggs: Lung Cancer Awareness Month, November 2021** - That the Parliament acknowledges that November 2021 is Lung Cancer Awareness Month; understands that this condition is the most common cancer in Scotland and that almost half of cases, 46%, are diagnosed at stage 4, when it is advanced and has spread to other parts of the body; notes what it sees as the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the ability to diagnose people; understands with concern that Public Health Scotland has reported a 23% decline in diagnoses in the 11 months up to the end of November 2020; believes that this means that there will be people in Scotland with undetected lung cancer that will be progressing; understands that early diagnosis is important for improving outcomes; commends the recently launched Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation campaign, Spot the Difference, and, while welcoming the Get Checked Early public awareness campaign, notes the calls on the Scottish Government to redouble its efforts to drive early detection to ensure that better outcomes can be delivered.

**S6M-01892: Jim Fairlie: Tackling Misogyny and Violence Against Women and Girls** - That the Parliament believes, and is concerned, that misogyny and violence against women and girls continues to blight society; welcomes the Police Scotland campaign, Don't be that Guy, as what it considers a positive contribution in encouraging men to take responsibility for stopping violence and discrimination against women and girls across all settings and, it considers, in tackling the idea that it is the responsibility of women and girls to protect themselves from male violence, rather than the other way round; considers that what it sees as male-dominated environments and organisations, such as sports clubs, have a particular role to play in spreading this message; believes that lasting change happens when small acts are repeated en masse, and notes the call for individual men, including those in the Perthshire South and Kinross-shire constituency, to make the simple changes to their behaviour that it considers can lead to the societal peer group change in attitudes that it believes is needed to bring an end to the pathways that lead to discrimination and violence against women and girls.

**S6M-01866: Maggie Chapman: The Right to Access Environmental Justice** - That the Parliament notes the publication of the Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland report, Why Scotland needs an environmental court or tribunal, in October 2021; considers that the report informs the debate on how to ensure that members of the public, including those in the North East Scotland region, can enjoy their right of access to environmental justice, which it understands forms part of the procedural right to a healthy environment guaranteed by the Aarhus Convention, and is proposed for inclusion in a new statutory right in Scotland; believes that access to environmental justice is unaffordable to many, and that this is contrary to the requirements of the Aarhus Convention; welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to ensure that a review of environmental justice, including the case for an environmental court, will commence by spring 2023, and notes the calls for all stakeholders to participate in this debate ahead of the 2023 consultation.

**S6M-01860: Beatrice Wishart: Protecting Marine Life During Unexploded Ordnance Removal** - That the Parliament notes reports that there are 100,000 tonnes of unexploded ordnance in waters around the UK, which are relics of the first and second world wars; recognises that the presence of bombs, mines and shells in the waters around Shetland and the whole of Scotland pose potential obstructions to

offshore projects; understands that the current common method of disposing of these devices involves powerful explosives that the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, a statutory adviser of the UK and Scottish governments, acknowledges can be very loud; notes the concerns of campaigners that this can seriously disrupt and threaten marine mammals, which use sound to find food, socialise and navigate, and can suffer hearing loss, other physical damage, and death as a result of loud sounds; further notes the reports that connect clearances with mass strandings; acknowledges the campaign for the adoption of available low-impact methods of disposal, such as low-order deflagration, which it understands have the support of Whale and Dolphin Conservation and other organisations, and notes the calls for new guidance from Marine Scotland and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, and what it considers as the potential benefits of this for low-impact disposal methods and enhanced protection of marine life.

**S6M-01845: Monica Lennon: Scotland's Rail Unions Launch A Vision For Scotland's Railways** - That the Parliament welcomes the report, A Vision For Scotland's Railways, by Scotland's rail unions, ASLEF, RMT, TSSA and UNITE, which it considers presents a transformative agenda for the future of passenger and freight services; understands that Scotland's rail unions believe that the country cannot meet its environmental obligations without a world-class rail service that shifts people from lorries and cars onto trains; further understands that the report calls for the railway system to be green, reliable, affordable, well-staffed and punctual; understands that the report also calls for an end to profiteering, ticket office closures, job losses, budget cuts and reductions in services, using the COVID-19 pandemic as a justification; notes the view that the end of the Abellio franchise presents an opportunity to debate and action measures to make an investment in rail services and improve their quality and sustainability for the benefit of Central Scotland and beyond, and further notes the view that all MSPs and the Scottish Government should consider the report and engage with citizens, rail workers, trade unions, businesses and a range of organisations on its ideas and proposals.

**S6M-01840: Martin Whitfield: Championing the Right to Holistic Family Support** - That the Parliament notes the belief that all families across Scotland that need additional support should be able to get help when and where they need it; considers that article 18 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child establishes the right of families to help and support; believes that delivering accessible holistic family support is central to Scotland's commitment to Keep The Promise for children and families, and notes the finding from Change Programme ONE, that work in this area is underway, but not yet sufficient; notes the calls for a shift in public investment towards prevention; believes that many families were already struggling to access support services prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that vulnerable children, young people and families in Scotland have been the most affected by the impact of successive lockdowns; welcomes the commitment by the Scottish Government to deliver a Whole Family Wellbeing Fund of £500 million over the course of the current parliamentary session, and notes the calls for an urgent action plan to outline how the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund will be invested to implement the Family Support Delivery Group blueprint and route map, thereby making the right to whole family holistic support a practical and accessible reality for families, which would be consistently available across the country, including the South Scotland region.

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

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

**S6M-01617: Pam Gosal: World Menopause Day**

- That the Parliament recognises 18 October 2021 as World Menopause Day; believes that the menopause has for too long been a taboo subject in society; notes with concern what it sees as the lack of readily available information about menopause, as women experience it in a variety of ways, and further notes calls on employers to help alleviate menopause stigma, take practical steps to improve workplace policies and remove barriers to better support women experiencing menopausal symptoms.

**S6M-01604: Katy Clark: Domestic Abuse Charges**

- That the Parliament understands that there were over 33,000 charges with a domestic abuse identifier reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service during 2020-21; believes with concern that this is a 9% increase on the year before and the highest figure reported in five years; notes that charges reported under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 accounted for 4.7% of all domestic abuse charges reported; understands that, in 87% of domestic abuse cases, the aggressor was male, and that one-in-four cases was classed as common assault; notes the view that the Scottish Government must analyse and evaluate the outcomes of specialist domestic abuse courts in Glasgow and Edinburgh and how they compare to outcomes in other courts, and notes the calls on the government to heed the requests from women's aid charities for it to lay out a strategy for rolling out these specialist courts across the country.

**S6M-01569: Rachael Hamilton: Endometriosis**

- That the Parliament notes the view that there is a need to raise awareness of the widespread nature of endometriosis; understands that this painful disorder affects an estimated 10% of women worldwide and is the second most common gynaecological condition in the UK; believes that, despite its widespread nature, healthcare professionals still find it difficult to diagnose and treat the condition and that this situation has affected women in the Scottish Borders and across the country; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to reduce the average time taken to diagnose endometriosis from eight years to less than 12 months during the current parliamentary session, as outlined in the Women's Health Plan; acknowledges the work done by the UK Parliament's All-Party

Parliamentary Group on Endometriosis in highlighting the key areas that need to be addressed in order to see a reduction in the time to make a diagnosis, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to present MSPs with a detailed plan and timeframe for achieving this target.

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

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
8 June 2021	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Impact on Scottish Agriculture of Tariff-free Trade Deals
9 June 2021	Neil Gray	SNP	Social Justice and Fairness Commission Report
15 June 2021	Douglas Ross	CON	The Campaign to Restore the Consultant-led Maternity Unit at Dr Gray's, Elgin
16 June 2021	Monica Lennon	LAB	Historical Forced Adoption
22 June 2021	Bob Doris	SNP	MND Scotland (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
23 June 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	National Gaelic Language Plan
31 August 2021	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Success of Great Borders River Clean
1 September 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	100 Years of Insulin
2 September 2021	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Our Factory, Our Future, the Fight to Save McVitie's at Tollcross, Glasgow
7 September 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Reserved Board Seats for Islanders
8 September 2021	Brian Whittle	CON	Team GB Success
9 September 2022	Christine Grahame	SNP	Mineworkers' Pension Scheme
14 September 2021	Karen Adam	SNP	2020 Tokyo Paralympics
15 September 2021	Maggie Chapman	GRN	A Just Transition for Torry
16 September 2021	Miles Briggs	CON	SCVO Creates its 10,000 <sup>th</sup> CJS Job in Scotland's Voluntary Sector
21 September 2021	Michael Marra	LAB	Action on Brain Injury in Football
22 September 2021	Stuart McMillan	SNP	National Eye Health Week 2021
23 September 2021	Siobhian Brown	SNP	FASD Awareness Day – 9 September
28 September 2021	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Ambulance Services Across Scotland
29 September 2021	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Alleviating Poverty Associated with the Purchase of School Uniforms in Scotland
30 September 2021	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Community Wealth and the Emergence of "Green Lairds".
5 October 2021	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Big Noise Programme in Wester Hailes

6 October 2021	Donald Cameron	CON	Rest and Be Thankful
7 October 2021	Paul McLennan	SNP	World Mental Health Day 2021
26 October 2021	Clare Adamson	SNP	UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2021, Malnutrition in Older People
27 October 2021	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services
28 October 2021	Mercedes Villalba	LAB	The Need for an Offshore Training Passport
2 November 2021	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Improving Support and Ending the Stigma of the Menopause
3 November 2021	Elena Whitham	SNP	A Model for Scotland, the Campaign for Prostitution Law Reform in Scotland
4 November 2021	Gillian Mackay	GRN	Abortion Clinic Buffer Zones
9 November 2021	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Long Covid as a Condition of Concern
10 November 2021	Alexander Stewart	CON	100 Years of the Poppy in the UK
11 November 2021	Fiona Hyslop	SNP	Publication of the Communiqué Setting Out the Conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues
16 November 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	World COPD Day 2021
17 November 2021	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
18 November 2021	Stephen Kerr	CON	Road Safety in Falkirk
23 November 2021	Foysol Choudhury	LAB	Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26
24 November 2021	David Torrance	SNP	Mouth Cancer Action Month 2021
25 November 2021	Gillian Martin	SNP	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage as Part of Scotland's Net Zero Ambitions
30 November 2021	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Lamb for St Andrew's Day Campaign
1 December 2021	Jamie Greene	CON	World AIDS Day 2021
2 December 2021	Pam Duncan-Glancy	LAB	International Day of Disabled People

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

Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	22	10	7	2	1	42
Frequency %	52.38	23.81	16.67	4.76	2.38	100

