

## PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

### FUTURE BUSINESS PROGRAMME: POSSIBLE MOTIONS FOR MEMBERS' BUSINESS

1. Bureau members will be aware that under Rule 5.6.1(c) the Bureau has a duty to ensure that there is a period of time available for Members' Business at each meeting of the Parliament.
2. This paper is circulated with the Bureau papers each week, and provides Bureau members with an updated list of motions lodged each week for Members Business debate. The paper will also provide Bureau members with a record of Members Business debates throughout the session, and the number and frequency of such debates that each party has had.
3. Bureau members may wish to note for information that the rota for Members' Business until Summer recess is as follows –

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6 June	CON	SNP	LAB (after FMQs), SNP (after DT)
13 June	SNP	CON	SNP
20 June	SNP	GRN	CON
27 June	LAB	SNP	SNP

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

**S6M-04574: John Mason: Scotland in the Red** - That the Parliament acknowledges the report, Scotland in the Red, published by Step Change Debt Charity Scotland; understands that the report looked at personal debt statistics in Scotland during 2021; considers that, given the harsh economic situation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with the ongoing cost of living crisis and inflation at its highest rate in 40 years, citizens' personal finances are being squeezed, including those in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency; understands that Step Change has seen a rise in the proportion of clients in the private rental sector, with over 60% of all clients now renting their homes; further understands that the proportion of Step Change clients in a vulnerable situation, in addition to their financial difficulty, has increased sharply to a new high of 54%; understands that Step Change clients' average arrears on essential bills has increased by £659 to £2,961; further understands that nearly two-thirds of vulnerable clients were female, that 52% were at risk of losing their home, and 75% were in arrears with electricity bills before the full impact of recent price rises; notes that council tax remains the most prevalent household bill with which clients are struggling, with 44% of vulnerable clients in arrears; thanks Step Change for what it sees as this enlightening report into the struggle faced by many constituents across the country, and commends Step Change for what it considers its ongoing vital work.

**S6M-04425: Pauline McNeill: Remembering Shireen Abu Akleh** - That the Parliament notes with deep regret the reported death of the respected journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, after being shot in the head while reporting; understands that Ms Abu Akleh was a Palestinian-American journalist who worked for 25 years as a reporter for Al Jazeera, and was a household name across the Middle East for her

many years reporting from the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories; believes that an independent inquiry into her death must be carried out in light of conflicting accounts of the circumstances of her death; understands that the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese, said in an interview that her death constitutes a "serious violation of international humanitarian law and is potentially a war crime under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court", and expresses its sympathy to Ms Abu Akleh's family and all who knew her.

**S6M-04364: Michael Marra: Dundee Drugs Commission Review Report** - That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *Time for Kindness, Compassion and Hope: The Need for Action Two Years On*, by the Dundee Drugs Commission; thanks the Commission for its work in the production of both of its reports; is grateful to everyone who brought witness and testimony to this work from lived experience and frontline service provision; believes that testimony will have been incredibly difficult to deliver for many of the witnesses; understands that, despite the urgent recommendations in the first report, Dundee continues to have a very high level of drugs deaths by national and international comparisons; notes with concern what it sees as the failure to sufficiently progress the recommendations of the original report by all agencies in Dundee; further notes support for the recommendations of the Commission, which include an urgent health needs assessment for drug users, the wholesale reform of substance misuse, and recovery services that move away from a punitive medicalised model to a community facing system of care; is concerned by the report's conclusion that "the scale of the challenge to turn the situation around hasn't been fully appreciated" by local leadership, and notes the calls for the full adoption of the recommendations with a specific delivery plan from the Dundee Partnership.

**S6M-04297: Alexander Burnett: Invasive Species Week 2022** - That the Parliament marks Invasive Species Week, which, in 2022, takes place between 16 and 22 May; considers that Scotland's natural heritage is valued by communities across the country, including in the Aberdeenshire West constituency, and provides a wide range of social, cultural and health benefits; notes the potential threat posed by invasive species, including the reported impact on the iconic red squirrel species due to competition from grey squirrels, and further notes what it sees as the urgent need to restore nature and improve Scotland's biodiversity, in light of the connected crises of nature and climate.

**S6M-04265: Foysoil Choudhury: Edinburgh International Festival 2022 Programme and the Future of the Arts** - That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh International Festival on the launch of its 2022 programme and its continued work in communities across Edinburgh; welcomes the number of free events in the programme, in particular the MACRO event at BT Murrayfield on 5 August 2022, which will be a celebration of Australian and Scottish culture in circus, dance and music; notes what it sees as the positive role played by Edinburgh International Festival in supporting Scotland's place on the world stage by welcoming artists from around the globe; further notes what it sees as the importance of the Edinburgh International Festival and other Edinburgh Festivals to the Edinburgh and wider Scottish economy, and notes the view that long-term sustainable funding is needed for the future success of Edinburgh International Festival and Scottish arts and culture.

**S6M-04210: Maggie Chapman: Revitalising Scotland's Town Centres** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of the revival of Scottish town centres in the North East Scotland region, and throughout Scotland; notes the view that a town centre's first principle, which it understands aims to put the health of town centres at the heart of decision-making processes, needs to be applied consistently, not only to the retail sector but also to housing, public sector administration, healthcare, education, recreation and culture, celebrating the particularity of each town's unique history; recognises what it sees as the importance of healthy town centres for people's physical, emotional and social wellbeing; considers that the commercial sector has its role in this shift but needs certainty, and that developers will only invest in town centres if it is clear that this is a long-term and reliable policy; highlights what it sees as the importance of recognising alternatives to big retail, and celebrating and supporting co-operatives, social enterprises and community wealth-building projects, and notes the view that a renewed focus on, and priority for, town centres is essential in the context of a deepening climate crisis, and for the health and wellbeing of people in their local communities.

**S6M-04207: Jeremy Balfour: Celebrating Volunteers' Week, 1 to 7 June 2022** - That the Parliament commends the hard work and dedication shown by volunteers across Scotland; recognises Volunteers' Week, which runs from 1 to 7 June 2022, as an opportunity to highlight the important role that volunteers can play in communities, and to thank them for playing a vital role in keeping communities safe and engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic; considers that the personal benefits of volunteering are wide ranging and include improving health and wellbeing, gaining confidence, making a difference and building community connections; understands that recent figures show that 64% of adults in Scotland volunteered in 2020, which equates to over 3.4 million people, and thanks all volunteers for what it sees as their invaluable contribution.

**S6M-04117: Alasdair Allan: Supporting Great Bernera's Community Land Buyout** - That the Parliament recognises the work of the Great Bernera Community Development Trust towards a crofting community buyout and to the development of the island; understands that, despite concentrated efforts on the Trust's part to bring the crofting land's sale to completion, an apparent lack of cooperation by the island's absentee landlord has reportedly delayed and halted necessary progress; is deeply concerned by reported recent demands for significant payments by the landlord from local crofters before he will give permission for various legitimate (and elsewhere payment free) transactions to proceed; understands that in recent years the island's school and local shop have both closed; notes that part 3 of the Land Reform Act has not yet been successfully utilised, but considers Bernera to be an example of where that approach may well be required, and hopes that all relevant agencies can continue to support the Great Bernera Community Development Trust in securing the buyout of the crofting land; and encourages the landlord to engage constructively and promptly with the local community going forward.

**S6M-04108: Alexander Stewart: Dementia Awareness Week 2022** - That the Parliament acknowledges Dementia Awareness Week 2022; understands that, in Scotland, the event will run from 30 May to 5 June; acknowledges that the aim of the week is to continue the raising of awareness of dementia and to help improve the lives of people with dementia, their families and their carers; notes what it sees as the

importance of acknowledging that dementia is not part of the natural ageing process, and that it affects the brain and makes it harder to remember things or think as clearly as before; understands that dementia is an umbrella term for over 100 different types of illnesses and disease symptoms, which may include memory loss, difficulties with day-to-day tasks, language difficulties and affected problem-solving ability, but that all the types of diseases are the same in that they damage brain cells and stop it working as well as it should; notes that Alzheimer Scotland provides information, support and dementia-friendly activities to help ensure that nobody faces dementia alone; is concerned that dementia can affect every area of human thinking, feeling and behaviour, but that each person with dementia is different in how the illness affects them, depending on which area of their brain is damaged; understands that over 90,000 people in Scotland have dementia, including many in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and that it is most common in older people but can affect people in their 40s and 50s, or even younger; acknowledges that the causes of dementia are not fully understood; highlights what it sees as the importance of the researchers all over the world who are working hard to understand the causes of dementia and develop treatments, and acknowledges what it considers the importance of initiatives such as Alzheimer Scotland's "Tea & Blether" mornings during Dementia Awareness Week to support people in Scotland with dementia, and to raise valuable funding for research and care.

**S6M-04057: Katy Clark: DWP Office Closures** - That the Parliament notes with concern the UK Government's reported announcement that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) plans to close 41 offices across the UK by June 2023; understands that 13 of these closures, which would affect 64 workers at Aberdeen and over 100 at Kirkcaldy, are processing sites where no alternative nearby premises have been identified for relocation of staff; further understands that a further six sites in Scotland will close with an alternative site for relocation offered, including in the West Scotland region; notes with concern the estimates reported by the PCS trade union that the closure and relocation of these offices will put up to 3,000 workers at risk of redundancy in total; further notes the publication of figures by the DWP, which it understands indicate that jobs in Scotland have already been cut by a third since 2011, meaning that Scotland has experienced the fastest rate of DWP job cuts in the country; acknowledges what it sees as the tireless work of civil servants at the DWP, who it understands have paid out benefits to almost 2.5 million families during the COVID-19 pandemic and been described as "miracle workers" by the Prime Minister; notes the view that these latest cuts are part of a wider agenda to unjustly place more responsibility on individual claimants, who it understands already face sanctions if they refuse to take up a job offer if it involves less than a 90-minute commute; further notes the view that the UK Government should reverse these cuts, which it considers undermine the UK Government's levelling up agenda and will have a negative impact on workers, claimants and wider communities, and notes the calls for UK and Scottish government ministers to work with Social Security Scotland and the DWP to save jobs and develop contingency measures for redeployment of staff who face redundancy if these cuts are pursued.

**S6M-04040: Rachael Hamilton: Decline of Iconic Scottish Species** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the concerning decline of iconic Scottish species; understands that there has been a marked reduction in many species of bird across Scotland, namely in populations of capercaillie, ptarmigan, lapwing and

curlews; recognises the latest report by a sub-group of the NatureScot Scientific Advisory Committee, Review of Capercaillie Conservation and Management, which it understands advises that, if perilous population declines continue, the species could be lost to Scotland within two to three decades; notes the view that additional predator control is required, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the action points from the review are taken and that land managers, including those in the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire constituency, are able to properly control predators in order to save iconic bird species.

**S6M-04035: Katy Clark: Supporting Peace in Colombia** - That the Parliament welcomes the reported commitments made by senior trade union leaders across the UK, including in the West Scotland region, to continue with their unwavering support for the Colombia peace agreement; understands that the signing of the agreement in Havana in 2016 came after decades of civil war left 220,000 citizens dead and millions displaced or disappeared; further understands that the agreement creates a framework for political and land reform, the incorporation of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as a political party, a transitional justice system, peace courts and other restorative justice approaches; recognises what it sees as the proactive and positive role that UK and Irish trade unions have played supporting the work of the NGO, Justice for Colombia (JFC), which it understands has facilitated a series of visits to the country by union leaders and activists to promote dialogue, learning and cooperation; notes JFC's reported role in helping bring political leaders from Northern Ireland and South Africa to Colombia to share their experience of implementing peace agreements in their respective lands; is concerned that, in recent years, the peace process has reportedly stalled, with increasing reports of human rights abuses, political violence and the murder of trade unionists and environmentalist and indigenous activists, which it understands has seen over 1,000 people killed since the agreement was signed; notes the calls on all candidates in the forthcoming presidential election in Colombia to commit to implementing the peace agreement in full, and further notes the calls on the Scottish and UK governments to do all that they can to promote peace in Colombia.

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

**S6M-03993: Paul Sweeney: Extending Free Bus Travel to All Asylum Seekers Resident in Scotland** - That the Parliament commends the work of organisations that

are supporting and amplifying the voices of asylum seekers in Scotland, including in Glasgow; considers that this includes organisations such as The VOICES Network, Refuweege, Maryhill Integration Network, Refugee Survival Trust and Survivors of Human Trafficking in Scotland amongst others, and notes the reported calls from these organisations for free bus travel to be provided to asylum seekers by extending the existing concessionary travel schemes to include all asylum seekers currently residing in Scotland regardless of age.

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

**S6M-03892: Edward Mountain: Highland PICT Wins Emergency Services Hero Award** - That the Parliament recognises that the Highland Pre-hospital Immediate Care and Trauma (PICT) team received the emergency services Hero of the Year Award at the 2022 Highland Heroes event; notes that PICT teams attend scenes of major trauma incidents and help to provide advanced care; further notes that the PICT team based at Raigmore Hospital in Inverness has been deployable seven days a week since August 2020; considers that Highland PICT meets the ambitions of the Scottish Government's national trauma network programme and plays a key role in NHS Highland's major incident planning, collaborating with the Scottish Ambulance Service and other emergency services; welcomes that NHS Highland has extended its funding to Highland PICT in order for the team to continue to provide a seven-days-a-week service until September 2022; notes the calls encouraging the NHS board to secure the longer term future of Highland PICT beyond September 2022, which ensures the service's current operational capabilities are maintained; commends all members of the Highland PICT team for the essential service that they provide, and wishes the team all the best for the future.

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

suppliers to actively contact pre-payment customers with appropriate and consistent support for those who are struggling, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to cut the cost of pre-payment meter energy to the level available via Direct Debit arrangements.

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

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

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

**S6M-03807: Katy Clark: Celebrating Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act at 20 Years** - That the Parliament welcomes the Freedom of Information (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill, drafted by the Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland; recognises that 28 May 2022 marks 20 years since the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FoISA) received Royal Assent; is pleased that the law has provided people and organisations, including in the West Scotland region, with a free, enforceable right to

access information held by public authorities, and considers that opening up the decision-making process, knowing who and what information informs decisions, and how public money is spent are fundamental to ensuring a fair and equal society; believes, however, that FoISA has failed to keep pace with information management and changes in how publicly funded services are delivered, and notes the view in the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee inquiry report on FoISA, published in May 2020, that "there is a clear need to improve the legislation, particularly in respect of the bodies that it covers and in relation to proactive publication"; acknowledges the polling results published by the Scottish Information Commissioner indicating that enforceable legal rights regarding access to information are popular with the public, and notes the calls to ensure that access to information rights are robust and fit for purpose, and to expedite the necessary legal reform.

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

**S6M-03797: Katy Clark: Low Frequency Noise** - That the Parliament notes the concerns raised by the local community over low frequency noise (LFN) produced by generators on two drill ships, which, it understands, were berthed at Hunterston Jetty, near Fairlie, for approximately a year; further notes reports of concerns raised by the local community at Cromarty over persistent noise pollution from nearby offshore oil rigs; understands that responsibility for dealing with the majority of complaints about nuisance, such as noise, rests with local authorities and that they have a duty to investigate such complaints under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA); further understands that frequency weighting is added to decibel measurements by Environmental Health Officers but that no recent general guidance for local authorities on LFN has been produced by either the Scottish or UK governments; notes the findings of the report, Proposed criteria for the assessment of low frequency noise disturbance, published by the University of Salford for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in 2011, which recommended "a method of assessment is needed both from the sufferer's point of view, because there is currently not much to protect them against LFN, and from the Environmental Health Officer's point of view, where guidance is needed in determining whether a nuisance exists"; further notes with concern the report's findings that surveyed complainants attributed sleep disturbance, stress, headaches, migraines and severe mental health issues to LFN; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to commission some up-to-date research into the subject to ensure best practice is followed on LFN and to protect public health, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to incorporate clear guidance on LFN into its National Planning Framework.



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

**S6M-03777: Bob Doris: MND Scotland Report, No Time to Lose: Addressing the Housing Needs of People with MND** - That the Parliament welcomes the MND Scotland report, No time to lose: Addressing the housing needs of people with MND, which outlines the challenges that people with MND, including those in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency, face when trying to obtain the accessible home that they need through adaptations or an alternative accessible property; understands that MND is a rapidly progressing terminal neurological disease, which can cause those with the illness to lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, drink or breathe unaided, with the average life expectancy being just 18 months from diagnosis; acknowledges that many waiting lists for adaptations and alternative accessible homes are reportedly too long for people with MND with, it understands, some longer than the average life expectancy with the illness; believes that this can leave people with MND unable to spend the precious time that they have left safely and with the dignity that everyone is entitled to, and that, for some, support never comes in time; understands that speed in service provision is critical for people with MND, and notes the expectation that the Scottish Government and local authorities will give meaningful and early consideration to implementing the report's various recommendations, which include fast-tracking people with MND for adaptations and accessible homes, a proactive, not reactive, approach to adaptations, establishing a national definition of accessible housing, and building more wheelchair accessible housing across Scotland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**S6M-03624: Mark Griffin: Motherwell in Running to be New Home for Britain's Railways** - That the Parliament welcomes Motherwell's entry into the national competition to become the new headquarters for Great British Railways (GBR), which, it understands, was submitted by North Lanarkshire Council; notes the UK Government's competition to find a home for the Great British Railways' headquarters, which must be outside of London; believes that Motherwell is perfectly placed to host the GBR headquarters; considers that the town is at the heart of Scotland's rail network and has outstanding connectivity to Scotland and the rest of the UK; believes that the town has a highly-skilled workforce and one of the fastest-growing economies in the

country, and that the location of the headquarters would attract further investment to the town, and understands that work is already well underway to considerably improve Motherwell railway station and transform it into a major UK transport interchange, which, it believes, will improve connectivity for all modes of transport including rail, bus, cycling, taxis and cars, as well as pedestrians.

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

**S6M-03566: Joe FitzPatrick: Alcohol Management in Deep End Practices** - That the Parliament welcomes the new report, Exploring the management of alcohol problems in Deep End practices in Scotland, which was funded by Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) and carried out by researchers at the University of Dundee and University of Stirling, and which highlights the effectiveness of the Primary Care Alcohol Nurse Outreach Service (PCANOS) model in Deep End practices; understands that alcohol continues to cause a significant amount of harm in Scotland, including in Dundee; further understands that, in 2020, alcohol was directly responsible for 1,190 deaths in Scotland, with death rates 4.3 times higher among those living in the most deprived areas; highlights what it sees as the effectiveness of the PCANOS model, including its person-centred approach, one-to-one and flexible nature, and the fact that it enabled collaborative working between practice staff; notes the calls for investment into alcohol services that reflects the need across the country; further notes that the report calls for more research to be carried out to establish an evidence base on the effectiveness of unique services such as PCANOS, in supporting people with moderate to severe alcohol problems who do not engage with alcohol services, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to carefully consider

the report's recommendation for the PCANOS model and other alcohol treatment services to be rolled out across Deep End practices, with long-term funding, to enable as many people as possible with alcohol problems, who have complex needs, to be supported.

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

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

**S6M-01794: Meghan Gallacher: Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials** - That the Parliament notes the recent petition submitted on behalf of Dennistoun War Memorial, urging the Scottish Government to introduce stronger legislation, which

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

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

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
8 June 2021	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Impact on Scottish Agriculture of Tariff-free Trade Deals
9 June 2021	Neil Gray	SNP	Social Justice and Fairness Commission Report
15 June 2021	Douglas Ross	CON	The Campaign to Restore the Consultant-led Maternity Unit at Dr Gray's, Elgin
16 June 2021	Monica Lennon	LAB	Historical Forced Adoption
22 June 2021	Bob Doris	SNP	MND Scotland (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
23 June 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	National Gaelic Language Plan
31 August 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	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
7 December 2021	Paul McLennan	SNP	16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
8 December 2021	Graham Simpson	CON	East Kilbride Rail Line Dualling
9 December 2021	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Human Rights Day 2021
14 December 2021	Jenni Minto	SNP	Importance of Community Defibrillators
15 December 2021	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Protecting Rural Bus Services
16 December 2021	Craig Hoy	CON	Edington Hospital
21 December 2021	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Ending Pharmaceutical Monopolies of Covid-19 Vaccines
22 December 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	Dumfries City Status
11 January 2022	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Endometriosis
12 January 2022	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service
13 January 2022	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Championing the Right to Holistic Family Support
18 January 2022	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Scottish History in Schools
19 January 2022	Alexander Stewart	CON	The ASDA Foundation and its Community Work
20 January 2022	Bill Kidd	SNP	NPT Review Conference and Anniversary of TPNW Entry Into Force
25 January 2022	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	My Breath is My Life
26 January 2022	Katy Clark	LAB	Domestic Abuse Charges
27 January 2022 (FMQs)	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Memorial Day to be Marked on 27 January 2022
27 January 2022 (DT)	Rona Mackay	SNP	Support for the 70/30 Campaign to Reduce ACES by 2030
1 February 2022	Jackie Baillie	LAB	World Cancer Day 2022
2 February 2022	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Response to Storm Arwen in Stirling and Future Resilience Planning



3 February 2022	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Revitalising Coastal Communities
8 February 2022	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Future of the BBC
9 February 2022	Stephen Kerr	CON	Commemorating the 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
10 February 2022	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Online Pimping
22 February 2022	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Redundancies at OVO Energy
23 February 2022	Karen Adam	SNP	Celebrating LGBT History Month
24 February 2022	Craig Hoy	CON	Decommissioning of Torness Nuclear Power Station
1 March 2022	Emma Harper	SNP	Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2022
2 March 2022	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland
3 March 2022	Michelle Thomson	SNP	International Women's Day 2022: Break the Bias
8 March 2022	Pam Gosal	CON	Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2022
9 March 2022	Jenni Minto	SNP	Recognition of Dr Elsie Inglis
10 March 2022	Alex Rowley	LAB	Longstanding Underpayment of Social Care Staff
15 March 2022	Gillian Martin	SNP	Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2022
16 March 2022	Maurice Golden	CON	Tackling Dog Theft
17 March 2022	Clare Adamson	SNP	Fair Trade Pledge
22 March 2022	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Scottish Tourism Month 2022
23 March 2022	Ross Greer	GRN	Industrial Relations in the College Sector
24 March 2022	Miles Briggs	CON	World Tuberculosis Day 2022
29 March 2022	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022
30 March 2022	Marie McNair	SNP	Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
31 March 2022	Kaukab Stewart	SNP	Impacts of Benefit Sanctions
19 April 2022	Jeremy Balfour	CON	Welcoming the Down Syndrome Bill
20 April 2022	Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	Sexism in Football
21 April 2022	Katy Clark	LAB	Keeping CalMac Public and Publicly-Owned Ferry Services
26 April 2022	David Torrance	SNP	MS Awareness Week 2022
27 April 2022	Graham Simpson	CON	Honouring Emergency Workers

28 April 2022	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	Global Intergenerational Week 2022
3 May 2022	Russell Findlay	CON	World Press Freedom Day
4 May 2022	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	International Day of the Midwife, 100 Years of Progress
10 May 2022	Michelle Thomson	SNP	Women in Business
11 May 2022	Emma Roddick	SNP	LGBTQ+ People's Experience of Alcohol Services in Scotland
12 May 2022	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Supporting Striking University Staff
12 May 2022	Jackie Baillie	LAB	Celebrating Nurses on International Nurses Day
17 May 2022	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Protecting Marine Wildlife During Ordnance Removal
18 May 2022	Tess White	CON	Improving the Disaster Response to Serious Weather Events
19 May 2022	Fiona Hyslop	SNP	Celebrating the 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Union Canal and its Contribution to Scotland
24 May 2022	Clare Adamson	SNP	R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose and Political Aesthetic
25 May 2022	Fergus Ewing	SNP	Scotland's Fair Share, the Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland
26 May 2022	Sharon Dowey	CON	Marking the 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands
31 May 2022	Colin Smyth	LAB	Ethical Principles in Wildlife Management
1 June 2022	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Access to Cannabis-based Products for Medicinal Use

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

Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	54	25	17	5	3	104
Frequency %	51.92	24.04	16.35	4.81	2.88	100