

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
27 February 2023	SNP	CON	SNP
6 March 2023	SNP	GRN	CON
13 March 2023	LAB	SNP	SNP
20 March 2023	CON	SNP	LAB
27 March 2023	SNP	CON	SNP
<i>Easter recess 2023</i>			
17 April 2023	SNP	CON	LAB
24 April 2023	SNP	SNP	GRN
1 May 2023	LD	CON	SNP
8 May 2023	SNP	SNP	CON
15 May 2023	LAB	SNP	SNP
22 May 2023	CON	SNP	LAB
29 May 2023	SNP	CON	SNP
5 June 2023	SNP	GRN	CON
12 June 2023	LAB	SNP	SNP
19 June 2023	CON	SNP	LAB
26 June 2023	SNP	CON	SNP
<i>Summer recess 2023</i>			

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

Douglas Lumsden: S6M-08090: Condemnation of Aberdeen City Council

Defunding Big Noise Torry - That the Parliament condemns the proposed budget decision by Aberdeen City Council to defund Big Noise Torry; notes that Big Noise Torry launched in July 2015 and was Sistema Scotland's third orchestra centre; understands that the charity works with children, from babies right up to S2 pupils, who live in Torry; notes that Big Noise uses the symphony orchestra as a community through which children can gain an invaluable range of life skills and experiences,

such as developing confidence and teamwork, and considers that the loss of £738,000 of funding will have a serious impact on the outcomes of some of the most vulnerable pupils from deprived backgrounds.

Bob Doris: S6M-08071: Rare Disease Day 2023 - That the Parliament notes that Rare Disease Day 2023 takes place on 28 February and that the theme for the global day is Share Your Colours, which is a call to patients, governments and all stakeholders in positions of power to do all that they can to remove the stigma around patients with rare diseases, and to work collaboratively to raise awareness of the challenges that such patients face; welcomes that this year will see the return of an in-person rare disease parliamentary event in the Scottish Parliament on 15 March; recognises the significance of Rare Disease Day and annual parliamentary reception to people in Scotland with rare diseases; understands that over 320,000 people in Scotland are living with a rare condition; further understands that one in 17 people will be affected by a rare condition at some point in their lives and that the majority of rare conditions have no effective treatment; understands that, on average, it takes over four years to receive an accurate diagnosis of a rare condition, and that there are over 7,000 rare conditions, including rare cancers such as childhood cancers and other well-known conditions such as cystic fibrosis and Huntington's disease; welcomes the publication of the Rare Disease Action Plan for Scotland, which launched on 19 December 2022; notes the view that there is a need for ongoing engagement with people with rare diseases to ensure that the plan is successfully implemented, and further notes the belief that the plan should form the basis of ongoing engagement with people in Scotland with rare diseases in order to deliver for those with rare, genetic and undiagnosed conditions, as well as their families.

Pam Gosal: S6M-07992: International Women's Day 2023 - That the Parliament recognises the achievements of women around the world on International Women's Day on 8 March 2023; welcomes the 2023 theme of #EmbraceEquity, which seeks to open up the conversation about why equal opportunities are no longer enough, and that equity is the means through which to achieve equality; believes in a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination; notes the calls to raise awareness about discrimination, to celebrate women who forge change in society, and to build equity in all areas of society, including in healthcare, and further notes the belief that it is incumbent on all politicians to work together to pursue true equity for the benefit of women across the whole of society.

S6M-07967: Alexander Stewart: Healthy AGEing in Scotland - That the Parliament acknowledges that the University of Stirling-led Healthy AGEing In Scotland (HAGIS) study is the first of its kind to follow individuals and households across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, through the passage of time; understands that the study, which was launched on 24 July 2015, is an ongoing, major Scotland-wide study of the health, economic and social circumstances of people over 50, which will enable future improvements to be made to the health and wellbeing of this age group; believes that there are currently two million people over 50 in Scotland, comprising 38% of the population; understands that the HAGIS study will capture a snapshot of the current circumstances of 1,000

people over 50; further understands that, following its findings in Autumn 2016, the aim was to expand the study to 8,000 people in 2018, charting changes in their health and social circumstances over the decades and reporting every two years; notes that the multi-partner HAGIS project team includes the Universities of Strathclyde and Edinburgh; believes that, while people in Scotland are now living longer and the size of the older population is increasing, the country historically possesses a relatively poor health record and significant levels of income inequality; considers that, as a result of its extensive research since inception, the HAGIS study is proving to be what it sees as an extremely valuable and important new member of the growing worldwide network of longitudinal ageing studies, uncovering the unique health and social circumstances currently experienced by Scotland's ageing population; acknowledges the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030), which is a global collaboration, aligned with the last ten years of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live; understands that the three domains of healthy ageing are physical ageing, mental/cognitive ageing and social wellbeing ageing; considers that harmonised data from HAGIS will permit quantitative comparisons of the ageing processes in Scotland with findings from the other members of the Health and Retirement Study family, which now covers more than 50% of the world's over-50 population, and commends the University of Stirling and its multi-partner university project team for embarking on what it considers as a significant and invaluable study into the improvement of health and wellbeing in the lives of Scotland's growing ageing population.

S6M-07928: Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Good Causes - That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the incredible and transformative work of charities in the Eastwood constituency and across Scotland; welcomes the ongoing contribution of East Renfrewshire Good Causes in providing what it considers outstanding support to vulnerable members of local communities; understands that, in the period since the charity was established and first started to offer much-needed support in August 2007 and up to September 2022, East Renfrewshire Good Causes has provided £1.6 million in goods and services and helped 5,400 individuals; acknowledges that examples of support that the charity has funded, either in full or in part, include wet floor shower adaptations for disabled pensioners, help with travel costs for cancer patients on low incomes to attend hospital for treatment, and play spaces and equipment for young people with additional support needs; considers that the set-up of the charity means that it can respond very quickly to emerging circumstances and is able to undertake essential tasks in a short timescale, such as assisting with practical home support improvements needed to allow older people to be discharged from hospital to free up beds for incoming patients; recognises that all referrals to the charity are made by frontline professionals, including teachers, housing officials and health and social care staff, from both the public and third sector; understands that the operations of East Renfrewshire Good Causes have expanded over the years and that the charity is also now active in Glasgow, South Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and East Ayrshire; congratulates the founder and project coordinator of East Renfrewshire Good Causes, Russell MacMillan, for what it sees as the remarkable and selfless efforts that he has made for more than 15 years in

driving the Eastwood-based charity forward and ensuring that vital support has been provided to people in need, and considers that East Renfrewshire Good Causes has demonstrated a strong track record of delivery and established an operating model that has the potential to be replicated in all local authority areas across Scotland.

S6M-07924: Michelle Thomson: Taliban Suppression of Women and Girls in Afghanistan - That the Parliament condemns the actions of the Taliban in Afghanistan, which it believes have further restricted the freedoms and opportunities for Afghan women and girls; understands that the reported ban on women accessing university education in Afghanistan, enforced from December 2022, is in addition to the ban on girls attending secondary school; considers that this lost education will have a detrimental impact on skills and knowledge in Afghanistan, including its causal effect on professions such as education, healthcare and local government, as well as on economic growth; understands that United Nations officials have reportedly condemned these actions as a violation of Afghanistan's obligations under international law; further understands that, in July 2022, the UK Government confirmed its continued pressure on the Taliban to reverse its actions, and reiterated its support to provide emergency education funding through the United Nations' Education Cannot Wait fund and the Global Partnership for Education; believes that the actions of the Taliban continue to suppress women and girls in Afghanistan, and have led to what it sees as the desperate actions many women and children have taken by fleeing Taliban oppression and resettling in other countries, including the UK; considers that this has allowed those people to receive education, achieve their potential, and live a better quality of life; acknowledges the support that it considers the Scottish Government has provided to people resettling in Scotland due to conflict through the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and the New Scots Connect network, implemented by the Scottish Refugee Council; recognises the contributions of local groups across Scotland, including those in the Falkirk district, which operate to support refugees, and notes the calls for additional cross-government support to assist in both putting pressure on the Taliban to reverse its actions, and further supporting Afghan citizens, including women and children, who have resettled in Scotland to realise their potential.

S6M-07897: Stuart McMillan: Proposed Closure of Amazon Gourock - That the Parliament regrets the decision taken by Amazon to announce the potential closure of its Gourock facility, in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency; understands that, on 9 January 2023, Amazon unexpectedly announced to its staff that it was launching a consultation on the proposed closure of the site, potentially making around 300 people unemployed; acknowledges reports that Amazon has offered to relocate its Gourock-based staff to other facilities it operates in Scotland; understands that the only similar site in Scotland is located in Dunfermline, which has reportedly led to an acceptance that it is unlikely that the majority of the Gourock-based staff will move to another position within the company; notes with concern that Amazon is reportedly yet to explain its rationale for closing the site to its staff, local elected representatives, and the Scottish Government; understands that the age of the building at the Faulds Park location may have been a factor in the decision; believes that, if that is the case, concerns about the age of the building had

not been raised with any elected representatives who have visited the facility; further believes, regrettably, that Amazon may have already made the decision to close the facility, even before the consultation has finished, in light of reports that, when senior Amazon employees have been asked what will happen in the event that the consultation finds that staff want the facility to stay open, no commitment has been made to respect the outcome of the consultation; considers that, in effect, this would make it a consultation in name only; notes the calls for Amazon to put its staff before its profits, of which it has reportedly made what it considers an astronomical amount in recent years, and further notes the calls for Amazon to commit to the Gourrock facility on a new long-term lease and, if this is not going to happen, to be honest with its staff, and the wider Inverclyde community, as soon as possible, so that the staff can explore opportunities to gain alternative employment and the landlord can find a new tenant for the building.

S6M-07890: Emma Harper: Wear A Hat Day 2023 - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of Wear A Hat Day, taking place on 31 March 2023, in raising awareness of brain tumours; understands that brain tumours are the biggest killer of children and adults under 40 with cancer in Scotland, reducing life expectancy by 20 years on average; believes that this is the highest life expectancy reduction of any cancer, but that the treatment and understanding of brain tumours are 20 years behind those relating to more common cancers; notes that brain tumours often cause side effects that have a severe impact on a person's quality of life; understands that there are over 130 different types of brain tumour, and that some symptoms of brain tumours can mimic other equally serious conditions, which often renders early diagnosis and treatment more difficult in many cases; further understands that brain tumour charities, such as the Brain Tumour Charity, are working hard to fund pioneering research, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours, and provide support to people affected by brain tumours; commends the success of national campaigns, which it considers have contributed to a reduction in the average diagnosis time for childhood brain tumours, from 9.1 to 6.5 weeks, since 2011; believes that national campaigns are a basis on which to develop further awareness; notes the significant efforts of Dumfries and Galloway Medical Physics Technician, Alan Johnstone, in both raising awareness of brain tumours and funding for research and development into the causes of brain tumours, their treatment and, ultimately, a cure; understands that Alan's late wife, Aneka Johnstone, was diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumour and sadly died in 2019, despite being a very fit and active 33-year-old, and further understands that, despite losing Aneka, Alan has raised more than £55,000 for the Brain Tumour Charity by walking the 214-mile Southern Upland Way, videos of which were posted to Alan's TikTok account, which has attracted a huge following.

S6M-07793: Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy - That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, The Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy, by Scottish Land and Estates; believes that this report, for which the research was carried out by BiGGAR Economics Ltd and Scottish Land and Estates, is an innovative example of a whole sector measuring its outputs against Scotland's

National Performance Framework's National Outcomes rather than just through traditional economic metrics; considers that the report describes and quantifies how rural estates drive local economic development through agriculture, forestry, tourism, sporting, recreation and renewable energy generation, act as stewards of the natural environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, support the transition to net zero, provide homes and create sustainable new communities, provide a gateway to nature, and function as anchors of communities and support community-led projects; further considers that the report also identifies areas in which there is scope for estates to increase their contributions across the National Outcomes, and provides an improvement framework to complement the research; recognises Scotland's rural estates as, it considers, key delivery partners of the Scottish Government across a wide range of policy areas, including improving outcomes for people, jobs, and nature across the country, including in the Galloway and West Dumfries constituency, and commends the sector for what it sees as its commitment to this innovative work.

S6M-07769: Evelyn Tweed: National Lyme Disease Awareness Month -

That the Parliament acknowledges that May 2023 is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month; notes that Lyme disease is a bacterial infection spread to humans by infected ticks, which are tiny spider-like creatures found in woodland and moorland areas that feed on the blood of birds and mammals, including humans; understands that many people with early symptoms of Lyme disease develop a circular rash around the tick bite three to 30 days after being bitten, often described as looking like a bull's eye on a dart board, whilst some people may develop several rashes in different parts of their body, and around one in three people will not develop a rash; further understands that some people with Lyme disease also have flu-like symptoms, including tiredness, muscle and joint pain, headaches, a high temperature, chills and neck stiffness; notes the calls encouraging anyone who has been bitten by a tick and develops a rash or flu-like symptoms to speak to their GP and tell them that they have been bitten by a tick; further notes, however, that diagnosing Lyme disease is often difficult as many of the symptoms are similar to other conditions; acknowledges that NHS Scotland advises that Lyme disease is treatable, however, that without treatment, more serious and longer-term symptoms may develop, including pain and swelling in joints, nerve problems, memory problems, difficulty concentrating and heart problems; understands that there is currently no vaccine available and that the best way to prevent Lyme disease is to adopt simple measures when in the countryside or near wildlife, including tucking trousers into socks and wearing insect repellent, and notes the calls encouraging anybody who is concerned that they have contracted Lyme disease to contact their GP and for everyone to take precautions when in the countryside.

S6M-07711: Christine Grahame: St Andrew's Children's Society -

That the Parliament congratulates St Andrew's Children's Society on marking its centenary in 2022; understands that St Andrew's Children's Society is the oldest adoption and fostering agency still in existence in Scotland; recognises what it sees as the valuable work that the Society does connecting vulnerable children to safe and loving homes, including in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale

constituency; understands that it is the only agency in Scotland to offer the SafeBase parenting programme, which is a therapeutic programme for parents of adopted and fostered children who have attachment difficulties; notes that over £20,000 has been raised during the centenary and that a number of events have been held, including a Family February FUNdraising challenge, a fundraising concert by Cadenza and a parliamentary reception in the Scottish Parliament, and that a special commemorative booklet was also written by Maureen McEvoy MBE; pays credit to all of the staff and volunteers who have supported the Society over the last 100 years, with particular credit to the adopted and foster parents who have provided safe and loving homes to their adopted and foster children, and extends its best wishes to all who are involved in adoption and fostering.

S6M-07686: Pauline McNeill: Supporting Taxi Drivers - That the Parliament recognises the contribution that taxi drivers make to the economy, connectivity and cultural life of Glasgow and the Greater Glasgow region; believes that taxi drivers provide a vital service to people who have mobility problems that make other forms of public transport unsuitable; understands that the service that taxi drivers provide does much to support what it sees as Glasgow's important night-time economy and hospitality industry, as well as provide the transport options which contribute to making Glasgow a UNESCO World City of Music; recognises the longstanding charity work carried out by Glasgow's taxi drivers through events such the Glasgow Taxi Outing To Troon; considers that recent years have brought unprecedented challenges to taxi drivers, with the COVID-19 pandemic reducing passenger numbers, and significant regulation changes from Glasgow City Council mandating vehicle changes which, it believes, are unaffordable to many within the industry; notes the campaign from some taxi drivers for a fair implementation of new regulations, and congratulates the sector for all it contributes to the city.

S6M-07627: Stephen Kerr: Whistleblowing Awareness Week 2023: That the Parliament is aware that Whistleblowing Awareness Week occurs between 20 and 24 March 2023; considers that whistleblowing is crucial to a free and open society; understands that Whistleblowing Awareness Week is an opportunity to celebrate people who have courageously spoken up about various workplace issues and organisations that have promoted whistleblowing within their organisation, and notes the view that Whistleblowing Awareness Week is an opportunity to acknowledge that existing whistleblowing legislation requires root and branch reform.

S6M-07622: David Torrance: Alex James Colquhoun Elected as Vice President of the European Showman's Union - That the Parliament congratulates Alex James Colquhoun after being elected as the Vice President of the European Showman's Union; understands that Alex James was elected to the position of vice president after what it sees as his tireless efforts in assisting and working to improve the lives of showpeople in Scotland with fundamental issues, most recently through the provision of funding during the COVID-19 pandemic; further understands that Alex James is also the current chairman of the Scottish Section of The Showman's Guild and that he brings a wealth of knowledge to his new role; believes that Alex James has been instrumental in the return, since the pandemic, of Burntisland's Summer Fair and Kirkcaldy's Links Market, which was established in 1304 and is

Europe's longest street fair as well as the oldest in Scotland; notes that Alex James is a member of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on the Scottish Showmen's Guild, which highlights what it sees as the importance of Scottish showmen as a contributing group to communities across Scotland; commends Alex James for his dedication to showpeople, and wishes him all the best for the future.

S6M-07555: Sandesh Gulhane: Chronic Kidney Disease in Scotland -

That the Parliament understands that chronic kidney disease affects more people in Scotland than cancer and that there is no cure; further understands that only around two thirds of those affected by kidney disease have received a diagnosis, with many of them diagnosed too late to prevent renal failure, while others are identified by accident when tested for other conditions; believes that there are significant opportunities to address inequalities in the diagnosis and outcomes for people in Scotland, including in the Glasgow region, with chronic kidney disease, based on their backgrounds; marks the launch of the Kidney Research UK report, Changing the future for chronic kidney disease in Scotland, which it understands makes key recommendations to transform the outcomes for people in Scotland with chronic kidney disease, and notes the calls on patients and their advocates, families, clinicians, researchers, NHS leaders and policymakers to work together to devise and deliver a national approach that can transform kidney health in Scotland, prevent more people developing this potentially life-threatening disease, slow its progression, avoid preventable complications and reduce the number of people needing dialysis or an organ transplant.

S6M-07514: Michael Marra: Final Report of the Independent Oversight and Assurance Group on Tayside's Mental Health Services -

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the final report from the Independent Oversight and Assurance Group on Tayside's Mental Health Services; understands that the report tracks progress against the 51 recommendations made by Dr David Strang in his report, Trust and Respect; recognises that the group has met with staff, third sector and community groups, patients and families while compiling the report; notes the view that progress has been made, including on changes of leadership and clarifying of roles; believes that the report also highlights key areas where recommendations have not seen sufficient action taken, including in the areas of strategic planning, staff appraisals, governance and public performance reporting; thanks the oversight group and all those who contributed to its work, and notes the calls for reassurances that outstanding recommendations will be enacted.

S6M-07511: Foysoil Choudhury: Damp Housing in Scotland - That the Parliament notes the tragic death of Awaab Ishak due to mouldy housing; notes the view that there is a need for urgent action to avoid similar tragedies happening in Scotland, including in the Lothian region; recognises that mould and damp in homes can be dangerous and cause health problems; understands that the cost of living crisis has caused constituents across Scotland to avoid heating their homes, which can further exacerbate the problem of damp and mould; further understands that damp housing is disproportionately affecting those living in poverty; acknowledges the calls for every constituent in Scotland to have a right to safe, warm housing; notes the view that extra investment for a whole house retrofitting programme is required to tackle

problems caused by damp housing; further notes the calls for the creation of a grant scheme to tackle the problems of damp housing across the housing sector, including social housing, housing associations and the private sector; notes the belief that there is a need for increased support and guidance for constituents on the prevention of damp in properties across Scotland; believes that this issue is of nationwide importance, and notes the calls for all political parties in the Parliament to collaborate to tackle damp housing in Scotland.

S6M-07482: Jenni Minto: 100 Years of the BBC in Scotland -

That the Parliament celebrates 100 years of public service broadcasting with the centenary of the BBC in Scotland in 2023; recognises what it sees as the vital contribution of the BBC to the creative economy of the nation; understands that, from the first live radio transmission in Glasgow on the evening of 6 March 1923, the BBC in Scotland has grown from its early days in radio to include the provision of extensive educational resources, Gaelic language content, current affairs, comedy, music and entertainment, reflecting the breadth and depth of Scotland's culture on TV, radio and online; further understands that the BBC in Scotland directly employs over 1,200 people across 14 bases from Shetland to Dumfries, and supports many more roles via commissions to the independent production sector; notes what it considers the value of the BBC and public service broadcasting in Scotland, and the contribution that it has made, and continues to make, to the Scottish creative sector, and wishes the BBC a successful start to its second century of educating, entertaining and informing the nation.

SS6M-07369: Sharon Dowey: Impact of Long-term Historical Site Closures Managed by Historic Environment Scotland - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of historic sites to communities across the South Scotland region, and the rest of Scotland; believes that any long-term closures to sites managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) could have a severe impact for Scotland's tourism industry, and a devastating impact on any communities and businesses that rely on these attractions being fully open; understands that the heritage sector is a vital part of Scotland's tourism industry, and considers that it is responsible for attracting millions of visitors from around the world to Scotland each year; further understands that 60 historical sites managed by HES are closed, and that the inspection programme is expected to conclude in April 2024; recognises what it sees as the need to address the shortage of skilled labourers, such as stonemasons; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to make additional funding available to accelerate the reopening of closed sites, and further notes the view that it is vital that all efforts are made to secure the long-term viability of Scotland's historic sites.

S6M-07238: Ariane Burgess: Community-led Housing Supporting a Sustainable Future - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role of community-led housing in tackling the rural and island housing crisis, and in supporting those communities towards a sustainable future; believes that there are diverse and significant challenges facing rural and island communities in providing housing and the varied implications this has for sustaining the rural population; recognises what it considers as the enabling role of community housing trusts and organisations such as South of Scotland Community Housing, Communities Housing Trust and Rural Housing Scotland, which support communities through what it understands can be a burdensome and long process; notes the belief that more can be done to facilitate community-led housing and remove barriers to locally-based projects; further notes the view that there is a need to support community-led affordable

housing as a priority, and the potential in the upcoming Land Reform and Community Wealth Building bills to do so; congratulates those organisations that have accomplished community housing projects and utilised available funds such as the Rural and Island Housing Fund; considers that there is a need to learn from these organisations and continually improve, and congratulates what it sees as trailblazing projects that are testing alternative models such as rented cohousing in the Hope CoHousing project in Orkney, and creating place-based communities through models such as Stòras Uibhist and Rural Housing Scotland's Smart Clachan project.

S6M-07140: Audrey Nicoll: Increasing the Participation of Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - That the Parliament believes that Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) make an important contribution to driving economic growth and delivering new approaches to the climate emergency; notes the so-called leaky pipeline, whereby women and girls account for only 25% of the STEM sector, despite maths and science subjects being equally popular among girls and boys within school age education; recognises the work underway in schools and further and higher education institutions, including Robert Gordon University, located in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency, as well as in businesses and energy-related industries, to address the under-representation of women and girls in the STEM sector; welcomes the Scottish Government's STEM strategy and the work of Equate Scotland, which aim to change cultures in organisations and academia; commends Aberdeen City Council and its partners for what it sees as their innovative work to align the school curriculum to future skills demands in offshore energy production and other growth sectors, and notes the view that all stakeholders should continue to work together to increase opportunities for girls and young women in STEM.

S6M-06825: Stephen Kerr: The Children and Young People's Commissioner Annual Report - That the Parliament notes the annual report of the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland; thanks the Commissioner and the stakeholders, including those in the Central Scotland Region, who contributed to the work over the course of the last year; notes the findings regarding safeguarding of children and young people, and considers that the role of the commissioner, in ensuring that children are protected from harm and violations of their rights, is of paramount importance to them and to the Parliament.

S6M-06635: Katy Clark: Apprenticeships Budget Freeze - That the Parliament notes with concern reports that the budget for training providers delivering apprenticeship programmes has been frozen; considers that this freeze constitutes a real-terms cut, given the inflation rate has recently risen to as high as 10.1%; notes the Scottish Training Federation's reported comments that this budget freeze means many training providers will have to make redundancies or close their businesses, without intervention by the Scottish Government; believes that these closures would result in many young people not completing their apprenticeships on schedule, including in the West Scotland region; understands that there is high demand for apprenticeship places; notes the view that creating new work opportunities for young people should be central to Scotland's economic recovery, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to come forward with funding to ensure that a further 2,000 apprenticeships are funded in the next six months to meet what it understands is significant employer demand.

S6M-06569: Jamie Halcro Johnston: Road Improvements and the Dualling of the A9 - That the Parliament notes with concern the number of incidents that have taken place on the A9 over recent months and led to road closures, and injuries and fatalities; recognises the Scottish Government's commitments to dual the A9 from Perth to Inverness by 2025, which

stand alongside other commitments to road improvements, such as dualling of the A96 by 2030, to support road safety, and provide the economic advantages of connectivity; notes the view that commitments and proposals on investment in the road network have not progressed at pace in recent years and that questions have been raised about the commitment of the Scottish Government to these proposals following the agreement between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party Parliamentary Group; acknowledges the belief that work on the A9, in particular, is clearly not on schedule, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to reaffirm these commitments on the basis of an updated and achievable timetable that should be presented to the Parliament as soon as possible, in order to reassure communities in the Highlands and Islands and across other regions that committed investment will take place.

S6M-06274: Douglas Lumsden: Channel 4's 40th Anniversary - That the Parliament congratulates Channel 4 on its 40th anniversary; considers that Channel 4 is publicly-owned and commercially-funded, meaning that it can deliver a valuable public service at zero cost to the taxpayer; welcomes what it sees as the important and growing contribution Channel 4 makes to the Scottish production sector, working closely with Screen Scotland; understands that their new Glasgow hub now has the biggest commissioning department by commissioning hours based in Scotland; congratulates Channel 4 for, it understands, surpassing its target to spend half of its original content budget outside of the London area; understands that over 400 roles, encompassing 55% of spend and 66% of hours, are now based outside of the London area; believes that Channel 4 has spent around £220 million on Scottish productions over the last 15 years, with £23.5 million of Scottish spend in 2021; appreciates what it sees as the benefit of Channel 4's skills and training schemes, such as 4Skills, which focuses on social mobility and bringing new, underrepresented voices into the industry; understands that 4Skills will reach 15,000 young people a year from 2022 onwards, including many in Scotland; believes that Channel 4 is a great success story for the UK, and wishes the teams at Channel 4 all the best for many more successful and creative years ahead.

S6M-06140: Jamie Greene: Reinstating the CalMac Season Travel Pass for Isle of Cumbrae Residents - That the Parliament recognises what it considers the importance of the CalMac monthly season pass for travel to Isle of Cumbrae residents and commuters; further recognises what it sees as the unique challenges that Cumbrae residents face living as part of an island community; regrets reports that CalMac and Transport Scotland have removed the ability to use the pass until further notice; understands that the cost of travel to Cumbrae for residents with the season pass will almost double and place additional pressure on their finances during the global cost of living crisis; notes the calls for the reinstatement of the season travel pass by Transport Scotland as a matter of urgency, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, CalMac, North Ayrshire Council and locally elected representatives to work together towards the goal of bringing back the season travel pass as soon as is feasibly possible.

S6M-05762: Rhoda Grant: Specialist Neurological Nursing Posts – That the Parliament is concerned by the reported decision of NHS Western Isles to remove the posts of Epilepsy and MS specialist nurse; understands that concerns have been expressed about the long-term future of the Parkinson's specialist nurse post; notes reports that the NHS board intends to replace these posts with a more generalist advanced neurology nursing post; further notes reports that the NHS board proposes to increase the scope of the nursing post to cover more neurological conditions; considers that this would represent a real terms cut to the service with fewer nursing hours dedicated to supporting more people; notes the view that in a cost of living crisis it is imperative to ensure patients have access to as much care

and treatment locally as possible; recognises that there is no on-island neurologists or specialist support and that people with neurological conditions have to travel to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde for face-to-face appointments; understands that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde does not intend to increase its support to the islands in the wake of this reported cut to specialist nursing provision; recognises what it sees as the importance of the specialist nursing posts in this context and based on the testimony from people living with epilepsy, MS and Parkinson's on the Islands; understands that this decision was reportedly taken without any consultation with local neurological communities or the national charities that initially helped to fund the posts; further understands that local and national groups have expressed concern that such a cut to specialist nursing provision has the potential to put the safety of those in the local community affected by neurological conditions in jeopardy, and notes the calls from local groups, including Neuro Hebrides, Parkinson's Western Isles and national stakeholders, including Epilepsy Scotland, MS Society Scotland and Parkinson's UK Scotland, for NHS Western Isles to work collaboratively with them and people affected by neurological conditions in the Western Isles to deliver a comprehensive service that meets the needs of all stakeholders.

S6M-05506: Craig Hoy: Protecting the Future of Scotland's Historic Environment –

That the Parliament understands that stonemasonry is vitally important for the protection and preservation of Scotland's historic environment and tourism, and that it can be hugely beneficial to young people from deprived backgrounds to start their career; commends the Ridge Charity in Dunbar, which it understands currently supports some of East Lothian's most marginalised community members to gain access to modern apprenticeships in stonemasonry and joinery; regrets the reported impending loss of stonemasonry apprenticeships at Edinburgh College and the impact that this may have on young people in the south of Scotland; notes the calls on the Scottish Government, Skills Development Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland and South of Scotland Enterprise to consider what it sees as the potential serious repercussions for the Ridge Charity and for the apprenticeship opportunities for young people in the south east of Scotland, and further notes the calls for stakeholders, including the Scottish Government, to engage to identify a positive solution for an accessible location that could be used for young people from Berwickshire, Edinburgh and East Lothian to gain access to stonemasonry apprenticeships through a satellite provision of an existing college provider.

S6M-05236: Neil Bibby: Employment in the Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Economy -

That the Parliament notes the publication of the bulletin Low carbon and renewable energy economy, UK: 2020 by the Office for National Statistics, which, it understands, found that that there had been no significant change in overall levels of employment in the low carbon and renewable energy sectors since the survey began in 2014; understands that estimated full-time equivalent employment in these sectors in Scotland has fallen from 21,500 in 2014 to 20,500 in 2020; notes the view that securing and developing employment, skills and training in low carbon and renewables sectors, including in the West Scotland region, should be a priority for both Scottish and UK governments; further notes the view that at least 50% of employment created by government contracts in the offshore renewables industry should be within the domestic economy in order to support fabrication and manufacturing jobs, and notes calls on the Scottish and UK governments to ensure that the promise of green jobs for the future is realised.

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

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
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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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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
7 June 2022	Sue Webber	CON	Economic Value of Medical Charity Research in Scotland
8 June 2022	Graeme Dey	SNP	Commemorating 40 Years Since the Falklands War
9 June 2022	Rhoda Grant	LAB	NHS Staff Recruitment and Retention
9 June 2022	Bill Kidd	SNP	Making Scotland hostile to trafficking and a safe place for Ukrainian Refugees
14 June 2022	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Supporting Great Bernera's Community Land Buyout
15 June 2022	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials
16 June 2022	Christine Grahame	SNP	Men Don't Talk
21 June 2022	Bob Doris	SNP	MND Scotland Report, No Time to Lose: Addressing the Housing Needs of People with MND
22 June 2022	Ross Greer	GRN	Save Loch Lomond
23 June 2022	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Celebrating Success of Rugby in Scotland
29 June 2022	John Mason	SNP	Scotland's Companies
30 June 2022	Marie McNair	SNP	Action Mesothelioma Day 2022
30 June 2022	Michael Marra	LAB	Dundee Drugs Commission Review Report
6 September 2022	Liz Smith	CON	Team Scotland at the 2022 Commonwealth Games
7 September	Kaukab Stewart	SNP	Changing the Boundaries – Ending Institutional Racism in Sport

8 September	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Fair Tax Week
21 September 2022	Alexander Stewart	CON	NHS Out-of-hours GP Services
22 September 2022	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Ardeer Girls Take Centre Stage
22 September 2022	Clare Adamson	SNP	Gas Safety Week 2022, The Hidden Dangers
27 September 2022	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Adopt a Road
28 September 2022	Pam Gosal	CON	Congratulating Scottish Universities on Research Excellence Framework
29 September 2022	Daniel Johnson	LAB	Mesh Treatment Clarity
4 October 2022	Elena Whitham	SNP	Challenge Poverty Week 2022
6 October 2022	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Greyhound Racing in Scotland
25 October 2022	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	20 th Year of The BIG Project
26 October 2022	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Sewage and Scotland's Waters
27 October 2022	Murdo Fraser	CON	The MOD coming Back to Perth
1 November	Siobhan Brown	SNP	World Menopause Month
2 November	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Western Isled Interconnector
3 November	Miles Briggs	CON	Cancer Card
3 November	Carol Mochan	LAB	Allied Health Professions Day 2022
8 November	Stephen Kerr	CON	A Potato with more Vitamin C Than a Lemon
9 November	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Greenock and Inverclyde Faced with Higher Forecourt Prices than the rest of Scotland
10 November	Emma Roddick	SNP	Mental Health Stigma in the Workplace
15 November	Alexander Burnett	CON	Improving Outcomes for People with Neurological Conditions
16 November	Bill Kidd	SNP	Co-op. SAMH, Mind and Inspire's Together Through Tough Times Report
17 November	Katy Clark	LAB	Higher Education Workers' Dispute
22 November	Christine Grahame	SNP	Brexit's Impact on Inflation
23 November	Pam Gosal	CON	Recognising the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

24 November	Paul McLennan	SNP	The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2022 Update
29 November	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2022
30 November	Gillian Mackay	GRN	Stroke Association's Report, Keeping Stroke Recoveries in Mind, Launched on World Stroke Day
1 December	Michelle Thomson	SNP	Small Business Saturday
6 December	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Carer's Rights Day 2022
7 December	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	#IWILL WEEK 2022
8 December	Bob Doris	SNP	How Will We Survive: Steps to Preventing Destitution in the Asylum System
13 December	Graham Simpson	CON	Free Rail Travel for Blind and Partially Sighted People and Companions
14 December	Emma Harper	SNP	Transforming Scotland's Vacant and Derelict Sites
15 December	Pam Duncan Glancy	LAB	UNISON Year of Disabled Workers 2022
22 December	Douglas Ross	CON	Maternity Services at Dr Gray's
10 January	Fulton Macgregor	SNP	Programme Promoting the Benefits of Shared Parenting
11 January	Finlay Carson	CON	Long and Short Term Improvements Required on A75
12 January	Richard Leonard	LAB	Caledonian Sleeper Service
12 January	Stephanie Callaghan	SNP	Circular Fashion: Looping the Thread
17 January	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Ferrier Family Raises £30,280.90 for Cardiomyopathy UK
18 January	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Developing an Economy Driven by New Robotic Technology at Heriot-Watt University
19 January	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Fire Brigades Union DECON Campaign
25 January	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Future of Childcare
26 January	Fergus Ewing	SNP	Holocaust Memorial Day 2023
31 January	Siobhan Brown	SNP	Concern Regarding Youth Vaping
01 February	Paul McLennan	SNP	Heart Month

02 February	Sue Webber	CON	Scottish Government Commissioned Review of ME Services and Future Action
02 February	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Male Suicide in Scotland
07 February	Martin Whitfield	LAB	UNCR (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill
08 February	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Cervical Cancer Prevention Week
08 February	Michael Marra	LAB	Final Report of the Independent Oversight and Assurance Group on Tayside's Mental Health Services
09 February	Emma Roddick	SNP	UK Income Inequality
21 February	Russell Findlay	CON	Victims Awareness Week: Championing the Rights of Crime Victims
22 February	Jenni Minto	SNP	Special Tribunal on Russian Aggression in Ukraine
23 February	Alex Cole Hamilton	LD	Chinese State Surveillance
28 February	Joe Fitzpatrick	SNP	Celebrating LGBT+ History Month
1 March	Craig Hoy	CON	Scotland's Hospitality and Brewing Sector
2 March	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2023
7 March	Rona Mackay	SNP	The Cost to Families of Imprisonment and Release
8 March	Ross Greer	GRN	Save Loch Lomond
9 March	Roz McCall	CON	Scotland's Forgotten Children

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

Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	93	42	27	10	5	177
Frequency %	52.54	23.73	15.25	5.65	2.83	100

Parliamentary Business Team

March 2023