

Parliamentary Bureau – Removal of Members’ Business motions from the Business Bulletin

Background

1. Admissible motions lodged by Members are published in the Business Bulletin along with the support that each motion attracts.
2. Under Rule 8.2.8 of Standing Orders, the Bureau may remove from the list of admissible motions any motion that has been on the list for more than six weeks without a date for it to be taken by the Parliament being appointed in the business programme

Criteria for removal of motions

3. In relation to motions for Members’ Business, the Bureau previously agreed that all motions should be removed from the Bulletin after six weeks (excluding recess time) but that the Bureau will consider the following in removing or retaining motions—
 - a. the motion has the support of at least 30 other Members and these supporters came from more than three political parties (note that in cases where the number of supporters exceeds 30, the topicality of the motion and the extent of the recent support have also been taken into account when making these recommendations); or
 - b. the motion remains highly topical; or
 - c. the motion has been selected for a Members’ Business debate
4. The Business Team checks all Members’ Business motions on the list to ensure that any that may fit the criteria are recommended for retention. In addition, at a Bureau meeting, Business Managers may request that certain motions are retained if, for example, the motion is to be debated at a future date.

Removal of motions lodged before 23 January 2024

5. The annex lists all motions marked for Members’ Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 23 January 2024) and includes the number of supporters and date of the most recent registration of support.
6. Based on the criteria in paragraph 3, it is recommended that the following motions from the attached list be considered for retention—
 - S6M-11787 McKee, Ivan – Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry
7. Business Managers should indicate at the Bureau meeting if wish to retain any of the other motions in the annex.

Conclusion

8. The Bureau is invited to agree any motions to be retained.

Parliamentary Business Team

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Annex: Member's Business motions suggested for removal

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total Support	Date Last Supported
S6M-11354	Ewing, Fergus	23/11/2023	Dualling of the A9 and A96	16	18/12/2023
S6M-11508	Clark, Katy	04/12/2023	Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport	16	16/01/2024
S6M-11524	Rowley, Alex	06/12/2023	Ending the Cross-border Train Drivers Dispute	22	03/01/2024
S6M-11613	Clark, Katy	11/12/2023	Ongoing Dispute at the MoD DES Site in Beith	8	16/01/2024
S6M-11629	Regan, Ash	11/12/2023	Halting Any Further Legal Action and Disposing of Any Intention to Implement the Provisions in the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill	1	12/12/2023
S6M-11778	Grahame, Christine	08/01/2024	Banning XL Bully Dogs is not the Answer	14	18/01/2024
S6M-11787	McKee, Ivan	08/01/2024	Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry	40	01/02/2024
S6M-11811	Greene, Jamie	11/01/2024	Protecting Bank Branches for Rural and Island Communities	28	01/02/2024
S6M-11832	Stewart, Alexander	11/01/2024	Town Break Dementia Support Services	25	01/02/2024
S6M-11864	Forbes, Kate	18/01/2024	The Economic Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland	23	01/02/2024
S6M-11934	Gibson, Kenneth	23/01/2024	Protecting Scotland's Key Blue Carbon Habitats	15	21/02/2024