Parliamentary Bureau – Removal of 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 28 November 2024

5. The annexe lists all motions marked for Members' Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 28 November 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-15413: Michelle Thomson: Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero (Reason: selected for Members' Business on 23 January 2025).

7. Business Managers should indicate at the Bureau meeting if they wish to retain any of the other motions in the annexe.

Conclusion

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

Parliamentary Business Team
January 2025

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total Support	Date Last Supported
S6M-12209	Halcro Johnston, Jamie	20/02/2024	200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution	53	07/10/2024
S6M-14402	Haughey, Clare	10/09/2024	Publication of the Access Report	16	03/10/2024
S6M-14437	Whittle, Brian	12/09/2024	Celebrating Scotland's Paris 2024 Success	30	07/10/2024
S6M-14548	Marra, Michael	19/09/2024	New Care Pathways for People Living with Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes	30	21/10/2024
S6M-14804	Grahame, Christine	07/10/2024	Borders Railway Extension	18	06/01/2025
S6M-14812	Thomson, Michelle	07/10/2024	St Andrew's Day 2024	22	21/11/2024
S6M-14848	MacGregor, Fulton	09/10/2024	Publication of National Primary School Swimming Framework	20	29/10/2024
S6M-14871	Torrance, David	10/10/2024	10% Increase in Prevalence of MS in Scotland Found by MS Society	27	20/11/2024
S6M-15136	Smyth, Colin	06/11/2024	Justice for the Fornethy Survivors	13	20/11/2024
S6M-15164	Johnson, Daniel	01/11/2024	Concerning Figures About Violence Against Public Service Staff Set Out in Unison Scotland Report	2	04/11/2024
S6M-15165	Johnson, Daniel	01/11/2024	Supporting People with Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence	9	21/11/2024
S6M-15212	Dornan, James	07/11/2024	Profits on the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall	6	04/12/2024
S6M-15348	Grahame, Christine	11/11/2024	Safer Ageing Week - Raising Awareness of Economic Abuse	26	06/01/2025
S6M-15365	Gosal, Pam	11/11/2024	Recognising the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence	24	27/11/2024
S6M-15413	Thomson, Michelle	18/11/2024	Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero	21	02/12/2024
S6M-15468	Rowley, Alex	19/11/2024	Dignity for Drivers Report Launch	21	10/12/2024

S6M-15611	Tweed, Evelyn	26/11/2024	Heritage Crafts Endangered List	14	07/01/2025
S6M-15657	Whitham, Elena	28/11/2024	Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System	22	17/12/2024