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 23 January 2025

5. The annexe lists all motions marked for Members' Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 23 January 2025) 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 motion from the attached list be considered for retention—

   - S6M-15955: Alexander Stewart: Additional Support Needs in Scotland (Reason: selected for Members' Business on 11 March 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
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Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total Support	Date Last Supported
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-15611	Tweed, Evelyn	26/11/2024	Heritage Crafts Endangered List	14	07/01/2025
S6M-15759	Lumsden, Douglas	05/12/2024	Celebrating the Extension of Torness Nuclear Power Station	21	20/12/2024
S6M-15898	Whitham, Elena	18/12/2024	No Rollback on Housing Rights	12	16/01/2025
S6M-15940	Grahame, Christine	18/12/2024	Banning Fur Imports	19	16/01/2025
S6M-15952	Stewart, Alexander	20/12/2024	Health and Social Care Integration in Scotland	0	
S6M-15955	Stewart, Alexander	20/12/2024	Additional Support Needs in Scotland	17	03/02/2025
S6M-15956	Stewart, Alexander	20/12/2024	Growing Health Inequalities	0	
S6M-16045	Grahame, Christine	10/01/2025	Ending Low Welfare Animal Activities Abroad	13	23/01/2025
S6M-16094	Doris, Bob	14/01/2025	Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston	19	05/02/2025
S6M-16128	Smith, Liz	16/01/2025	300 Years of the Black Watch	24	14/02/2025
S6M-16152	McMillan, Stuart	17/01/2025	Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area	19	05/02/2025
S6M-16154	Clark, Katy	21/01/2025	ScotRail's Plans to Reduce Ticket Office Opening Hours	14	05/02/2025
S6M-16168	Gibson, Kenneth	22/01/2025	The Impact of Increased Employers National Insurance Contributions	25	30/01/2025
S6M-16194	Whitham, Elena	22/01/2025	Common Ground Forum on Deer	12	29/01/2025