

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 13 March 2025

5. The annexe lists all motions marked for Members' Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 13 March 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-16503: Michael Marra: Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs – selected for Member's Business.
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-15898	Whitham, Elena	18/12/2024	No Rollback on Housing Rights	12	16/01/2025
S6M-16094	Doris, Bob	14/01/2025	Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston	19	05/02/2025
S6M-16154	Clark, Katy	21/01/2025	ScotRail's Plans to Reduce Ticket Office Opening Hours	15	20/03/2025
S6M-16194	Whitham, Elena	22/01/2025	Common Ground Forum on Deer	12	29/01/2025
S6M-16212	Sweeney, Paul	24/01/2025	International Year of Co-operatives	26	20/03/2025
S6M-16219	Villalba, Mercedes	27/01/2025	Amnesty International Report Accuses Israel of Genocide Against Palestinians in Gaza	10	20/03/2025
S6M-16354	Kerr, Stephen	07/02/2025	Blackness Primary School Faces Closure	20	17/04/2025
S6M-16432	Macpherson, Ben	18/02/2025	Scotland's Seabirds	26	20/03/2025
S6M-16452	Dowey, Sharon	13/02/2025	Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population	28	20/03/2025
S6M-16503	Marra, Michael	17/02/2025	Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs	8	26/02/2025
S6M-16557	McMillan, Stuart	05/03/2025	Bladder Cancer in Scotland	23	31/03/2025
S6M-16558	Roddick, Emma	25/02/2025	The Campaign for a Highland Tartan Act	15	26/02/2025
S6M-16615	Stevenson, Collette	27/02/2025	Concerns Over UK Government Foreign Aid Reductions	17	21/03/2025
S6M-16621	Grahame, Christine	27/02/2025	Stow Station House Celebrates	17	13/03/2025