

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 8 May 2025

5. The annexe lists all motions marked for Members' Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 8 May 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-17234: Pam Gosal: Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman".
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-15898	Whitham, Elena	18/12/2024	No Rollback on Housing Rights	12	16/01/2025
S6M-16832	Grahame, Christine	18/03/2025	Borders Together Tartan	17	26/03/2025
S6M-16893	Leonard, Richard	21/03/2025	Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange Scotland	22	12/05/2025
S6M-16977	Dornan, James	31/03/2025	Recognising the Work of Realgrassroots	13	13/05/2025
S6M-17020	Dornan, James	17/04/2025	Upholding the Gleneagles Agreement	9	15/05/2025
S6M-17103	Clark, Katy	08/04/2025	Recognition of the State of Palestine	21	24/04/2025
S6M-17147	Boyack, Sarah	11/04/2025	Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport	7	16/05/2025
S6M-17234	Gosal, Pam	22/04/2025	Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman"	26	23/05/2025
S6M-17235	Regan, Ash	22/04/2025	Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment in Favour of For Women Scotland	2	18/04/2025
S6M-17423	Greer, Ross	02/05/2025	Choosing a Fairer Future for All: A Vision for Tax Transformation in Scotland	7	07/05/2025