

Parliamentary Bureau – Future Business programme

Possible motions for Members' business

1. Bureau members will be aware that under Rule 5.6.1(c) the Bureau has a duty to ensure that there is a period of time available for Members' Business at each meeting of the Parliament.
2. This paper is circulated with the Bureau papers each week and provides Bureau members with an updated list of motions lodged each week for Members Business debate. The paper will also provide Bureau members with a record of Members Business debates throughout the session, and the number and frequency of such debates that each party has had.
3. Bureau members may wish to note for information that the rota for Members' Business until Christmas recess is as follows—

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8 September 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
15 September 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
22 September 2025	SNP	CON	LAB
29 September 2025	SNP	SNP	GRN
6 October 2025	LD	CON	SNP
October Recess 2025			
27 October 2025	SNP	SNP	CON
3 November 2025	LAB	SNP	SNP
10 November 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
17 November 2025	SNP	CON	SNP
24 November 2025	SNP	GRN	CON
1 December 2025	LAB	SNP	SNP
8 December 2025	CON	SNP	LAB
15 December 2025	SNP	CON	SNP

4. Motions submitted for Members' Business are shown below—

S6M-18595: Pam Duncan-Glancy: World Arthritis Day 2025— That the Parliament notes that World Arthritis Day will be marked on 12 October 2025; understands that the day aims to raises global awareness of the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal (MSK) diseases; believes that arthritis and MSK conditions affect one in three people in Scotland; considers that MSK conditions are a significant burden on NHS Scotland, with, it understands, orthopaedics currently accounting for one third of waiting times; further considers that there is a clear link between MSK conditions and economic deprivation and believes that these conditions are second only behind mental health in relation to claims for sickness benefit; notes the view that it vital that MSK conditions are prioritised to reflect the serious impact that they are having on Scotland's public health, economy and society, and applauds what it sees as the excellent work of Versus Arthritis in Scotland to raise awareness of arthritis and change lives through world-class research, campaigning and service delivery.

S6M-18576: Liz Smith: S6M-18469: Celebrating Residential Outdoor Education for Young People— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the outstanding contribution of Scotland's residential outdoor education centres, including PGL Dalguise in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, in developing key life skills for young people, including confidence, independence, teamwork and resilience; considers that the will of the Parliament has been expressed on the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill, with a majority of MSPs, including those representing all political parties, agreeing to the general principles at stage 1 on 27 March 2025; notes that the Scottish Government must lodge a financial resolution by 26 September 2025 or the Bill falls; further notes that the Member in Charge of the Bill has produced a series of policy proposals and associated costings for consideration by the Scottish Government that, it believes, would mean the Bill would cost significantly less; understands that the Scottish Government is yet to provide a view on any of these policy proposals and that it is yet to identify at what level of cost it considers the Bill would become "affordable" to enable a financial resolution to be lodged; further understands that the Scottish Government has not produced financial modelling with associated draft amendments on any proposals on affordability despite what it considers a commitment from the Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise when appearing before the Education, Children and Young People Committee to share draft amendments with the Member in Charge by the start of July 2025; notes the calls by members from all political parties, the outdoor education sector, and children and young people from across Scotland for the Bill to proceed to stage 2 for further scrutiny, and further notes the associated calls for a financial resolution to be lodged.

Emma Roddick: Growing2Gether Programme Success— That the Parliament congratulates the charity, Growing2Gether, on what it sees as its successful programme aimed at helping young people who face various challenges by pairing young adults with toddlers to mentor; understands that participants and facilitators have reported a significant shift in young people's confidence and gaining of skills, helping to improve wellbeing; acknowledges the reported overall positive and successful work of this charity in partnering with 15 schools in Scotland, including 12 in the Highlands and Islands region; applauds the over 2,000 young people who have been paired with 2,200 toddlers over a seven-year period across the Highlands on their efforts; considers it important to provide opportunities for children and young people who face challenges with poverty, mental health or trauma to develop skills and confidence in themselves, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should consider how it can best support this kind of work moving forward.

S6M-18138: Stuart McMillan: Improving Bladder Cancer Diagnosis in Scotland— That the Parliament notes the view that it is important to improve bladder cancer diagnosis, care and treatment in Scotland, in light of reports that outcomes for patients lag behind outcomes for bladder cancer patients elsewhere in the UK and in Europe; further notes the view that there is a need to improve the availability of staff and resources to improve the standard of care, and to support all those involved in diagnosing and treating bladder cancer in Scotland, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, such as nurses, GPs, urological surgeons, oncologists and other specialised healthcare professionals; acknowledges what it sees as the current dedication, tirelessness and passion shown by those individuals and organisations, such as Fight Bladder Cancer, that work to ensure that the best

care is provided for this potentially life-changing disease, and notes the calls for all organisations to play their part in ensuring that the general public has awareness of this cancer and its symptoms so that bladder cancer can be caught and treated as early as possible.

S6M-18131: Alexander Stewart: Banking Hubs— That the Parliament acknowledges that Banking Hubs can give communities across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, access to banking services and face-to-face support from major high street providers; understands that Banking Hubs are shared spaces similar to a bank branch that allow access for customers to multiple banks, and offer face-to-face banking services, including cash and cheque transactions, balance checks and bill payments, which, it believes, are especially helpful to local residents who are either unable to, or do not wish to, use electronic banking; notes with concern reports that high street bank closures are becoming more prevalent; further notes the view that there is a growing need for Banking Hubs as a result; understands that these hubs are typically located where traditional bank branches have closed, and that, operated by the Post Office, they feature community bankers from different banks on specific days for more complex needs; further understands that many constituents, especially older people or those living alone, look forward to the social interaction of going to a branch to conduct their financial affairs, and that they can often find comfort in the feeling that someone is taking an interest in the security of their money; welcomes what it sees as the Post Office's proactive approach, and notes the hope that there will be more Banking Hubs opening in and around the towns of Scotland, including in Bridge of Allan and other rural areas.

S6M-18087: Stephen Kerr: The Importance of Credit Unions— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role that credit unions play in promoting financial stability and resilience of local communities, including in the Central Scotland region; acknowledges their contribution to providing affordable, locally-based financial services, including savings accounts and low-cost loans, which, it believes, protect individuals and families from predatory lending and unsustainable debt; considers that credit unions, as member-owned organisations, reinvest profits back into local communities, which bolsters local economic growth; celebrates the growth of credit union membership in Scotland with, it understands, over 420,000 members and over 100 credit unions; commends the work done by members present and past for their work to promote credit unions; notes the calls for MSPs and all public bodies to engage with the sector, and further notes the calls for continued support to ensure that credit unions thrive as a key pillar of Scotland's financial landscape and continue to deliver tangible benefits to individuals and communities.

S6M-17982: Foysol Choudhury: Honouring the Life and Legacy of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer OBE, CD, KT— That the Parliament notes with sadness the recent death of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer; recognises and celebrates the outstanding contributions of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer to Scotland as a pioneering scientist, academic, human rights advocate, and champion of racial equality; acknowledges his ground-breaking scientific work in the field of brewing and cereal science, which, it understands, revolutionised the malting process and earned him international acclaim; notes his role as the first Black professor in Scotland, and his lifelong commitment to education, inclusion and justice; commends his tireless

advocacy for addressing Scotland's historical links to slavery and colonialism, including his leadership as chair of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review Group; recognises what it sees as his influence in shaping a more honest and inclusive national narrative; further recognises that he has been the recipient of numerous honours for his work, including being knighted in 2014 for services to human rights, science and charity, as well as receiving the Jamaican Order of Distinction and Royal Order of the Thistle in 2024; notes the calls for permanent recognition of his legacy through educational programmes, commemoration, and the inclusion of his achievements in Scotland's national story, so that future generations remember and celebrate his extraordinary life and contributions; celebrates the incredible life and achievements of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer, and hopes that his vision of a world free of prejudice and racism can be achieved.

S6M-17917: Carol Mochan: 20th Anniversary of the Breastfeeding etc.

(Scotland) Act 2005— That the Parliament notes the view that breastfeeding provides the best nutrition for babies and young children, supporting their health in the short and longer term, as well as benefiting mothers' health, including through reduced risk of breast and ovarian cancer; recognises that 2025 is the 20th anniversary year of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, which resulted from the Member's Bill lodged by Elaine Smith, former Scottish Labour MSP for the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency and the Central Scotland region, to support and promote breastfeeding; considers that this Act has had a positive impact in helping to increase the breastfeeding rates in Scotland, with the latest infant feeding statistics from Public Health Scotland showing a significant increase in breastfeeding rates over the past 10 years, both at first visit and at the six- to eight-week review; notes reports that the increase in breastfeeding rates over the past 10 years has been greatest among those groups with historically lower rates, such as younger women and those living in more deprived areas, meaning that inequalities in breastfeeding have reduced over time; expresses concern, however, that babies of white Scottish ethnicity were reportedly much less likely to be breastfed than any other ethnicity; believes that there is good evidence that interventions, including good quality of breastfeeding support for mothers, influencing public attitudes to breastfeeding, restricting any inappropriate promotion of formula milk and ensuring supportive employment practices, can work to improve breastfeeding rates, and notes the view that all staff working in the NHS and wider public service should promote and support breastfeeding mums, babies and families, including those in the South Scotland region.

S6M-17914: Christine Grahame: Scottish Borders Widowed Community— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital work of the Scottish Borders Widowed Community (SBWC), a peer-to-peer voluntary support organisation operating across the Scottish Borders; acknowledges that SBWC provides sustained support for men and women who have experienced the bereavement of a partner, offering regular in-person meetings at Hope Central in Galashiels, online discussions, and social activities designed to tackle social isolation and loneliness; understands that the group is entirely volunteer-led, with all organisers themselves widowed, and that membership has grown to almost 480 people; commends SBWC for being the only group of its kind in the Scottish Borders exclusively for widowed people, and for offering long-term, compassionate support beyond the immediate period of bereavement; notes the group's call to encourage more open

conversations around death, including emotional, mental, physical, and practical preparedness, and believes that access to such support is essential to the health and wellbeing of those affected by the trauma of losing a partner in the Scottish Borders and elsewhere in Scotland.

S6M-17700: Alexander Stewart: Revitalising High Streets— That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the vital importance of Scotland's towns' and cities' high streets, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; understands that Scotland's retail industry employs almost 230,000 people of all ages and abilities in more than 22,000 shops, which collectively produce a turnover of £27 billion per annum; further understands that Scotland's retailers have donated and raised over £100 million for Scottish good causes since 2016, whilst Scottish retail contributes around £525 million in tax revenue; believes that retailers wish to work with the Scottish Government to deliver net zero, thus building a more circular economy whilst creating a far healthier Scotland; notes the view that there is a pressing need for a visible and effective high street police presence, especially in relation to reports of rising rates of theft and shop worker abuse; further notes the calls from high street business owners for more investment into transport infrastructure, to give apprenticeship levy payers access to skills training on the basis of those contributions, as well as to review all public sector bodies to assess whether there are opportunities for the identification of efficiencies, and notes the calls from retailers to universally revitalise high streets, which, it believes, have the potential, if nurtured, to be accessible for all, in addition to being safe, diverse, vibrant and attractive places for both residents and visitors alike.

S6M-17663: Foysoyl Choudhury: Proposed Cuts to Third Sector Organisations by Edinburgh Integration Joint Board— That the Parliament notes with concern the reported proposed cuts by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) to services totalling more than £29 million, including, it understands, the majority of contracts to third sector organisations under the Thrive Edinburgh programme, worth £2.2 million; considers that any such proposed cuts would result in the closure of vital community-based mental health services delivered by third sector partners such as CAPS Independent Advocacy, Cyrenians, Edinburgh Leisure, Health in Mind, Media Education, Penumbra Mental Health, SAMH, VOCAL, Wheatley Care and Change Mental Health, which, it understands, currently support 640 individuals through the Stafford Centre; acknowledges that Thrive provides early intervention and preventative support for people with complex mental health needs, including carers, survivors of abuse, veterans, LGBTQ+ individuals, neurodivergent people, and those living with severe mental illness; considers that such cuts may leave many people with mental illness without support and forced into frontline health services, increasing pressure on existing services and budgets; notes the Scottish Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which states that "there is a strong economic case for investing in early intervention and prevention, as the costs of poor mental health and wellbeing are clear"; understands that Thrive has demonstrated significant economic and clinical value, generating £7.13 in social value for every £1 invested, and that the Stafford Centre has been estimated to save the NHS up to £4.4 million in hospital admissions; notes the wider financial situation of Integration Joint Boards across Scotland, which were reportedly projected to have a £457 million funding gap in an Audit Scotland report, and further notes the calls on EIJB to delay any proposed contract terminations by at least one year to allow for

meaningful stakeholder engagement, co-production of a redesigned service model, and proper assessment of the long-term clinical and financial consequences of withdrawing community-based mental health support in Edinburgh.

S6M-17660: Colin Beattie: Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour in Coastal Towns—

That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the damaging impact that anti-social behaviour has on communities, including in the Midlothian North and Musselburgh constituency; believes that this behaviour impacts on residents' safety and affects local businesses; notes the view that it is necessary to support young people and their families to ensure that anti-social behaviour is stopped at the source; believes that anti-social behaviour in Musselburgh and other coastal towns spikes in the summer months; recognises the hard work of Police Scotland in dealing with anti-social behaviour, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to review and continue to support programmes aimed at preventing youth anti-social behaviour.

S6M-17630: Rona Mackay: Aphasia Awareness Month— That the Parliament notes Aphasia Awareness Month, which takes place in June each year and aims to raise awareness about aphasia; further notes that aphasia is a language disorder, which affects one in three stroke survivors but can occur with other neurological conditions or head injuries; understands that it can affect speech production, understanding speech, reading and writing, and using numbers; further understands that the level of difficulty varies from person to person, and from mild to severe; recognises what it sees as the significant impact that aphasia can have on a person's life, leading to feelings of isolation, loneliness and mental health issues; notes what it sees as the impact that aphasia has on a person's relationships with family and friends, everyday social interactions and access to work or services, as well as the stigma and negative treatment that it believes can come with living with the condition; welcomes the ongoing work of Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland to support people living with aphasia through resources and services; further welcomes Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland's living well with aphasia course, which focuses on giving stroke survivors the information, skills and resources to live well with the condition, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government, NHS boards and other key organisations to be better informed about aphasia, increase access to speech and language therapy, and better understand the reality of living with this serious and potentially devastating health condition.

S6M-17552: Michelle Thomson: 5G Connectivity for Scotland— That the Parliament notes the reported expansion of 5G connectivity across Scotland and the recent merger, approved by the Competition and Markets Authority in February 2025, between Vodafone UK and Three UK, which, it believes, facilitates one of the most competitive mobile providers in the UK; believes that wide-ranging, reliable mobile coverage, in all areas of Scotland, including in the Falkirk East constituency, and in both urban and rural areas, is important; notes the view that bringing 5G connectivity to 99% of the population, and 89% of Scotland's landmass, by 2034 would benefit people across Scotland, including businesses, public services and the economy; further notes the reported increasing demand on technological services, and reliance on connectivity, in the ever-evolving digital age; notes the view that an increase in the quality, reliability and capacity of 5G would have a positive impact, not just on daily life, but on key sectors across Scotland, such as healthcare,

agriculture, tourism and energy; further notes the calls for the UK Government, Scottish Government and local authorities to work across reserved and devolved powers to facilitate 5G infrastructure and reliable connectivity, and celebrates what it sees as the improvements being made towards improving 5G connectivity for the people of Scotland.

S6M-17540: Pauline McNeill: Increasing Risk of Famine in Palestine— That the Parliament is deeply concerned by World Health Organization (WHO) warnings of the permanent impact of hunger on a generation of Gazans; understands from WHO reports that the risk of famine in Gaza is increasing daily, due to the deliberate withholding of humanitarian aid, including food, in the ongoing blockade by Israel; further understands that the blockade has kept the crossing closed for 70 days, and that this is impacting on the entire 2.1 million population, who are facing prolonged food shortages; understands from WHO reports that almost half a million people are in a catastrophic situation of hunger, acute malnutrition, starvation, illness and death; notes the latest food security analysis by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) partnership, of which WHO is a member, and the reported belief that this is one of the world's worst hunger crises, unfolding in real time; further notes the comments from WHO director-general, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, that "we do not need to wait for a declaration of famine in Gaza to know that people are already starving, sick and dying, while food and medicines are minutes away across the border"; notes the comments by the commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, reported by the BBC on 13 May 2025, in which he reportedly agreed with the view that Israel was denying food and aid to civilians as a weapon of war; is concerned at reports of a shortage of clean drinking water and a shortage of fuel, which, it believes, is impacting on the only desalination plant; notes the view, from WHO reports, that the long-term impact and damage from malnutrition can last a lifetime in the form of stunted growth, impaired cognitive development and poor health, that, without enough nutritious food, clean water and access to healthcare, an entire generation will be permanently affected, and that, if the situation persists, nearly 71,000 children under the age of five are expected to be acutely malnourished over the next 11 months; further notes the calls for Israel to lift the blockade immediately and allow the free flow of food, medicines and other essential items, including fuel, to prevent famine and save the lives of a generation, and notes the calls, including from communities in the Glasgow region, for the international community to do more than just condemn this blockade, and to put pressure on Israel to act, and not to be complicit in what it considers to be permanent, long-term damage to the Palestinian population in Gaza.

S6M-17523: Jeremy Balfour: National Epilepsy Week and Epilepsy Scotland's "A Seizure That Stole a Future" Campaign— That the Parliament recognises National Epilepsy Week, which takes place from 26 May 2025, and its aim of raising awareness of epilepsy and its impacts on the lives of the 80,000 people in Scotland who live with the condition; notes with particular attention the launch of Epilepsy Scotland's campaign, "The Seizure that Stole a Future", which seeks to highlight the often unknown and devastating risk of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP); acknowledges the emotional toll that SUDEP takes on families and communities; notes the view that there is a need for greater awareness, research and open discussion to reduce its occurrence; commends Epilepsy Scotland for its

continued work providing support, advice and specialist services to individuals and families affected by epilepsy across the country, including in the Lothian region, and congratulates the charity on its leadership in tackling stigma, improving care and advocating for a safer and more informed Scotland.

S6M-17486: Brian Whittle: Securing the Long-term Sustainability of Scotland's Health Service— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) 2025 Fiscal Sustainability Report, which was published on 22 April 2025; notes with concern that the report indicates the potential for growing fiscal pressures over the next 50 years, largely due to the combination of Scotland's ageing population and increasingly poor public health driving up health spending; understands from the research that health spending, which is already the largest area of spending within the Scottish Budget, is projected to grow from 34% of devolved public spending in 2029-30 to 47% by 2074-75; notes the analysis indicating that, as a result of demographic change, the Scottish Budget will face a significant challenge within the next 20 years unless action is taken soon to address rising levels of preventable illness, including long-term chronic conditions; further notes the view that, without any intervention, the worst case scenario set out by the SFC would leave a future Scottish administration being forced to choose between cuts to the health service or sacrificing other public services to sustain health spending; considers that helping people across Scotland, including in the South Scotland region, to live longer, healthier lives can reduce growth in healthcare costs as the population ages; notes the belief that this can be achieved through the delivery of a robust, preventative health agenda, integrated across multiple policy portfolios, that promotes inclusion, physical activity and good nutrition; further notes the view that it is essential for the Scottish Government to set out how it proposes to address the issues identified in the 2025 Fiscal Sustainability Report, in particular the specific steps that it will take to address the forecast gap resulting from poor public health, and notes the belief that politicians from across the political spectrum must have a shared commitment to improving public health if that goal is to be achieved.

S6M-17458: Annie Wells: ME Awareness Week 2025— That the Parliament notes that ME Awareness Week runs from 12 to 18 May 2025 and aims to raise awareness of the need for greater investment in care and support for people with ME, including through #MEAction Scotland's Missing Millions rally outside the Scottish Parliament on 14 May; welcomes the reported announcement of £4.5 million in the Scottish Budget to fund specialist support for long COVID, myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) and similar conditions; understands that, despite over an estimated 58,000 people across Scotland, including in Glasgow, having ME, there are virtually no specialist ME services in Scotland, except in NHS Lothian; further understands that NHS Fife has been unable to replace the only specialist ME nurse in Scotland due to a lack of suitably skilled and experienced candidates; notes the view that it is important to expand services committed to following the 2021 ME/CFS NICE guidance, which includes key recommendations relating to diagnosis, management and specific care for those with severe ME, as well as children and young people with the condition; further notes the updated 2024 NHS board survey, which aimed to understand the barriers to, and opportunities from, implementing the updated NICE guidance and identify how NHS boards can best be supported to create ME/CFS specific care in the future; understands that the report indicated that awareness of the 2021 guidance among NHS boards had not been converted into implementation of the

recommendations due to a lack of resource, capacity, pathways and training; notes the view that there is a need for appropriate training of healthcare professionals to ensure that they can offer appropriate, effective support to people with ME; further notes the view that the involvement of patients and third sector organisations across Scotland in the design and delivery of new services supported by this new funding is essential, and commends the volunteers and campaigners striving for better ME services for their continued efforts.

S6M-17430: Karen Adam: Cross-Party Group Report on How to Reverse the Fall in the Number of Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children— That the Parliament recognises the publication of the report of the Cross-Party Group on Deafness, *How do we reverse the fall in the number of Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People in Scotland?*; believes that qualified teachers of deaf children and young people are vital for enabling deaf children to reach their full potential, including in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency; considers that the number of qualified teachers of deaf children has fallen dramatically in Scotland, by 37% since 2011; understands that there is currently no explicit right for any deaf child or parent to have access to a qualified teacher of the deaf; further understands that there is no salary increment with the relevant qualification, and understands that the reported declining number in qualified teachers coincides with a period where deaf attainment is below that of the hearing population.

S6M-17234: Pam Gosal: Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman"— That the Parliament welcomes and respects the judgment of the Supreme Court of the UK on 16 April 2025 in the case, *For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers*; recognises that the court unanimously ruled that the terms “woman” and “sex” in the Equality Act 2010 refer to biological woman and biological sex; congratulates For Women Scotland on what it sees as the group's hard work and dedication in protecting and strengthening women's rights; considers that this decision will have many implications for the rights of women and girls, including those living in East and West Dunbartonshire, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to review its policies to ensure that these are in line with the law.

S6M-17147: Sarah Boyack: Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport— That the Parliament acknowledges the efforts of the Scottish Youth Parliament's Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee to remove barriers to young people accessing public transport; notes the view that public transport should be affordable, accessible and reliable for young people across Scotland, including in the Lothian region; further notes the view that particular action should be taken for young people in rural and island communities who, it considers, currently benefit less from the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme due to limited bus services and infrastructure in their areas; recognises what it sees as the benefits that affordable, accessible and reliable public transport have for young people's access to social, educational, youth work and employment opportunities, and notes the support for further action to be taken to improve young people's access to public transport.

S6M-17103: Katy Clark: Recognition of the State of Palestine— That the Parliament notes the calls from people in the West Scotland region and across the

country for the UK Government to recognise the State of Palestine; understands that 146 member states of the UN recognise Palestine as a sovereign state, encompassing the West Bank and the Gaza Strip; believes that independent Palestinian statehood on the basis of a free people with rights to self-determination and territorial integrity is an inalienable right and requirement for permanent peace between Palestine and the State of Israel; expresses grave concern over what it sees as the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and the Israeli military escalation in the occupied West Bank, including the deployment of tanks into Jenin for the first time in over two decades, and notes the view that a much-needed pathway to a sustainable and peaceful solution must be rooted in accountability and justice, upholding the dignity of both Israeli and Palestinian civilians.

S6M-16893: Richard Leonard: Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange

Scotland— That the Parliament notes the publication of Scotland in the Red 2024, by the debt charity, StepChange Scotland; considers this a flagship report on personal debt, providing an insight on what life is like for people, in every local authority area, who are experiencing problem debt; understands that the average unsecured debt for a family with children has risen sharply to £18,953 and the average level of arrears has soared to £5,193, which, it believes, is an increase of 61% on 2023 levels; further understands that, after paying essential bills, the charity's clients claiming universal credit, including those in Central Scotland, are left with an average of just £6 per month for everything else; commends the work of StepChange Scotland, which supported over 40,000 clients in 2024 who owe a total of £343 million of debt and £21 million in arrears on their household bills; believes that it is Scotland's largest debt charity, and acknowledges that it works towards a vision of a society free from problem debt.

Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in the past 12 months

5. Below is a table of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in the past 12 months, a record of all Members' Business taken from the start of session 6 is available on request.

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
3 September 2024	Sue Webber	CON	A New Winchburgh Train Station
4 September 2024	Bob Doris	SNP	Tackling the Misuse of Off-road Vehicles
5 September 2024	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Recognising the UN's Declaration for Future Generations
10 September 2024	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Repealing the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020
11 September 2024	Graham Simpson	CON	Retrofitting and Tenement Maintenance
12 September 2024	Bill Kidd	SNP	The Late Reverend John Ainslie
17 September 2024	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	Celebrating the Federation of Small Businesses' 50th Anniversary

18 September 2024	Lorna Slater	GRN	10 Years since Scotland's Independence Referendum
19 September 2024	Sharon Dowey	CON	Addressing Retail Crime and Antisocial Behaviour
24 September 2024	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity
25 September 2024	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Importance of the Scottish Wholesale Sector
26 September 2024	Rona Mackay	SNP	Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month
1 October 2024	Tess White	CON	Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls
1 October 2024	David Torrance	SNP	Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College (Rescheduled from 19 March)
2 October 2024	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Regulation of the Medical Aesthetics Industry in Scotland
3 October 2024	Katy Clark	LAB	Ardrossan Harbour
8 October 2024	Clare Haughey	SNP	Raising Awareness of Liver Disease
9 October 2024	Jackson Carlaw	CON	40th Anniversary of the Brighton Bomb Blast
10 October 2024	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Challenge Poverty Week 2024
29 October 2024	Emma Roddick	SNP	Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
30 October 2024	N/A	CON	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
31 October 2024	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland
5 November 2024	Karen Adam	SNP	Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary
5 November 2024	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024 - rescheduled from 24 April 2024
6 November 2024	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland
7 November 2024	Gillian Mackay	GRN	North Lanarkshire School Bus Campaign
12 November 2024	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Protecting Communities from Antisocial Behaviour and Antisocial Driving
13 November 2024	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Rural Roads Infrastructure
14 November 2024	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Day of the Imprisoned Writer
19 November 2024	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Celebrating the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership

20 November 2024	Marie McNair	SNP	World COPD Day
21 November 2024	Roz McCall	CON	Increasing Stroke Awareness
26 November 2024	n/a	SNP	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
27 November 2024	Richard Leonard	LAB	Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike
28 November 2024	Christine Grahame	SNP	25 Years of Tweeddale Youth Action
3 December 2024	Craig Hoy	CON	Findings of the Cross-Party Group on Beer and Pubs Report, What Does "Brand Scotland" Mean for the Scottish Beer and Pub Sector?
4 December 2024	Emma Harper	SNP	The Open University Supports the Scots Language – rescheduled from 26 November 2024
4 December 2024	Michael Matheson	SNP	Powering Futures - Putting Young People at the Heart of the Energy Transition
5 December 2024	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Publication of the Marie Curie Report, Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2024
10 December 2024	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan
11 December 2024	Jeremy Balfour	CON	Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets
12 December 2024	David Torrance	SNP	Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding
17 December 2024	Emma Roddick	SNP	Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland
18 December 2024	Lorna Slater	GRN	A Safe, Accessible and Sustainable Holyrood Park for the 21st Century
19 December 2024	Pam Gosal	CON	Repairing Potholes on Scotland's Roads
7 January 2025	Foyso Choudhury	LAB	The Importance of Medical Technology for Patients with Diabetes
8 January 2025	George Adam	SNP	St Mirren Announces Landmark Partnership with UWS
9 January 2025	Ash Regan	ALBA	Expanding Scotland's Connectivity from Edinburgh and Beyond
14 January 2025	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Introduction of NOVA Scotland
15 January 2025	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Compensation for the WASPI Women
16 January 2025	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Scottish Human Rights Commission's Spotlight Project into Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Highlands and Islands

16 January 2025	Tim Eagle	CON	Improving Access to Health and Social Care in Rural Scotland (rescheduled from 30 October)
21 January 2025	David Torrance	SNP	European Showmen's Union Congress 2025
22 January 2025	Oliver Mundell	CON	Celebrating the Continued Social, Cultural and Economic Importance of Robert Burns
23 January 2025	Michelle Thomson	SNP	Promoting the Role of Women in Scotland's Journey to Net Zero
28 January 2025	Clare Adamson	SNP	Brexit Harm to Scotland, Five Years Since the UK Left the EU
29 January 2025	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Memorial Day 2025, For a Better Future
30 January 2025	Alex Rowley	LAB	Scottish Engineering's Engineering Skills Gap Analysis for Scotland
4 February 2025	Christine Grahame	SNP	The Lockerbie Bombing, A Father's Search for Justice
5 February 2025	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Save Local Libraries
6 February 2025	Elena Whitham	SNP	Report on Alcohol Use Disorder in the Justice System
18 February 2025	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Opportunities and Challenges for Scotland's Fishing Sector in 2025
19 February 2025	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Tackling the Rise in Rural Crime and Equipment Theft in Scotland
20 February 2025	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	The Ongoing Impact of PFI/PPP on Scotland's Public Finances
25 February 2025	Emma Harper	SNP	Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025
26 February 2025	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Northern Corridor Community Forum's Evidence-based Report
27 February 2025	Murdo Fraser	CON	Protection of Park Home Residents
4 March 2025	Carol Mochan	LAB	Holistic Approach to Alcohol-related Brain Damage
5 March 2025	Colin Beattie	SNP	Three Years of Solidarity with Ukraine
6 March 2025	Marie McNair	SNP	Impact of UK Welfare Reforms in Scotland
11 March 2025	Alexander Stewart	CON	Additional Support Needs in Scotland
12 March 2025	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	International Women's Day 2025
13 March 2025	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Young Carers Action Day 2025
18 March 2025	Clare Adamson	SNP	MacDiarmid's Brownsbank Cottage, a Scottish Cultural Treasure
19 March 2025	Tess White	CON	Addressing Sexual Violence in Scotland's Hospitals
20 March 2025	Michael Matheson	SNP	Awareness of Criminal Exploitation of Children

25 March 2025	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Peel Ports' Conservancy Fee Plans for Clydeport Area
26 March 2025	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers
27 March 2025	Liz Smith	CON	300 Years of The Black Watch
1 April 2025	Daniel Johnson	LAB	Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill
2 April 2025	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Scotland's Islands
3 April 2025	George Adam	SNP	Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy
22 April 2025	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Addressing Waiting Times in NHS Grampian
23 April 2025	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	Global Intergenerational Week 2025
24 April 2025	Neil Bibby	LAB	BBC Scotland's Decision to End River City and Close its Dumbarton Studios
29 April 2025	Marie McNair	SNP	Testicular Cancer Awareness Month
30 April 2025	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care
1 May 2025	Emma Harper	SNP	World Asthma Day 2025
6 May 2025	Christine Grahame	SNP	30th Anniversary of Eco-Schools and Success for St Andrew's RC Primary School in Gorebridge
7 May 2025	Roz McCall	CON	Mental Health Awareness Week 2025
8 May 2025	Michael Marra	LAB	Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs
13 May 2025	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Construction Skills for the Future
14 May 2025	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Marine Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report
15 May 2025	Ross Greer	GRN	Addressing the Impact of Second Home Ownership in Scotland
20 May 2025	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off
21 May 2025	Clare Adamson	SNP	The Harm of Gambling Addiction
22 May 2025	Kevin Stewart	SNP	Aberdeen to Welcome the Tall Ships Races
27 May 2025	Elena Whitham	SNP	Common Ground Forum on Deer
28 May 2025	Sharon Dowey	CON	Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population
29 May 2025	Michelle Thomson	SNP	30 Years on from the Bosnian Genocide in Srebrenica
3 June 2025	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation

4 June 2025	Bob Doris	SNP	Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston
5 June 2025	Karen Adam	SNP	Thomas Blake Glover, Fraserburgh's International Legacy
10 June 2025	Miles Briggs	CON	A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout
11 June 2025	Stuart McMillan	SNP	60th Anniversary of the Scottish Law Commission
12 June 2025	Colin Smyth	LAB	Justice for the Fornethy Survivors
17 June 2025	Bill Kidd	SNP	Ongoing Crisis in Gaza
18 June 2025	Liam Kerr	CON	Recognising RAAC in Council and Former Council Housing
19 June 2025	Marie McNair	SNP	Action Mesothelioma Day 2025
23 June 2025	n/a	SNP	Cancelled due to Parliamentary Business – to be rescheduled at a future date
26 June 2025	Douglas Ross	CON	Action to Address the Impact of Gulls in Scotland
26 June 2025	Patrick Harvie	GRN	The Future of Glasgow's Bus Services. Rescheduled from 25 June 2025

Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in Session 6

Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	Alba	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	223	105	68	27	13	1	437
Frequency %	51	24	16	6	3	0	100

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