# 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 19 June 2025

5. The annexe lists all motions marked for Members' Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 19 June 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 not recommended that any of the motions from the attached list be retained.

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
September 2025

| Reference | Member Name | Date Lodged | Title | Total Support | Date Last Supported |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S6M-16893 | Leonard, Richard | 21/03/2025 | Scotland in the Red 2024 StepChange Scotland | 24 | 08/07/2025 |
| S6M-17103 | Clark, Katy | 08/04/2025 | Recognition of the State of Palestine | 21 | 24/04/2025 |
| S6M-17430 | Adam, Karen | 15/05/2025 | Cross-Party Group Report on How to Reverse the Fall in the Number of Qualified Teachers of Deaf Children | 18 | 07/07/2025 |
| S6M-17458 | Wells, Annie | 14/05/2025 | ME Awareness Week 2025 | 40 | 07/07/2025 |
| S6M-17523 | Balfour, Jeremy | 21/05/2025 | National Epilepsy Week and Epilepsy Scotland's "A Seizure That Stole a Future" Campaign | 32 | 06/06/2025 |
| S6M-17540 | McNeill, Pauline | 16/05/2025 | Increasing Risk of Famine in Palestine | 41 | 06/06/2025 |
| S6M-17552 | Thomson, Michelle | 21/05/2025 | 5G Connectivity for Scotland | 21 | 09/06/2025 |
| S6M-17558 | Kerr, Stephen | 22/05/2025 | Data Collection by the Scottish Government | 20 | 06/06/2025 |
| S6M-17630 | Mackay, Rona | 29/05/2025 | Aphasia Awareness Month | 30 | 18/06/2025 |
| S6M-17660 | Beattie, Colin | 02/06/2025 | Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour in Coastal Towns | 16 | 18/06/2025 |
| S6M-17663 | Choudhury, Foysol | 29/05/2025 | Proposed Cuts to Third Sector Organisations by Edinburgh Integration Joint Board | 6 | 02/06/2025 |
| S6M-17700 | Stewart, Alexander | 04/06/2025 | Revitalising High Streets | 23 | 18/06/2025 |
| S6M-17914 | Grahame, Christine | 11/06/2025 | Scottish Borders Widowed Community | 24 | 28/07/2025 |
| S6M-17917 | Mochan, Carol | 11/06/2025 | 20th Anniversary of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 | 22 | 19/08/2025 |
| S6M-17982 | Choudhury, Foysol | 19/06/2025 | Honouring the Life and Legacy of Professor Sir Geoff Palmer OBE, CD, KT | 37 | 28/07/2025 |