

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 October is as follows—

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8 June	SNP	SNP	SNP
15 June	LAB	REF	GREEN
22 June	SNP	CON	SNP
31 August	LD	SNP	REF
7 September	LAB	SNP	GREEN
14 September	SNP	SNP	CON
21 September	SNP	LAB	REF
28 September	SNP	GREEN	LD
5 October	SNP	SNP	REF
26 October	LAB	SNP	CON

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

S7M-00266: Maggie Chapman: Sustaining Jobs and Securing the Future of Scotland's Universities— That the Parliament expresses its deep concern at what it sees as the growing crisis facing Scotland's higher education sector, including the reported threat of significant job losses at the University of Dundee, the University of Aberdeen and other institutions across Scotland; notes reports that hundreds of jobs have already been lost at Dundee, and that up to 111 academic posts are threatened at Aberdeen as part of ongoing restructuring and cost-reduction programmes; recognises the anxiety, uncertainty and distress that these proposals are causing for staff, students and communities; further recognises the evidence of declining staff morale across the sector, with, it understands, many workers reporting exhaustion, insecurity and a loss of confidence in institutional leadership and governance; believes that those who teach, research, support students, maintain campuses and sustain university life should not be made to pay the price for failures of governance, financial mismanagement or short-term decision making; notes reported concerns regarding increasing casualisation, workload pressures, threats to pensions and job insecurity across the sector; further notes the calls on university leadership teams, governing bodies and the Scottish and UK governments to work collaboratively with staff and students with Fair Work principles as their foundation, to develop long-term

solutions that protect jobs, safeguard teaching and research, strengthen transparency and accountability, and secure a sustainable future for what it considers is Scotland's vital higher education sector.

S7M-00258: Liam Kerr: Nuclear Power in Scotland— That the Parliament considers that nuclear power in Scotland produces cheap, dependable and green electricity; notes the findings of the Nuclear Industry Association that Torness Nuclear Power Station, which is set to cease production in 2030, has generated 307 TWh of clean electricity since 1988, which it believes is sufficient to power every home in the country for 36 years, and has averted a minimum of 101 million tonnes of CO2 emissions; understands that nuclear power brings significant financial benefits and supports hundreds of jobs and contractors; believes that Scotland's civil nuclear industry could have supported over 10,000 jobs if the sector had experienced the same growth rate as that in England; considers that the "no new nuclear" position of the Scottish Government has led to an exodus of workers from Scotland; recognises calls from the Nuclear Industry Association for the Scottish Government to end its political opposition to nuclear power in order that this can form part of a balanced energy mix that it considers the country needs, alongside its North Sea oil and gas industry; notes the view that this must be supported, encouraged and no longer subject to a presumption against oil and gas, and further notes the view that the Scottish Government must act decisively to protect jobs, deliver energy security and provide cheaper energy by unlocking nuclear energy production in Scotland.

S7M-00255: Lorna Slater: A Wool Strategy for Scotland— That the Parliament recognises that wool is integral to the economy, landscape and cultural heritage of Scotland; further recognises that wool production and use touches many different sectors including agriculture, construction, skills, culture and heritage, small business, and tourism; understands that wool is an important sustainable fibre and part of a circular economy; acknowledges what it sees as the challenges being faced by wool producers and users, including loss of scouring and processing infrastructure, competition from imports and risks of losing vital skills as workers age; considers that there are significant opportunities, in relation to wool, to support rural businesses, innovation and brand Scotland, and notes the belief that a comprehensive Wool Strategy for Scotland would encourage new opportunities for collaborative working and practical outcomes across industry sectors, including in the Edinburgh Central constituency.

S7M-00253: Karen Adam: Re-railing the North East— That the Parliament recognises the importance of rail connectivity to the economic and social wellbeing of communities across the north east of Scotland; notes the work of the Campaign for North East Rail (CNER) in promoting the case for enhanced rail infrastructure and services across the region; acknowledges calls for the re-railing of the north east; recognises that new rail networks would allow for economic growth, tourism, freight movement, access to employment and education and regional development; notes the importance of reliable transport links for coastal and rural communities; recognises the potential role of rail in improving community resilience, reducing pressure on key road networks and making roads safer, and welcomes continued engagement by communities, businesses, transport bodies and policymakers on opportunities to strengthen rail connectivity across the north east of Scotland.

S7M-00239: Clare Adamson: Recognising Drowning Prevention Week and World Drowning Prevention Day 2026—

That the Parliament marks World Drowning Prevention Day 2026 on 25 July, and recognises that it forms, alongside Drowning Prevention Week, which takes place from 13 to 20 June 2026, one of the UK's principal water safety awareness campaigns, promoting education, drowning prevention and life-saving water safety skills; notes that, through Resolution A/RES/75/273 of the UN General Assembly on Global Drowning Prevention in April 2021, World Drowning Prevention Day was established as a global advocacy event to highlight the tragic and profound impact of drowning on families and communities and to promote life-saving solutions to prevent death by drowning; understands that an estimated 236,000 people drown every year worldwide, and that drowning is among the 10 leading causes of death for children aged five to 14, with more than 90% of drowning deaths occurring in rivers, lochs, wells, domestic water storage vessels and swimming pools in low- and middle-income countries, where children and adolescents in rural areas are disproportionately affected; considers that these initiatives are critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely; further considers that, with the right water safety education, including knowledge of the Water Safety Code, accidental drownings are preventable; welcomes the provision of educational resources by Water Safety Scotland, which were created by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and include free water safety lessons for schools and practitioners and the first curriculum-aligned water safety resources; commends the Royal Life Saving Society UK and partner agencies, including Water Safety Scotland, for their tireless advocacy for improved water safety, and encourages members of the public to make use of the resources produced; further commends Water Safety Scotland, alongside Scottish Water, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Darcey Sunshine Foundation and RoSPA, for hosting the fourth annual Water Safety Open Day on 25 July 2025 on the shores of Loch Lomond in support of World Drowning Prevention Day; encourages everyone to attend and engage with water safety education and awareness activities; notes with sadness the tragic deaths of 17 people across the UK during the recent period of warm weather, and extends its thoughts and condolences to the families, friends and communities affected.

S7M-00234: Q Manivannan: Congratulations to Lavender Menace Queer Books Archive in Edinburgh—

That the Parliament congratulates the Lavender Menace Queer Books Archive, which is based at St Margaret's House in Edinburgh, on its work as Scotland's only dedicated public archive for LGBTQ+ literary heritage; recognises that the archive traces its roots to Lavender Menace, which it understands was Scotland's first lesbian and gay bookshop and the second in the United Kingdom, and was founded by Sigrid Nielsen and Bob Orr in Edinburgh in 1982; notes that the archive was formally established in 2019 and now holds over 3,000 volumes of stories of reading and writing, and that its team of volunteers has created a digital catalogue, making the collection more widely accessible; further notes that visitor numbers increased by 56% in 2024-25, reflecting what it sees as a growing demand for LGBTQ+ heritage and community spaces; commends the archive for its programme of free events, reading groups, exhibitions and community gatherings, and for its recent collaboration with the Museum of Edinburgh on *Past Shelves: Histories of Queer Reading*; acknowledges that the archive is currently seeking urgent funding support to secure its future, and wishes Bob Orr, Sigrid

Nielsen, the board of directors and all of the volunteers continued success in preserving decades of queer lives, voices and stories for generations to come.

S7M-00227: Jack Middleton: Save STV North News— That the Parliament condemns Ofcom's reported decision to approve controversial plans to end STV's dedicated news coverage for the North of Scotland; acknowledges that the plans were strongly opposed by the Scottish Government, MSPs from five political parties, STV workers and the general public; notes reports that a survey of viewers across North Scotland found that only 4% were in favour of the plans, and further notes the calls on television regulator, Ofcom, to urgently reconsider this decision.

S7M-00217: Fulton MacGregor: Improving Care, Equity and Outcomes for People Living with Fontan Circulation in Scotland— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the growing current and foreseeable clinical needs of people in Coatbridge and Chryston and across the country living with Fontan circulation and complex congenital heart disease; notes that international prevalence data suggest that between 300 and 400 individuals in Scotland currently live with a Fontan circulation, with adult survival now exceeding 85 to 90%, resulting in a growing adult population at increasing risk of multi-organ failure; understands that up to 50% of adult Fontan patients develop clinically significant liver disease and that approximately 20 to 30% might ultimately require heart or combined heart and liver transplantation; believes that Scotland currently lacks a dedicated national pathway for failing Fontan circulation and complex congenital heart disease requiring transplantation, resulting in patients being referred outwith the country, most commonly to centres in England; recognises the physical, emotional, financial and logistical burden that is placed on patients and families as a result of prolonged separation, fragmented continuity of care and ongoing cross-border follow-up requirements; notes what it sees as the absence of a formalised Scottish shared care model for post-transplant surveillance and long-term management; acknowledges Scotland's existing strengths, including the Scottish Adult Congenital Cardiac Service (SACCS), established heart transplant infrastructure at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital, experienced cardiothoracic surgical programmes and national service planning capability; believes that there is a strategic opportunity to develop a coordinated Scottish Fontan hub to deliver structured national surveillance, early risk stratification, multidisciplinary care, transplant coordination and post-transplant shared care; considers that such a model would improve patient safety, equity of access, continuity of care, clinical outcomes and long-term sustainability, while supporting the principle of care closer to home, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to engage with NHS Scotland, SACCS leadership, transplant centres and patient representatives to carry out a feasibility assessment for the development of such a national Fontan hub and a structured complex congenital transplant pathway, including consideration of workforce planning, training pathways, infrastructure requirements and long-term service sustainability.

S7M-00204: Patricia Gibson: Progress and Challenges in Tackling Marine Litter— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report by the Marine Conservation Society, *State of our Beaches 2025*; acknowledges that it provides a detailed breakdown of marine litter found on UK beaches in 2025; notes that the data is taken from the charity's year-round citizen science project, Beachwatch, which was launched over 30 years ago; applauds the 3,763 volunteers who collected a

total of 385,851 pieces of litter from Scottish beaches in 2025, including in the Cunninghame South constituency; welcomes a decrease in the average number of litter items per 100 metres of beach, from 204 items in 2024 to 157 items in 2025; expresses concern, however, that over 23,500 items of sewage-related debris were recorded on Scottish beaches in 2025, including wet wipes and cotton bud sticks, representing a 25% increase on the previous year; recognises the importance of continued action to tackle marine litter, including through improvements to sewage and water infrastructure and the effective implementation of a deposit returns Scheme in Scotland, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to work constructively alongside key stakeholders to keep harmful materials out of Scotland's marine environment.

S7M-00202: Q Manivannan: Nicola Meighan and the Contribution of Women Presenters to BBC Radio Scotland— That the Parliament congratulates Nicola Meighan on 14 years of outstanding service to BBC Radio Scotland, including seven years hosting the Friday edition of *Afternoons*, during which she interviewed landmark figures; understands that the programme's audience figures were growing at the time Nicola and her colleagues were stood down; believes that her departure is the latest in a sustained pattern of reductions to presenter-led arts programming at the station; understands with concern that the majority of those replaced have been women and that these changes have drawn criticism from the Scottish Music Industry Association, the Musicians' Union and hundreds of artists and have received coverage in national media; notes that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee examined the issue as part of its Session 6 inquiry on broadcasting in Scotland, publishing a report in March 2026; commends Nicola for her wider contribution to the arts in Scotland over more than two decades and for launching her own podcast, *A Kick Up The Arts*, at her own expense to continue championing Scotland's culture and women's voices, and notes the view that the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic should consider engaging with BBC Scotland on what it sees as the disproportionate impact of its recent scheduling decisions on women presenters and on the platform that BBC Radio Scotland provides for Scottish artists and cultural life, including in Edinburgh and Lothians East.

S7M-00189: Alex Kerr: Scotland's Place in Europe— That the Parliament notes the 10-year anniversary of the Brexit referendum; recognises that all local authority areas, including South Lanarkshire, voted in favour of Scotland remaining a member of the European Union; deplores what it sees as the damage caused to Scotland by a Brexit it did not vote in favour of and that has contributed, it believes, to increases in the price of food, energy and the cost of living; further deplores what it sees as the tragic loss of opportunities, particularly for young people, that has occurred as a result of Brexit; believes that the only route to rejoin the European family of nations is through Scottish independence, and looks forward to the day this may come to pass.

S7M-00188: Alyn Smith: Growing Scotland's Screen Sector— That the Parliament welcomes the work undertaken by Creative Scotland and Screen Scotland to support the film and screen industry and create opportunities for Scotland's cultural and arts sector; recognises what it sees as the potential economic and cultural opportunities that a new studio facility and dedicated screen skills academy could bring to Scotland, including Stirling; notes that Scotland's screen

sector reportedly contributed £718 million to the Scottish economy in 2023 and supported 12,260 full-time equivalent jobs; welcomes the fact that the sector is on course to contribute £1 billion annually to the Scottish economy by the end of 2030-31, and commends Screen Scotland, local authority screen offices and all others who have contributed to the continued successful growth of the sector in Scotland.

S7M-00187: Paul McLennan: Recognising the Contribution of Green Jobs to Scotland's Economy and Local Communities— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the significant and growing contribution of green jobs and businesses to Scotland's economy, including reports that the sector contributes approximately £10.2 billion annually and supports thousands of businesses to transition to low-carbon and sustainable practices; acknowledges the importance of these industries to local economies, including in East Lothian, where green enterprise, renewable energy activity and associated supply chains are increasingly important drivers of employment, skills and regional growth; notes the role of small and medium-sized enterprises in delivering innovation and supporting Scotland's net zero ambitions; recognises the importance of investment in skills, training and apprenticeships to ensure that Scotland's workforce can access opportunities in the green economy, including in emerging technologies and energy sectors; believes that there is a need for a just transition that supports workers, communities and businesses as Scotland moves towards net zero, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to continue to prioritise policies that support the expansion of green industries, including targeted support for local companies, investment in infrastructure, support for skills development and measures to ensure that the economic benefits of the green transition are felt across all parts of Scotland, including constituencies such as East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs.

S7M-00180: Jenny Young: The 10th Anniversary of the Death of Jo Cox— That the Parliament acknowledges the 10th anniversary of the death of Jo Cox, who was murdered on 16 June 2016; notes that, until her death, Jo served as the Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen from May 2015; further notes that she was known as a passionate campaigner, activist and humanitarian; understands that her murder prompted a national conversation about the safety and security of elected representatives and the need for greater civility in politics; acknowledges that Jo has left a lasting legacy, including the Jo Cox Foundation, a charity that calls for more respect in politics, and The Great Get Together, an annual nationwide celebration centred on Jo's message that "we have more in common than that which divides us"; celebrates the work of the Jo Cox Foundation, including the Jo Cox Women in Leadership Programme, which aims to support women in developing their skills and participating fully in public life; acknowledges that, in the decade since Jo's murder, further acts of violence against elected representatives have occurred, including the murder of Sir David Amess in 2021, and notes the view that, as a new session of the Scottish Parliament begins, all MSPs should commit to fostering a more respectful political culture and remember that they have more in common than that which divides them.

S7M-00179: David Barratt: The Lobular Moon Shot Project, Raising Awareness of Lobular Breast Cancer and the Lack of Research— That the Parliament recognises the work of the Lobular Moon Shot Project in raising awareness of invasive lobular breast cancer; notes that this condition is the second most common

type of breast cancer, accounting for around 15% of diagnoses, with an average of 22 women a day in the UK receiving a lobular diagnosis, yet it is often considered to have been historically under-researched and underfunded; understands that it presents and behaves differently from other forms of breast cancer, often not forming a distinct lump and therefore being more difficult to detect through routine screening; believes that there are currently no treatments specifically developed for the condition, despite its distinct biological characteristics; notes with concern that less than 1% of breast cancer research funding has historically been directed towards lobular research; recognises calls from the Lobular Moon Shot Project for dedicated investment in research into its basic biology, including proposals for £20 million of ring-fenced funding from the UK Government over five years; welcomes the involvement of researchers from Scottish institutions, alongside the Manchester Breast Centre and international partners; believes that improved understanding of lobular breast cancer could lead to earlier diagnosis, more targeted treatments and better long-term outcomes for women living with the condition in Cowdenbeath and across the country, while reducing pressures on the NHS, and notes calls urging the Scottish Government to support the aims of the Lobular Moon Shot Project and to press the UK Government to commit the funding required to ensure that women diagnosed with lobular breast cancer can benefit from equitable research, treatment and care.

S7M-00130: Fulton MacGregor: Awareness and Support for People Affected by PANS and PANDAS— That the Parliament recognises that Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) are rare, but potentially severe, conditions that can result in the sudden onset of significant neuropsychiatric symptoms, including obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety, tics and behavioural change; acknowledges the considerable impact that these conditions can have on children, young people, adults and their families; notes concerns about the limited awareness and understanding of PANS and PANDAS across health, education and social care in Scotland; recognises the establishment and work of PANS+ Scotland in supporting affected families and raising awareness of them, and notes calls for the Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and all other relevant public bodies to engage with PANS+ Scotland and other stakeholders to improve awareness, understanding and support for those affected by PANS and PANDAS in Coatbridge and Chryston and across Scotland.

S7M-00100: Patricia Gibson: World Pre-Eclampsia Day, 22 May 2026— That the Parliament is aware that 22 May is World Pre-Eclampsia Day; notes that pre-eclampsia is a global issue, with most deaths from this condition occurring in low-income countries; is alarmed that an estimated 76,000 mothers and 500,000 babies worldwide lose their lives to pre-eclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy every year; appreciates that 60% of hypertension-related maternal deaths are potentially preventable but there continue to be missed opportunities for appropriate, recommended care of severe maternal hypertension; understands that women who develop pre-eclampsia in pregnancy have an increased lifelong risk of some serious longer-term health conditions, including cardiovascular issues, kidney problems, diabetes and deep vein thrombosis; laments concerns that women across the UK do not currently receive long-term monitoring following pre-eclampsia in pregnancy and are often not aware of, or informed of, the long-term health risks

associated with pre-eclampsia; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to greater support for women who have experienced pre-eclampsia in Phase Two of its Women's Health Plan, which was published in January 2026, and applauds the work of the charity, Action on Pre-Eclampsia, which is dedicated to raising awareness, improving care and supporting individuals affected by pre-eclampsia.

S7M-00097: Maggie Chapman: Promoting Pig Welfare— That the Parliament notes that farrowing crates are metal cages used on pig farms to confine a sow shortly before she gives birth and throughout the nursing period; understands that these crates are about two metres long and less than one metre wide, preventing the sow from turning around or moving naturally; regrets that over 200,000 mother pigs on UK farms are forced to spend nearly a quarter of their adult lives confined in farrowing crates; welcomes that polling carried out by Humane World for Animals UK earlier in 2026, showed that 84% of respondents from Scotland reject the use of farrowing crates for mother pigs; thanks Humane World for Animals UK for touring Scotland with Penny, the life-size robot pig in a replica farrowing crate, to raise awareness of the distress that the small metal cage causes; regrets what it sees as continued Scottish Government delays to consulting on an end to farrowing crates, and recognises the view that farrowing crates, as well as flexible or temporary crates, which sows are confined in for slightly less time, should be banned, and farms supported to transition to higher-welfare free farrowing pens to protect sows and piglets, including in the North East Scotland Region.

S7M-00019: Colin Beattie: Improving Bus Services in Rural Areas— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the need for a cohesive bus network in rural areas; understands that some services in Midlothian North have been reduced or cancelled to the detriment of residents, including the withdrawal of Lothian Buses' 46 service; believes that this damages the local economy and disproportionately impacts vulnerable people in their access to jobs, healthcare and education; welcomes the commitment to a £2 bus fare cap, and notes the view that this must coincide with an improvement to rural bus networks.

S7M-00018: Colin Beattie: Recognising the Damaging Impact of Antisocial Behaviour— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the damaging impact that antisocial behaviour has on communities, including in Midlothian North; understands that this behaviour impacts on residents' safety and hurts local businesses; believes that there is a need to support young people and their families to ensure that such behaviour is stopped at the source; recognises the hard work of Police Scotland in dealing with the issue, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to review and continue to support programmes aimed at preventing youth antisocial behaviour.

S7M-00008: Emma Roddick: Capacity of Raigmore Hospital and Highland Healthcare— That the Parliament notes reported concerns regarding the current capacity of Raigmore Hospital in Inverness; acknowledges the role of the National Treatment Centre Highland in addressing elective surgery waiting lists; recognises the dedication of NHS staff in delivering healthcare services across Scotland, including in Inverness and Nairn; notes the view that the delivery of high-quality care must be supported by adequate clinical space and staffing levels; further notes calls for a review of hospital capacity in the region, and remains mindful of what it sees as

the ongoing importance of ensuring that healthcare infrastructure meets the evolving needs of the Highland population.

S7M-00006: David Torrance: Launch of the Kirkcaldy Muslim Scout Group—

That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Kirkcaldy Muslim Scout Group at Kirkcaldy Central Mosque and Community Centre; congratulates the volunteers, families and community partners who have worked to establish this new section of the Scouting movement; notes that the Group will offer children aged four to 10-and-a-half a fun, inclusive and welcoming space to learn new skills, make friends and take part in games, crafts and outdoor-focused activities; recognises that Scouting in Scotland is the largest mixed volunteer-led youth movement in the country, supporting 35,000 young people and delivered by over 10,000 adult volunteers; understands that Scouting in Kirkcaldy, as part of the East Scotland Region, continues to grow and provides thousands of young people with opportunities to build confidence, resilience, teamwork, leadership and communication skills that prepare them for life; acknowledges what it sees as the wider impact of the Scouting movement across Scotland in helping young people develop practical skills, such as first aid, outdoor skills and problem solving, alongside the personal qualities of responsibility and respect for others; commends the work of the Muslim Scout Fellowship and community leaders in supporting the development of Scouting in Scotland's diverse communities, and wishes the Kirkcaldy Muslim Scout Group every success as it begins its programme of activities and welcomes children and families from across the community.

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