

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
31 August	LD	SNP	REF
7 September	LAB	SNP	GRN
14 September	SNP	SNP	CON
21 September	SNP	LAB	REF
28 September	SNP	GRN	LD
5 October	SNP	SNP	REF
26 October	LAB	SNP	CON

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

S7M-00926: Fulton MacGregor: A Play-Based Kindergarten Stage for

Scotland— That the Parliament recognises that the first seven years of life are a unique period of physical, emotional, social and cognitive development, and that young children, including those in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, learn through relationships, play, movement, conversation, creativity, exploration and first-hand experience; further recognises what it considers to be the substantial body of evidence supporting play-based and developmentally appropriate early education, including the importance of active and outdoor play in supporting physical health, wellbeing, self-regulation, social development and lifelong learning; commends the work of organisations such as Upstart Scotland in promoting the needs of children in early years education based on relationship-centred, child-led, play-based environments, with a greater focus on outdoor learning; notes the belief that Scotland has a strong tradition of early learning and childcare and that the principles of Curriculum for Excellence, Getting It Right For Every Child and Scotland's Play Strategy recognise the importance of children's wellbeing, development, relationships and learning through play; further notes the belief, however, that the transition from early learning and childcare into P1 can introduce expectations of formal academic learning at an age when children's development, interests and readiness vary considerably; recognises evidence indicating that an earlier start to formal academic instruction does not necessarily confer a lasting educational advantage, and that language-rich, play-based and developmentally appropriate

experiences provide important foundations for later literacy, numeracy and scientific learning; notes the view that giving young children more time and opportunity to develop through play, conversation, creativity, physical activity and exploration can strengthen the foundations for successful formal learning rather than delay them; further notes the view that a universal kindergarten stage could help address inequalities in school readiness by giving every child, regardless of background, access to high-quality play, outdoor learning, language-rich environments and sensitive adult support, while recognising that children who show an early interest or readiness in reading, writing or mathematics should be encouraged and supported at their own level; acknowledges the experience of education systems internationally that provide a distinct, play-based early-years stage before formal schooling, and notes the belief that Scotland should learn from this evidence while building on the considerable expertise of its own early-years workforce; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to support a universal kindergarten stage in Scotland for pupils in what is currently P1, with an ethos distinct from formal primary schooling and centred on play, relationships, wellbeing, communication, creativity, physical development and learning through enjoyable experiences; notes the belief that such a stage should provide substantial opportunities for self-directed, imaginative, social, active and outdoor play alongside skilled adult support and purposeful experiences in language, music, art, drama, storytelling, science and mathematics; notes the view that formal literacy and numeracy should be introduced responsively according to children's individual development, interests and readiness, rather than imposed uniformly at an early age; notes the belief that the development of a kindergarten stage should include consideration of a more gradual transition into formal academic learning and the implications of a later commencement of formal schooling; acknowledges the view that the precise structure and age range should be informed by evidence, consultation and experience, and that implementation would require proper consideration of workforce capacity, professional development, funding, facilities and outdoor spaces; considers that children, parents and carers, early-years practitioners, teachers, local authorities, researchers and relevant organisations should have a meaningful role in shaping and evaluating the approach, and notes the view that Scotland's youngest children should receive an education that reflects how they learn and develop, gives them the strongest possible foundations for later attainment and supports their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

S7M-00899: Holly Bruce: Save Queen's Park Glasshouse— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the deep cultural, historical and environmental significance of the Queen's Park Glasshouse to the Glasgow Southside constituency and the wider city; notes what it considers to be the significant public support for protecting this cultural heritage asset, evidenced by a Glasgow City Council petition signed by more than 13,000 people; understands that the glasshouse supports a range of crucial community priorities and that maintaining public access is important for heritage preservation, community cohesion, urban greenspace, accessible public toilets and dedicated opportunities for children's play; believes that the safeguarding and sustainable revitalisation of the glasshouse aligns directly with key Scottish Government strategic ambitions, including those under the National Planning Framework 4, the Climate Change Plan and the Health and Social Care Strategy; notes the view that additional investment is required to bring the glasshouse back to its full potential, and further notes calls for the Scottish Government to meet with

representatives of the Save Queen's Park Glasshouse campaign and Glasgow City Council to discuss all opportunities for the future of the glasshouse.

S7M-00870: Murdo Fraser: Seen and Known: Rebuilding Belonging in Modern Scotland— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Seen and Known: Rebuilding Belonging in Modern Scotland* by Logos Scotland, which examines the causes and consequences of loneliness and social disconnection and considers how a stronger sense of belonging can be fostered across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; notes with concern the report's findings regarding levels of loneliness among younger people and what it considers to be the growing challenge of people feeling disconnected from family, community and wider society; recognises what it sees as the important contribution made by churches, faith communities, charities, voluntary organisations and other local institutions in creating places where people can build meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging; notes the view that tackling loneliness requires consideration not only of individual wellbeing but also of the strength of the families, communities and institutions that connect people to one another; welcomes the contribution that Logos Scotland makes to public policy debate by bringing a Christian perspective to contemporary social and political challenges; notes the belief that policy at both national and local level should recognise and support the institutions and relationships that help build strong and connected communities, and welcomes further discussion about how Scotland can become a country in which more people feel seen, known and that they belong.

S7M-00862: Clare Haughey: 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Blantyre in Malawi— That the Parliament congratulates Blantyre, in Malawi, on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, to be celebrated in October 2026; understands that the city was founded on 23 October 1876 by Scottish missionaries, and was named after Blantyre in Scotland, the birthplace of the explorer David Livingstone; recognises that Scotland and Malawi share a deep historical friendship dating back to Livingstone's explorations in the region; highlights the publication of the book by Jonathan Waters, *Blantyre: Urban Evolution – A Photographic History*, which chronicles the city's people, places and transformation since 1876, and pays tribute to the many individuals, businesses, third sector organisations, including the Scotland Malawi Partnership and Rutherglen-based Classrooms for Malawi, schools and universities and governments that have maintained the links between the two countries over the past century and a half.

S7M-00822: Rachael Hamilton: Protecting the Safety of Women by Condemning the Use of Misleading Language by Elected Members that Undermines the Severity of Sexual Violence— That the Parliament recognises that women have the right to feel safe, respected and protected from intimidation or harassment, including within the Scottish Parliament; notes with concern comments attributed to a Scottish Green MSP that rape exists “on a spectrum”; believes that any suggestion that rape can be understood in terms that diminish its seriousness is wholly inappropriate and deeply distressing to survivors of sexual violence; further believes that the gravity of rape must never be trivialised by those holding public office or responsible for upholding the law; recognises an official response from Rape Crisis Scotland which states: “If anything, rape is not demonised enough. These comments are deeply irresponsible and reinforce harmful rape myths that organisations like ours have fought hard against for decades. The trauma and

seriousness of rape should never be minimised."; acknowledges the work of organisations supporting survivors of sexual violence across Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; considers that women serving as elected representatives must be able to participate fully in parliamentary life without feeling intimidated or unsafe as a result of the views or conduct of another elected member; and believes that public discourse in this area must adhere to the highest standards of conduct and protect women's safety, and should never diminish the seriousness of sexual violence.

S7M-00815: Patricia Gibson: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2026— That the Parliament supports Baby Loss Awareness Week, which takes place from 9 to 15 October 2026 and has the theme, *Together, we care*, focusing on nurturing mental and physical wellbeing and supporting one another; recognises that the week provides a safe and supportive opportunity for those affected by pregnancy and baby loss to share their experiences and to feel that they are not alone; recognises the devastating impact that baby loss can have on parents and the wider family; notes official statistics showing that there were 318 baby deaths including 159 stillbirths in Scotland and 4,477 baby deaths including 2,552 stillbirths across the UK in 2024; further notes research by the charity *Tommy's* indicating that half of adults in the UK have been affected directly, or through someone they know, by pregnancy or baby loss; acknowledges the significance of the global #WaveOfLight on 15 October, during which families around the world light a candle at 7PM local time in remembrance of babies who have died; pays tribute to the charities and organisations that support bereaved parents and families; commends the work of pregnancy and baby loss charities across Scotland and the UK, including Ayrshire Baby Loss Support, a non-profit organisation that supports anyone affected by baby loss and is a member of the Baby Loss Awareness Alliance, a group of more than 80 charities and organisations from across the UK that collaborate during Baby Loss Awareness Week to raise awareness of pregnancy and baby loss and to improve support for those affected, and recognises the valuable contribution that such organisations make in raising awareness and helping families through the painful experience of pregnancy and baby loss.

S7M-00788: Lloyd Melville: Celebrating Angus Berries and Scotland's Soft Fruit Sector— That the Parliament celebrates Scotland's soft fruit sector and its important contribution to the rural economy, food and drink industry and the country's reputation for high-quality produce; recognises Angus as one of Scotland's leading berry-growing areas and applauds the growers, seasonal workers, packers, processors and retailers who bring Scottish strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries to consumers; notes that almost 2,000 hectares of land in Scotland are devoted to soft fruit production, including around 1,000 hectares for strawberries; welcomes the contribution of Angus Growers, the Arbroath-based grower-owned producer organisation, and its members; commends the family-run Balhungie Berry Farm, near Monifieth, which Lloyd Melville MSP recently visited, for growing and selling fresh local berries and connecting people with Angus agriculture; welcomes initiatives such as the Angus Berry Trail, which link berry production with farm shops, hospitality and tourism; acknowledges what it sees as the challenges facing growers, including rising costs, unpredictable weather and access to seasonal labour; notes the belief that more should be done to promote the quality, provenance and nutritional benefits of Scottish berries; further notes the calls for governments, tourism bodies, retailers and public sector caterers to work with growers to promote

Scottish berries at home and abroad, including through greater use of seasonal berries in public sector menus, and wishes everyone involved in Scotland's berry sector continued success.

S7M-00786: Paul Sweeney: Glasgow Secures the Future of the Commonwealth Games— That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow on successfully hosting the XXIII Commonwealth Games; further congratulates Commonwealth Games Scotland on its successful organisation of the Games, which saw over 3,000 athletes compete for 645 medals across 10 sports; notes that Glasgow stepped in at short notice to host the Games after the original host, the state of Victoria in Australia, withdrew in July 2023 due to cost concerns; recognises that, following a sustained campaign by Commonwealth Games Scotland and with support from Glasgow parliamentarians, Glasgow agreed in September 2024 to take over the hosting rights for the 2026 Commonwealth Games, allowing the Games to continue uninterrupted, as they have done since the Second World War; further recognises that the Games received financial support from Victoria, Australia; notes that the Games made extensive use of four venues that were originally built or upgraded for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the Scottish Event Campus, Glasgow International Arena, Scotstoun Stadium and Tollcross International Swimming Centre, demonstrating a lower-cost and more sustainable model that allowed the Games to proceed on a leaner budget than originally planned; welcomes the full integration of para-sport across six of the 10 disciplines on offer, which is a record number of para medal events for the Commonwealth Games; celebrates Scotland's performances as host nation, including Josh Kerr's Gold in the Commonwealth Mile, marking the first time the mile has featured at the Games in 60 years; commends the thousands of staff and volunteers whose work across the 11 days of competition was instrumental to the success of the Games; celebrates the fact that Amdavad, India, will host the centennial edition of the Commonwealth Games in 2030, securing the longer-term future of the Games; wishes every athlete, volunteer and spectator involved in the Games the very best, thanks them for making it such a success, and celebrates Glasgow's willingness to step in to ensure that the Commonwealth Games were neither postponed nor cancelled.

S7M-00762: Paul McLennan: Walking Scotland's 30th Anniversary— That the Parliament congratulates Walking Scotland on its 30th anniversary; notes the charity's significant contribution since its inception to developing and improving Scotland's path network and supporting and promoting walking for all through activities, grants and guidance; welcomes the Scottish Government's continued commitment to walking and wheeling; notes that 86% of people in Scotland already walk or wheel regularly and that many want to do so more often; believes that investment in walking and wheeling delivers exceptional value, returning around £6 for every £1 spent and preventing thousands of serious health conditions; notes the view that walking is one of the easiest and most accessible ways to improve the nation's health and wellbeing, one of the best ways to tackle the climate-nature emergency, increase social interactions and connectedness in communities across Scotland, including in the East Lothian Coast and Lammermuirs area, as well as generate economic benefits; notes the call for the Scottish Government to bring forward its proposed national walking framework as soon as practical and launch a path fund, and wishes Walking Scotland continued success over the coming years.

S7M-00747: Gary Bouse: World Stroke Day 2026— That the Parliament notes that 29 October 2026 marks World Stroke Day; recognises that every stroke changes a life in an instant, often leaving survivors, families and carers facing physical, emotional, psychological and financial consequences; understands that the condition is a medical emergency affecting the brain, requiring urgent specialist treatment; acknowledges that it remains Scotland's third biggest killer and the leading cause of adult disability, with a stroke reportedly occurring every 49 minutes in Scotland and more than 150,000 stroke survivors across the country living with the lasting effects of the condition; understands with concern that around one in four people who experience a stroke are of working age with up to one in three forced to leave employment as a result; recognises that around 11,000 people in Scotland experienced stroke in 2025, including more than 600 in NHS Forth Valley, which serves residents of Falkirk West; notes the view that to improve Scotland's stroke services, it requires a comprehensive emergency pathway that ensures people with a suspected stroke are taken to the right service, regardless of location, and provided with timely access to thrombolysis that is local to them where clinically appropriate; further notes the view that this requires a 24/7 national thrombectomy service and improved access to specialist post-stroke rehabilitation in order to improve outcomes and quality of life; notes the belief that without these changes, the cost of stroke to Scotland's health and social care services, which it already considers significant, will continue to rise, and commends the work of Scotland's stroke clinical community, third sector organisations, including the Stroke Association and Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, and the campaigning of people with lived experience of stroke, their families and loved ones, including the Bundy family, whose experience, arising from the tragic death of family member, Tony, aged 53 from a Basilar Artery Ischaemic Stroke, has helped inform their calls for action to transform stroke care and recovery services across Scotland.

S7M-00708: Clare Adamson: Breast Cancer Now Wear It Pink Day 2026— That the Parliament recognises Breast Cancer Now's Wear It Pink Day 2026, which takes place on 23 October, and commends the vital work of Breast Cancer Now, the UK's leading breast cancer research and support charity; acknowledges the success of the Wear It Pink campaign, which has raised over £45 million since its inception in 2002 for lifesaving breast cancer research and care; notes the calls encouraging people across Scotland to wear pink and fundraise on the day; pays special tribute to the late Christina McKelvie MSP, a dear friend and colleague, whose commitment to breast cancer awareness, equality and compassion continues to inspire; understands that around 4,800 people in Scotland are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and that early detection, timely treatment and ongoing support are vital to improving outcomes and helping achieve the charity's goal that, by 2050, everyone with breast cancer will live and live well; notes the view that there is a need for continued investment in research, improved access to care and increasing awareness of secondary breast cancer, for which, it understands, there is currently no cure, and believes that campaigns such as Wear It Pink can make a real difference to those affected by breast cancer, now and in the future.

S7M-00707: Katy Clark: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Service Delivery Review— That the Parliament expresses its dismay at the decision taken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Board to proceed with service changes outlined in its Service Delivery Review, despite what it believes has been significant

public opposition, including in the West Scotland region; considers that these service changes will result in station closures, the withdrawal of fire appliances, reduced fire cover and increased response times; understands that there has already been a loss of 1,250 jobs and an around £74 million per year reduction in real-terms funding of the SFRS since 2012-13, and notes the calls for increased and sustained investment in the SFRS to ensure that it can keep the public safe, improve response times and respond to challenges, such as the reported rising number of wildfires.

S7M-00586: Rachael Hamilton: World Arthritis Day— That the Parliament welcomes World Arthritis Day, which takes place on 12 October 2026; understands that arthritis and other musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions affect more than 1.7 million people in Scotland, around one in three adults, and are a leading cause of pain and disability; notes that these conditions affect people of all ages, including more than 18,000 children in Scotland living with a long-term MSK condition; acknowledges the impact that MSK conditions have on individuals, the NHS, social care services and the wider economy; welcomes what it sees as Scotland's world-leading research into arthritis and immunology, including the work led by Professor Sir Iain McInnes at the University of Glasgow and at the Centre for Musculoskeletal Health and Work in Aberdeen under the leadership of Professor Gary J Macfarlane, and commends Arthritis UK for currently investing £15.3 million to advance research in Scotland while supporting people living with arthritis and campaigning for better care.

S7M-00516: Clare Adamson: Gas Safety Week 2026— That the Parliament marks Gas Safety Week 2026, which runs from 14 to 20 September, under the theme of "Getting ready for the colder months and not taking risks"; recognises that the week encourages everyone to have their gas appliances checked annually by a Gas Safe registered engineer and to share gas safety advice with others; acknowledges the continuing pressures of the cost of living and that many households are reducing spending because of financial pressures, but believes that gas safety should not be overlooked; emphasises the importance of annual gas safety checks using Gas Safe registered engineers and ensuring that carbon monoxide alarms are installed and in working order; recognises that poorly maintained gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning; acknowledges that Gas Safe Register provides a range of support and resources, including GasMap, which is an interactive tool that allows consumers to see how many unsafe gas jobs have been identified in their area and access practical safety advice; notes continued efforts to raise gas safety awareness among people living in rented accommodation, including holidaymakers, and to promote understanding of the relevant legal responsibilities and regulations; commends the work of Gas Safe Register and all organisations supporting Gas Safety Week, and wishes them every success in raising awareness of an issue that helps save lives across Scotland, including in Motherwell and Wishaw.

S7M-00445: Fulton MacGregor: Protecting Vulnerable Consumers Following Termination of Family Protection Plan Insurance Scheme— That the Parliament expresses concern over the financial and emotional distress facing thousands of credit union members across Scotland, including in Coatbridge and Chryston, following the decision by the Swedish underwriter, Maiden Life Försäkrings AB, to withdraw from the UK market, resulting in the termination of the long-standing Family Protection Plan (FPP) group life insurance policy; understands that an estimated

5,000 policyholders across the UK, with a high concentration in Scotland, were reportedly left without cover despite many having paid monthly premiums in good faith for up to 25 years to protect their families from funeral costs and financial hardship; notes with dismay that, because the FPP was structured as a monthly renewable term policy with a short notice cancellation clause, rather than as a ring-fenced savings mechanism or protected prepaid funeral plan, members have been left with no cash-in value or financial return despite years of contributions; recognises evidence submitted by the Independent Coalition of Credit Unions indicating that a significant proportion of affected members are elderly and vulnerable people, including some living with chronic health conditions or on modest incomes, that many have been unable to secure replacement cover following the withdrawal of the scheme and that a number of affected policyholders have died since the cover was terminated; believes that Scotland accounts for the substantial proportion of affected credit union members across the UK and therefore bears a disproportionate share of the social and financial consequences arising from the termination of the scheme; pays tribute to the leadership of Elaine Rae, chief executive officer of the NHS Credit Union, and to the efforts of Scottish credit unions, elected representatives and consumer advocates, who have worked to highlight the experiences of affected members and seek a fair resolution; notes that the Financial Conduct Authority has confirmed that Maiden Life's withdrawal was permitted under the existing regulatory framework, highlighting potential weaknesses in consumer protections relating to long-term group insurance products marketed as providing lasting peace of mind and financial security; welcomes the engagement of HM Treasury, including the convening of discussions involving regulators, industry representatives and affected credit unions, and believes that meaningful consumer redress must remain a priority as those discussions continue; concurs with calls for the establishment of an appropriate compensation, redress or support mechanism that reflects the particular circumstances and vulnerabilities of affected consumers; notes calls for the Scottish Government to continue its engagement with the credit union sector and to utilise all available mechanisms to support those impacted, and concurs with the call for HM Treasury ministers and officials to convene a further formal roundtable with affected credit union groups, consumer representatives, the Financial Conduct Authority, industry stakeholders and devolved administrations to consider redress options, address the regulatory issues highlighted by the termination of the scheme and ensure that vulnerable consumers are not left to bear the full consequences of its withdrawal.

S7M-00428: Graham Simpson: AI Data Centres— That the Parliament notes with concern proposals for hyperscale AI data centres across the Central Scotland and Lothian West region, including at Ravenscraig, Larbert, Newhouse and West Calder, and near communities affected by the proposed AI Growth Zone at Chapelhall; understands that such developments may rely on diesel generators to support 24/7 operation; further understands that there are concerns over potential nitrogen oxide emissions; recognises that there are community concerns about the cumulative impact on air quality, emissions, green space and energy costs; regrets that National Planning Framework 4 does not define “green data centres”, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to issue urgent guidance on the term, including in relation to the use of gas and diesel power and the air quality standards that should apply.

S7M-00319: Jenni Minto: Scotland's Rainforest— That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's rainforest and associated natural habitats; understands that under all climate warming scenarios over the coming century, Scotland will increase its global share of the temperate rainforest biome, making it the best place on the planet to regenerate this habitat; notes that Argyll and Bute hosts approximately 50% of what remains in Scotland, and therefore holds a central role in this regeneration; recognises the significant role of the Alliance For Scotland's Rainforest in promoting the importance of Scotland's rainforest as well as the need to protect and expand it; welcomes the recent discovery of a number of rare species, including glow-worms and slime moulds, in Scotland's rainforest; recognises the immense work of the Argyll Countryside Trust (ACT) following the launch of the West Cowal Rainforest Habitat Regeneration - Biological Recording project in June 2024, which has now identified 1,109 species across the project area, and commends the team at ACT and all of the volunteers who have contributed to this project.

S7M-00300: Craig Hoy: Withdrawal of Cheque Deposit Services at Post Office and Banking Hubs by Lloyds Banking Group— That the Parliament notes with concern the reported impact of the decision taken by Lloyds Banking Group in 2025 to withdraw cheque deposit services through Post Office branches and Banking Hubs; understands that Lloyds, operator of the Bank of Scotland, is the only major bank that does not allow customers to deposit cheques at Post Office branches and Banking Hubs, a decision that it believes is having an adverse effect on the most vulnerable customers in areas such as Sanquhar in Dumfriesshire; considers that banking hubs have made a positive difference to communities across Dumfriesshire and the rest of Scotland, which have lost access to face-to-face banking following branch closures; notes the calls for Lloyds Banking Group to support the 44% of account users who still use cheques, particularly within the 65 and over age group, by reversing this decision so that the most vulnerable customers are not negatively impacted, and further notes the calls on the Financial Conduct Authority, LINK, Cash Access UK and the Post Office to review the criteria for Banking Hubs and access to cash in rural areas and those with older or disadvantaged customer groups.

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-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-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-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-00107: Laura Mitchell: Dr Gray's Hospital— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of Dr Gray's Hospital to residents in Moray, including the crucial role that the hospital plays in delivering healthcare for people in the north east; further recognises the excellent work of clinicians and staff at Dr Gray's, who face increasing pressures due to changing demographics and a rise in complex care needs; recognises calls that people in Moray should be able to access services as close to home as possible; considers the important work underway to restore a consultant-led maternity service in Elgin by the end of 2026; acknowledges the longstanding campaign for an MRI scanner for Moray to reduce the need for patients to travel to access this service; notes the view that NHS Grampian must ensure, both now and in future, that Dr Gray's delivers the services required to meet the needs of the Moray population; considers Dr Gray's to be an integral part of healthcare delivery in the Grampian region, and acknowledges the position that investment in services and infrastructure at Dr Gray's must be a priority for NHS Grampian so that it can deliver the very best care for the people of Moray and the wider region.

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-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.

Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament

1. Below is a table of Members' Business taken by the Parliament.

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
9 June 2026	Patricia Gibson	SNP	World Pre-Eclampsia Day, 22 May 2026
10 June 2026	Alyn Smith	SNP	Growing Scotland's Screen Sector
11 June 2026	Colin Beattie	SNP	Recognising the Damaging Impact of Antisocial Behaviour
16 June 2026	Jenny Young	LAB	The 10th Anniversary of the Death of Jo Cox
17 June 2026	Helen McDade	REF	The Cost of Undiagnosed ADHD or Autism in Outcomes and Life Chances
18 June 2026	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Sustaining Jobs and Securing the Future of Scotland's Universities
23 June 2026	Jack Middleton	SNP	Save STV North News
24 June 2026	Liam Kerr	CON	Nuclear Power in Scotland
25 June 2026	Marie McNair	SNP	Action Mesothelioma Day 2026

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Party	SNP	LAB	REF	GRN	CON	LD	Total
Frequency (no)	5	1	1	1	1	0	9
Frequency %	56	11	11	11	11	0	100

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