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 December is as follows–

Week beginning	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**
5 October	SNP	SNP	REF
26 October	GRN*	SNP	CON
2 November	SNP	SNP	SNP
9 November	REF	LAB*	LAB
16 November	CON	SNP	SNP
23 November	SNP	REF	LD
30 November	SNP	GRN	LAB
7 December	SNP	CON	SNP
14 December	SNP	SNP	SNP
Recess – 19 December 2026 to 2 January 2027			

*parties agreed to swap

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

S7M-01394: George Adam: Octopus Clinical Trial for Primary and Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis— That the Parliament welcomes the recent interim results from the Octopus clinical trial for primary and secondary progressive Multiple Sclerosis (MS), which has indicated that alpha-lipoic acid has early promise as a potential treatment; notes that Octopus is designed to test potential treatments up to three times faster than traditional trials by using the multi-arm, multi-stage (MAMS) approach; understands that the trial is testing repurposed treatments and, at this stage, has tested metformin and alpha-lipoic acid; welcomes that alpha-lipoic acid will now continue to the next stage of the trial, which will see hundreds more people recruited; believes that Octopus demonstrates that an innovative approach to clinical trials is possible with MS and that this encouraging news is a step in the right direction to finding treatments to slow or stop progression of MS; anticipates that new treatments to be tested will be announced in early 2027 and that the final results of the alpha-lipoic stage of the trial will be available in 2029; considers this to be a positive development for people living with progressive MS, including in Paisley, who

currently have limited treatment options, and wishes staff and participants well as the trial continues.

S7M-01325: Daniel Johnson: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Lothian Buses, Formerly Lothian Region Transport— That the Parliament celebrates the 40th anniversary of Lothian Buses, which was formerly Lothian Region Transport and is the UK's largest municipal bus company; commends the foresight of then Lothian Region, which established Lothian Regional Transport plc following the Transport Act 1985, which mandated that bus operators be run as commercial entities; notes the efforts of the Lothian Region administration and trades unions for resisting a management buyout in 1992, ensuring that Lothian Buses was the only major publicly owned bus company in Scotland; believes that the deregulation and privatisation of bus services has failed on its own terms; notes the continued municipal ownership model in the Lothians; believes that this ensures profits are reinvested into new routes, low ticket prices and fleet improvements; notes the crucial role that it believes public transport has in addressing carbon emissions and growing local economies, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to urgently simplify bus franchising legislation as a stepping-stone to municipal ownership, to ensure that other regions can build better bus services.

S7M-01204: Tim Eagle: Transport Connectivity in Rural Scotland— That the Parliament recognises the importance of good transport connectivity to the long-term sustainability and resilience of rural and island communities across Scotland; believes that people are less likely to live, work, raise families and invest in rural areas when reliable connections to employment, education, healthcare and essential services cannot be guaranteed; notes with concern the growing number of rural bridges that are closed, restricted or in need of significant repair, including Cloddach Bridge, Arthur's Bridge, the Spey Viaduct and other bridges across Moray and the wider Highlands and Islands region; believes that the closure or prolonged restriction of such infrastructure can have a disproportionate impact on rural communities; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to create a dedicated National Bridge Restoration Fund to allow local authorities to apply for funding to fix these vital links; acknowledges the £2 bus fare cap pledge in the Highlands and Islands, but believes that affordable fares are of limited benefit where bus services are infrequent, unreliable or have been withdrawn; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Small Town and Rural Bus Services Fund that would allow local authorities to apply for additional funding to keep bus routes open; recognises the vital role of air services in connecting remote and island communities; welcomes the launch of Project SEAN by Bristow, in partnership with HIAL, HITRANS and other organisations, which will develop electric aviation infrastructure across the Highlands and Islands; believes that new technologies could support the development of future passenger, NHS, cargo and other essential services to communities with poor connectivity; recognises the importance of delivering long-promised improvements to Scotland's strategic road network, including the dualling of the A9 and A96 and a permanent solution to the A83 Rest and Be Thankful; believes that repeated delays, reviews and further rounds of planning cannot substitute for delivery, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to match its commitments on tackling rural depopulation with the funding and action necessary to deliver the transport infrastructure and services that rural Scotland needs to remain populated, prosperous and connected.

S7M-01170: Jenni Minto: Brain Tumour Tissue Preservation and Patient Choice in Scotland— That the Parliament notes concerns raised by the Campaign for Owain's Law regarding what it sees as substantial variation in the fresh-freezing of brain tumour tissue following surgery across NHS Scotland; notes research by the campaign indicating that around a quarter (23%) of specimens reported across Scotland's four main neuro-oncology NHS boards in 2025 were fresh-frozen, with significant variation between centres; understands that, once sufficient tissue for diagnosis has been secured, fresh-freezing suitable remaining tumour tissue can preserve future opportunities for advanced testing, personalised treatments, clinical trials and research; notes the view that diagnosis must always come first and that not every specimen will be suitable for freezing; considers that substantial variation in practice risks creating a postcode lottery in whether potentially valuable tissue is preserved; notes the belief that patients should receive clear and consistent information and meaningful choice regarding the storage and future use of their tissue, and further notes the calls for a consistent national approach to brain tumour tissue preservation across Scotland, including in the Argyll and Bute constituency, under which suitable remaining tissue is routinely fresh-frozen where clinically feasible, patient choice is protected and preserved tissue can better support future treatment, testing and research.

S7M-01158: Clare Adamson: Scottish Storytelling Centre's 20th Anniversary— That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Storytelling Centre on reaching its 20th anniversary in 2026; acknowledges it as the world's first purpose-built centre for live storytelling and as a vibrant cultural venue in Edinburgh's Old Town; notes that, since opening in 2006, it has provided a welcoming space for communities, families and visitors to experience and participate in storytelling and the traditional arts; recognises the Centre's year-round programme of live storytelling, theatre, music, exhibitions, workshops, family events and festivals, alongside its specially curated Edinburgh Festival Fringe programme showcasing storytelling, music, theatre, spoken word and family performances from Scotland and around the world; acknowledges what it sees as the important role it plays in preserving, celebrating and passing on Scotland's rich storytelling traditions and cultural heritage to future generations; recognises its ownership by the Church of Scotland and partnership with Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland (TRACS), including its role as a home for the Scottish International Storytelling Festival and as a base for TRACS's work across Scotland and beyond; welcomes the upcoming Scottish International Storytelling Festival, one of the 11 major Edinburgh festivals; notes that this will take place from 21 to 31 October 2026 and bring together storytellers, artists, musicians and audiences from Scotland and around the world to celebrate the rich tradition and enduring power of oral storytelling; believes the Centre's ethos of openness, inclusion and shared creativity is reflected in the Scottish Traveller proverb, "The story is told eye to eye, mind to mind and heart to heart"; welcomes the contribution made by the Centre, TRACS, performers, artists, staff, volunteers and partners over the past 20 years, and wishes the Scottish Storytelling Centre continued success as it celebrates this significant milestone, as well as every success for the forthcoming Scottish International Storytelling Festival and its ongoing contribution to Scotland's cultural life for many years to come.

S7M-01157: David Torrance: Honouring the Volunteers of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)— That the Parliament commends the selfless

dedication, bravery and humanitarian service of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) across Scotland and the UK; recognises that the RNLI operates in accordance with international maritime law and the humanitarian duty to save lives at sea without judgment, distinction or political bias; highlights what it sees as the indispensable role played by local RNLI crews, many of whom are volunteers, in safeguarding coastal communities throughout Scotland, including the RNLI Kinghorn Lifeboat Station, which serves the Kirkcaldy constituency; condemns in the strongest terms reports of RNLI volunteers being harassed and vilified by far right activists; considers that targeting emergency service workers and volunteers carrying out life-saving duties undermines basic human decency and degrades public discourse, and notes the calls on all political parties to reject the politicisation of life-saving charities, to condemn abuse directed at lifeboat crews and to offer their full, unequivocal support to the RNLI.

S7M-01121: Steven Bonnar: Turning Lucky Into Normal, Preventing Homelessness in Scotland— That the Parliament believes that homelessness should be rare, brief and not repeated; welcomes what it sees as the shift from crisis management towards early intervention, prevention and rapid rehousing; recognises the value of an “Ask and Act” approach, whereby public services identify and respond to the risk of homelessness at the earliest possible opportunity; further recognises the importance of Housing First, rapid rehousing and effective tenancy sustainment in helping people secure and maintain a safe and stable home; notes the view that housing stability should be at the heart of homelessness prevention, so that everyone has the opportunity to access and sustain a stable home, and that successful approaches to prevention should become the norm in Uddingston and Bellshill and across Scotland, rather than outcomes depending on individual circumstances or chance, and welcomes the commitment to ending homelessness for everyone, recognising the importance of sustained investment and effective collaboration across public services to deliver this ambition.

S7M-01064: Paul Sweeney: Challenge Poverty Week 2026— That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2026, which is coordinated by the Poverty Alliance, Scotland’s anti-poverty network, and runs from 5 to 11 October; understands that hundreds of organisations and communities across Scotland, including in the Glasgow region, are coming together during the week to challenge the causes and consequences of poverty and to demand action; expresses concern that almost a million people in Scotland, including one in five children, are living in poverty; believes that poverty and inequality are not inevitable, but are created and sustained by political and economic choices, and that different choices can build a society where everyone has the security and opportunities to live a good life; recognises that poverty is experienced unequally, with women, lone parents, disabled people and people from minority ethnic communities among those more likely to be affected; notes the view that tackling poverty requires action across the foundations of people’s lives, including a social security system that provides an adequate income, affordable energy, secure and fairly paid work, investment in children and young people and a properly funded third sector, and notes the calls for MSPs to support Challenge Poverty Week events and activities in their constituencies and communities, and to stand with people across the country in demanding a Scotland free from poverty.

S7M-01055: Colin Beattie: Holodomor Memorial Day 2026— That the Parliament recognises that 28 November 2026 marks the annual Holodomor Memorial Day; understands that this memorial day is in remembrance of the victims of the 1932-33 man-made famine that killed millions of Ukrainians; notes the longstanding relationship between Ukraine and Scotland; recognises that Holodomor Memorial Day commemorates all the victims of the Holodomor; expresses its solidarity with the people of Ukraine who were victims of this genocide by, it believes, what were the deliberate actions of the Soviet regime, and pays its respects to those killed during this time.

S7M-01045: Stephen Kerr: 500th Anniversary of William Tyndale's New Testament— That the Parliament notes that 2026 marks the 500th anniversary of the first printed New Testament in English, which was translated from the Greek by William Tyndale and printed in Worms in 1526; understands that copies were smuggled into Britain in merchants' cargoes and had reached Edinburgh by 1527, and that Tyndale was executed in 1536; considers that his belief that ordinary people could be trusted to read and interpret scripture for themselves is an early expression of what is now protected as freedom of religion or belief under Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and regrets that many people around the world are still persecuted for holding, changing or sharing their beliefs; recognises the influence of these ideas on Scottish education, including the ambition of the *First Book of Discipline* in 1560 for a school in every parish and the subsequent Act for Settling of Schools in 1696; notes that around four-fifths of the New Testament in the *King James Bible* follows Tyndale's wording, and commends all those marking this quincentenary.

S7M-01023: Katy Clark: Opposing the Proposed Reduction in Funding for the No Knives, Better Lives Programme— That the Parliament notes with concern reports that knife crime has reached its highest level in eight years; recognises what it sees as growing public concern regarding knife crime, particularly after recent high-profile incidents involving young people; notes the work of the No Knives, Better Lives programme, which has reached over 100,000 young people across Scotland, including in the West Scotland Region, and has been credited with an 85% reduction in the number of young people convicted of handling an offensive weapon since 2008-09; expresses its concern that the No Knives, Better Lives programme has been subject to a reported 32% reduction in its funding in the 2026-27 financial year; understands that this is on top of a previously reported real-terms reduction of 10% in funding for the programme since 2022-23, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to increase funding for the No Knives, Better Lives programme, in light of its previous success in helping to reduce knife crime among young people across Scotland.

S7M-01002: Steven Bonnar: No Wrong Door: Supporting People with Complex Needs— That the Parliament considers that people experiencing homelessness alongside mental ill health and/or problematic substance use can face multiple barriers when trying to access health, social care, housing and support services, including in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency; notes the belief that people with complex needs can fall between the gaps when responsibility for their care moves between different services; welcomes the Scottish Government’s work through the National Mental Health and Substance Use Protocol, the Discharge

Without Delay approach and forthcoming homelessness prevention duties; notes the view that continued work is required to ensure that this guidance is consistently followed across Scotland and that people are not discharged from hospital or other healthcare settings without proper consideration of their mental health, substance use, housing situation, safety and ongoing support needs; further notes the view that closer working between NHS boards, Health and Social Care Partnerships, local authorities, housing and homelessness services, mental health and substance use services and the third sector is required to provide joined-up support, with clear arrangements for follow-up and continuity of care, and notes the belief that an approach is needed where people with complex needs are supported through services rather than passed between them because their circumstances do not fit neatly within one service.

S7M-00982: Stuart McMillan: Congratulating Inverclyde Tourist Group on its 25th Anniversary— That the Parliament congratulates Inverclyde Tourist Group (ITG) on reaching its 25th anniversary; recognises the outstanding contribution that its volunteers have made in welcoming visitors to Inverclyde and promoting the area's attractions, heritage and hospitality; notes that ITG members were recently honoured at a special celebration aboard the *Majestic Princess* cruise ship, hosted by Princess Cruises and Global Ports, to mark this significant milestone; acknowledges that the group has welcomed hundreds of thousands of cruise passengers to Greenock over the past quarter century and has played a major role in helping establish Greenock as a leading cruise destination; commends the dedication and commitment of current and former volunteers, including the organisation's founders, whose efforts have helped showcase Inverclyde to visitors from around the world; recognises the positive contribution that tourism makes to local communities, including across the Inverclyde constituency; notes that ITG's work was previously recognised through the award of The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service, and wishes everyone associated with ITG continued success for the future and for the next 25 years of service.

S7M-00981: Bob Doris: Hospice Care Week 2026 - Don’t Leave Hospice Care to Chance— That the Parliament looks forward to this year’s Hospice Care Week campaign by Hospice UK, taking place from 5 to 11 October 2026, with this year’s theme being Don’t Leave Hospice Care To Chance; values the important and compassionate work that is carried out by hospices across Scotland, with the majority of hospice care being delivered in the community; recognises the demographic challenges that are anticipated in the coming years, with research estimating that 10,000 additional people will be in need of palliative care in Scotland by 2048; notes the belief that there will need to be strong partnership and strategic planning in order to respond to such demographic challenge; welcomes the cross-party consensus in the last session of Parliament on the need to further support the palliative and end of life sector, and notes the belief that a constructive cross-party and cross-sector approach will be vital in this current session of the Scottish Parliament to build on that consensus and more importantly to best deliver for individuals approaching end of life, as well as their families.

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-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-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-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-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-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-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-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.

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
1 September 2026	Andrew Baxter	LD	The Growing Risk of Wildfires in Scotland
2 September 2026	Keith Brown	SNP	Driving Test Delays and the Impact on Learners in Scotland
3 September 2026	Graham Simpson	REF	AI Data Centres
8 September 2026	Katy Clark	LAB	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Service Delivery Review
9 September 2026	Paul McLennan	SNP	Walking Scotland's 30th Anniversary
10 September 2026	Holly Bruce	GRN	Save Queen's Park Glasshouse
15 September 2026	Lloyd Melville	SNP	Celebrating Angus Berries and Scotland's Soft Fruit Sector

16 September 2026	Jenni Minto	SNP	Scotland's Rainforest
17 September 2026	Stephen Kerr	CON	Policing, Crime Prevention and the Response to Mental Health Crisis in Mid Scotland and Fife
22 September 2026	Steven Bonnar	SNP	Child Maintenance, Protecting Children and Families in Scotland
23 September 2026	Jackie Baillie	LAB	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
24 September 2026	Thomas Kerr	REF	Results of the Independent Inquiry into White Working Class Educational Outcomes
29 September 2026	Clare Adamson	SNP	Breast Cancer Now Wear It Pink Day 2026
30 September 2026	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Building Scotland's Resilience to Wildfires and Other Climate Shocks
1 October 2026	Liam McArthur	LD	Calling for a Regional Air Strategy for the Highlands and Islands

Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in Session 7

Party	**SNP**	**LAB**	**REF**	**GRN**	**CON**	**LD**	**Total**
Frequency (no)	11	3	3	3	2	2	24
Frequency %	45	13	13	13	8	8	100

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