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# Business Bulletin

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## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

## Meeting of the Parliament

There are no meetings today.

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There are no meetings today.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 17 May 2016

### Wednesday 25 May 2016

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Thursday 26 May 2016

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Scottish Government Business

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

## Future Committee Meetings

The future business of the Parliament has not yet been agreed to.

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## Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

Each Monday, this section also contains motions and amendments that have been lodged the previous week and are still live and those that have been lodged for debate in the coming week. A motion or amendment is live if it has not been debated, withdrawn or otherwise deleted.

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
- \*...\* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

### Members' Business motions that have not achieved cross party support

**\*S5M-00113 Iain Gray: Closure of RBS Prestonpans Branch**—That the Parliament notes with concern the proposed closure of the RBS branch in Prestonpans on 9 August 2016; understands that this will leave RBS customers without a branch in the town and with a trip to either Tranent or Musselburgh for their nearest branch; is unaware of any effort made by the bank to consult the local community and that RBS cites an increase in online and mobile transactions as a contributing factor to the closure; believes that this is unfair to many customers who have been loyal to RBS over the years particularly older customers and those without access to the internet who will be most affected by the closure, and notes calls for the bank to reconsider this decision and put the needs of its customers first.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie\*, Colin Smyth\*, Jenny Marra\*, Neil Findlay\*, John Mason\*

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*S5M-00126 Ben Macpherson: UK Government's Proposal to Scrap the Human Rights Act**—That the Parliament notes with concern the UK Government's proposal to scrap the Human Rights Act 1998; believes that human rights are a crucial part of a democratic society; notes that the abolition of the Act would require the consent of the Scottish Parliament, and believes that such consent should be refused.

**\*S5M-00125 John Mason: UN Calls on Turkey to Allow Observer Access to Kurdish Areas**—That the Parliament notes the reports that the UN Human Rights Commissioner, Zeid Raad al-Hussein, has urged Turkey to grant the UN unimpeded access to the areas in the mainly Kurdish south-east of the country that are affected by fighting; is concerned by the commissioner's accounts of unarmed civilians, including women and children, being shot by snipers during the crackdown; understands that government forces have brought huge damage to the area's

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infrastructure, and urges the Turkish Government to allow international observers full access to ensure the observation of human rights, by both sides, at all times in the conflict.

**\*S5M-00124 Graeme Dey: Arbroath Ladies Lifeboat Guild**—That the Parliament welcomes the outstanding fundraising efforts undertaken by the Arbroath Ladies Lifeboat Guild, with £46,200 being raised during 2015, including £23,028 from the guild's own efforts; notes that its recent annual general meeting was Barbara Cargill's last as president; further notes that Barbara was recently presented with a Local Hero award by the Festival of Heroes and that such awards were also given to the Arbroath Lifeboat itself and crew members with five years or more of continuous service; notes that, over the time that Barbara has served as president of the guild, it has raised in the region of £750,000, and commends the bravery of all of those who volunteer as lifeboat crew and the efforts of those who fundraise to support the service.

**\*S5M-00123 David Torrance: Congratulations to Fair Isle Primary School**—That the Parliament congratulates Fair Isle Primary School in Kirkcaldy on being the first school in the UK, and only the third in Europe, to be awarded Lighthouse status by the Leader in Me programme; notes that this achievement demonstrates that it has completed the full implementation process and has been designated as a model school; understands that this project aims to help children develop essential life skills, including critical thinking, goal setting, creativity and teamwork, and to inspire self-confidence; believes that, since the inception of this programme in the school three years ago, it has become an integral part of daily life for the pupils; commends its engagement with this whole-school improvement programme, which it believes will have a positive impact on both pupils and staff, and wishes the school continuing success.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Joan McAlpine\*

**\*S5M-00122 Colin Beattie: Alba Bioscience Receives Queen's Award for Enterprise**—That the Parliament congratulates Alba Bioscience Limited on receiving the Queen's Award for Enterprise in the category of outstanding achievement in international trade; notes that Alba Bioscience, based at Ellens Glen Road, Edinburgh and Pentlands Science Park, Midlothian, develops, manufactures and supplies products for the global transfusion diagnostics market; understands that the annual Queen's Awards for Enterprise recognise the highest levels of excellence demonstrated by UK-based businesses in the categories of international trade, innovation and sustainable development, and wishes the company all the best for the future.

Supported by: Bill Kidd\*, Clare Adamson\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Joan McAlpine\*

**\*S5M-00121 Sandra White: Glasgow 2016 Homelessness World Cup Legacy Project**—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow Life on its recent award of £343,383 from the Big Lottery Fund to help establish a lasting legacy from the July 2016 Homeless World Cup in Glasgow; believes that it will use the money to work in partnership with Glasgow City Council's social work team and the Glasgow Homelessness Network to recruit and train 200 people to volunteer in a variety of roles, on and off the pitch; understands that up to half of the volunteers will be people who have been homeless at some point in their lives; hopes that this legacy project will help them gain new skills and confidence through a post-games programme of sports coaching and creative writing; understands that the initiative will also allow people who have experienced homelessness to share their stories and reconnect with their communities; notes that this will be accompanied by a national media campaign that will be aimed at challenging some of the myths and misconceptions about homelessness, and encourages anyone who is interested in more information on the 2016 Homeless World Cup to visit [homelessworldcup.org](http://homelessworldcup.org).

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Supported by: Christina McKelvie\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Bill Kidd\*, John Mason\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Bob Doris\*, Liam McArthur\*, Clare Haughey\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Pauline McNeill\*

**\*S5M-00120 Mary Fee: Renfrew FC Promotion Success—**That the Parliament congratulates Renfrew FC on the team's success in winning the SJFA Central League First Division; recognises the hard work of all of the club's players and volunteers and their continued and unrivalled dedication and commitment; notes that this achievement means that the team has been successful in winning silverware in its first year at its new stadium, New Western Park, and wishes the players every success for next season in the Super League First Division.

Supported by: David Torrance\*

**\*S5M-00119 Neil Findlay: RBS Abandons Communities while the Chief Executive Scoops Millions—**That the Parliament considers appalling the decision by RBS to axe another 200 jobs by closing yet more branches, including those in West Calder and Broxburn; notes that RBS, which is 73% owned by the taxpayer, has cut around 1,350 posts out of a workforce of 12,000 staff in its branch network since mid-March 2016; is astonished that the bank has reported an eighth successive year of losses, with a £2 billion loss the latest recorded, yet at the same time its chief executive, Ross McEwan, has been awarded a pay deal of £3.8 million, and believes that this is yet more evidence that there is one rule for workers and communities and another for the protected elite who have overseen years of poor performance yet still receive massive financial reward.

**\*S5M-00118 Jackie Baillie: Closure of RBS Alexandria Banch—**That the Parliament notes with concern the proposed closure of the RBS branch in Mitchell Way, Alexandria, on 15 August 2016; understands that the closure was announced without any prior consultation with RBS customers in the Vale of Leven, who will have to travel to Dumbarton to visit their nearest branch; notes that RBS has cited a decrease in the number of transactions taking place at the branch as one of the reasons for the closure; believes that the decision is short-sighted in light of West Dunbartonshire Council's announcement of a £6.5 million regeneration plan for Mithcell Way, which aims to boost retail by bringing shoppers back to the town centre and increasing footfall, and calls on RBS to reconsider the decision and pause the closure plans until it has fully consulted its loyal customers in Alexandria.

Supported by: Iain Gray\*, David Stewart\*, John Mason\*

**\*S5M-00117 Iain Gray: Muirfield Golf Club—**That the Parliament notes with disappointment the result of Muirfield Golf Club's vote on whether to admit women golfers as members; understands that the club required two thirds (432) of its 648 eligible voters to back the move, however, despite the 64% of those voting in favour of the resolution, the vote fell just short of the required two thirds majority to change club rules; believes that every golf club in Scotland has a duty to be inclusive and reflect modern society and that to do so clubs need to be open to both male and female golfers; considers that the decision was disappointing for equality and will also have a detrimental impact on East Lothian and its local economy through the loss of the opportunity to host major competitions such as the Open, and believes that the club should consider the decision again at the earliest opportunity.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie\*, David Stewart\*, Neil Findlay\*, John Mason\*, James Kelly\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Monica Lennon\*

**\*S5M-00116 Stuart McMillan: Gourock Highland Games and Lower Clyde Pipes and Drums—**That the Parliament commends the 60th anniversary of the Gourock Highland Games



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that took place on 8 May 2016; acknowledge that the games moved to a new location to the nearby Battery Park on the banks of the Clyde and attracted over 10,000 people, which was one of its biggest audiences; notes that the free entry and the fantastic weather helped deliver one of the best games in recent years and commends all those involved who helped organise the event; furthermore recognises that the games marked the first outing of the Inverclyde-based Lower Clyde Pipes and Drums in the Novice Juvenile Grade; congratulates the Lower Clyde Pipes and Drums on winning the grade, and wishes all members well for the remainder of the season.

Supported by: David Torrance\*, Bruce Crawford\*, Bill Kidd\*, Kenneth Gibson\*, Joan McAlpine\*

**\*S5M-00115 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Muirfield Golf Club and Gender Discrimination—**That the Parliament notes the decision of Muirfield Golf Club not to admit women members following a ballot of the existing, all male membership; welcomes the cross-party condemnation that this decision has engendered; regrets that discrimination and prohibition of women still exist in sporting and social clubs across Scotland; supports the efforts of campaigns in the public and voluntary sector to end all vestiges of gender discrimination in society, and urges the Scottish Government to take any action within its powers to make it an offence to bar membership to anyone on the grounds of gender.

Supported by: Neil Findlay\*, John Mason\*

**\*S5M-00114 Ben Macpherson: Opening of Edinburgh Remakery—**That the Parliament congratulates the social enterprise, Remade in Edinburgh, on the opening of the Edinburgh Remakery, located on Leith Walk; welcomes the Edinburgh Remakery as a new reuse and repair centre in Edinburgh, offering refurbished computers and furniture for sale and workshops in textile, furniture, IT, upholstery, book-binding, leatherwork, pyrography and other repair techniques; further welcomes that the Edinburgh Remakery will have dedicated workshop spaces for hire and access to tools and materials for people to complete their own repair and upcycling projects; recognises and appreciates that the opening of the Edinburgh Remakery was achieved by the tenacity of Remade in Edinburgh's employees, volunteers and supporters; notes that the University of Edinburgh and Wester Hailes Charity have supported the opening of the shop; further notes that the Edinburgh Remakery's first year is funded by Zero Waste Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council, and wishes Remade in Edinburgh great success with this and future enterprises.

**\*S5M-00112 David Torrance: Little Einstein's Nursery Awarded Green Flag—**That the Parliament congratulates Little Einstein's Nursery in Kirkcaldy on achieving the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, symbolising excellence in the field of environmental activity; notes the children's continued success and progression through this international award programme, which recognises their achievement toward a sustainable lifestyle; understands that the nursery is committed to making sustainability an integral part of the children's life and, through this programme, hopes to bring about behaviour change in youngsters that will be followed through into homes and communities; commends the recent participation of the children in a Clean for the Queen litter picking event in the local area; welcomes the nursery's continuing dedication, and wishes the staff and children all the best with future projects.

Supported by: Jenny Gilruth\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Bill Kidd\*

## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

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**S5M-00111 David Torrance: Fife Businesses Win at Scottish Independent Retail Awards 2016** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-00110 Tom Arthur: Barrhead Foundry** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Clare Haughey\*, Bill Kidd\*, David Torrance\*

**S5M-00109 Joan McAlpine: Paralympic World-record Breaker, Shelby Watson** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Bob Doris\*, Alex Cole-Hamilton\*, Oliver Mundell\*, Fulton MacGregor\*, Clare Haughey\*, David Torrance\*, Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-00105 Jenny Marra: Closure of RBS Carnoustie Branch** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**S5M-00104 David Stewart: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**S5M-00103 Stuart McMillan: Greenock Waterfront Cinema** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-00102 Liam McArthur: Young Farmers' Are Ewe Okay? Campaign** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Mark Ruskell\*, Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-00101 Kenneth Gibson: CalMac Secures Clyde and Hebrides Ferries Network Contract** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*

**S5M-00100 Stuart McMillan: Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Joan McAlpine\*

**S5M-00099 Rhoda Grant: RBS Opening Hours** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Neil Findlay\*, Douglas Ross\*

**S5M-00098 Neil Findlay: Scotland's First Oil Rush** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, David Stewart\*, John Mason\*

**S5M-00094 Gordon MacDonald: SMESU Scout Expedition to Cambodia** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-00093 Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to Rebecca Howie** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-00090 Elaine Smith: Cuba Solidarity Campaign Bank Closure** (lodged on 19 May 2016)

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New Support: Neil Findlay\*

**S5M-00089 Oliver Mundell: Dumfries and Galloway Schools' Success at Robert Burns World Federation National Schools Competition** (lodged on 18 May 2016)

New Support: Emma Harper\*, Joan McAlpine\*, Bill Kidd\*

**S5M-00033 Neil Findlay: World Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day** (lodged on 16 May 2016)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*

**S5M-00022 Mark McDonald: Aberdeen-Warsaw Flight Launched** (lodged on 16 May 2016)

New Support: Ross Thomson\*

**S5M-00007 Michael Russell: Commemorating the 21st Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide** (lodged on 12 May 2016)

New Support: Jenny Marra\*

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## Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

### Written questions lodged on 20 May 2016

**S5W-00156 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government when and how it plans to form an islands strategic group and what organisations, businesses, charities and individuals it plans to invite onto the group.

**S5W-00157 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will promote the £5 million investment to support island and rural produce pledged in the SNP *Manifesto for the Islands* to ensure that organisations, businesses and charities will receive support.

**S5W-00158 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what organisations, businesses and charities can do to ensure that they receive support from the £5 million investment to support island and rural produce pledged in the SNP *Manifesto for the Islands*.

**S5W-00159 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how the Minister for Transport and Islands calculated the £5 million to support island and rural produce pledged in the SNP *Manifesto for the Islands*.

**S5W-00160 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what produce in (a) Orkney, (b) Shetland and (c) the rest of Scotland will be supported from the £5 million investment to support island and rural produce pledged in the SNP *Manifesto for the Islands*.

**S5W-00161 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide a breakdown of how it plans to spend the £5 million investment to support island and rural produce pledged in the SNP *Manifesto for the Islands* in (a) Orkney, (b) Shetland and (c) the rest of Scotland.

**S5W-00162 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will announce how it will spend the £5 million to support island and rural produce pledged in the SNP *Manifesto for the Islands*.

**S5W-00163 Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to (a) support the energy industry on (i) Orkney and (ii) Shetland and (b) encourage the UK Government to deliver the required connections.

**S5W-00164 Ross Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people had received assistance from the Transition Training Fund by the end of 2015-16 and how many have received assistance since 1 April 2016.

**S5W-00165 John Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of farmers has received (a) 100%, (b) 90% and (c) 80% of their single farm payment entitlement.

**S5W-00168 John Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what percentage of farmers has received any payment under the single farm payment system.

**S5W-00169 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will extend the New Medicines Fund to include the provision of the drug, Kalydeco, for two to five-year-olds.

**S5W-00170 Jackie Baillie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will meet the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to discuss its proposal to have the drug, Orkambi, available to patients with funding from the New Medicines Fund.

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## Progress of Subordinate Legislation

**Subordinate Legislation** (*date of laying*)

**Negative instruments**

**Subject to annulment by 25 June 2016**

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/178) (*17 May 2016*)

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