Commonwealth Day update

Purpose

This paper provides Members with an outline programme of Parliamentary meetings and events that may happen around the time of Commonwealth Day and the David Livingstone bi-centenary.

Approach

The following approach is proposed, in terms of Parliamentary meetings and events, around Commonwealth Day and the David Livingstone bi-centenary. Events organised in other places will also be taken into account as programmes develop.

1. **Week Commencing 11 March 2013**:

- 11-15 March 2013: Photographic display in Members’ Lobby;
- Members’ Debate on the theme for Commonwealth Day 2013;
- Possible reception for representatives from Scottish organisations with an interest in the Commonwealth; and
- Possible address by the President of Malawi, Joyce Banda MP, to MSP’s in the Chamber.

2. **Week Commencing 18 March 2013**

- 19 March 2013: Three Members of the BEC to attend the David Livingstone Memorial Service, and reception, at Westminster Abbey;
- Members’ Debate on the David Livingstone bi-centenary;
- Possible address by the President of Malawi, Joyce Banda MP, to MSP’s in the Chamber;
- 18-22 March 2013: Two Members of CPA Scotland Branch to attend David Livingstone bi-centenary events in Malawi;
- 18-22 March 2013: Two MP’s from the National Assembly of Malawi to visit Scotland for a study visit, to attend David Livingstone bi-centenary events, and to visit the constituency of their Parliamentary Pairs;
- Two Interns from the National Assembly of Malawi to be present throughout; and
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- Possible reception and a small dinner, hosted by the Presiding Officer, for invited guests with an interest in Malawi / David Livingstone.

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