

Parliamentary Bureau – Removal of Members’ Business motions from the Business Bulletin

Background

1. Admissible motions lodged by Members are published in the Business Bulletin along with the support that each motion attracts.
2. Under Rule 8.2.8 of Standing Orders, the Bureau may remove from the list of admissible motions any motion that has been on the list for more than six weeks without a date for it to be taken by the Parliament being appointed in the business programme

Criteria for removal of motions

3. In relation to motions for Members’ Business, the Bureau previously agreed that all motions should be removed from the Bulletin after six weeks (excluding recess time) but that the Bureau will consider the following in removing or retaining motions—
 - a. the motion has the support of at least 30 other Members and these supporters came from more than three political parties (note that in cases where the number of supporters exceeds 30, the topicality of the motion and the extent of the recent support have also been taken into account when making these recommendations); or
 - b. the motion remains highly topical; or
 - c. the motion has been selected for a Members’ Business debate
4. The Business Team checks all Members’ Business motions on the list to ensure that any that may fit the criteria are recommended for retention. In addition, at a Bureau meeting, Business Managers may request that certain motions are retained if, for example, the motion is to be debated at a future date.

Removal of motions lodged before 12 March 2024

5. The annex lists all motions marked for Members’ Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 12 March 2024) and includes the number of supporters and date of the most recent registration of support.
6. Based on the criteria in paragraph 3, it is recommended that the following motions from the attached list be considered for retention—
 - S6M-12165: David Torrance: Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College – this has been selected for Member’s Business
 - S6M-12209: Jamie Halcro Johnston: 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
 - S6M-12232: Pam Gosal: International Women's Day

- S6M-12264: Alexander Stewart: FAST Stroke Detection Guidance
7. Business Managers should indicate at the Bureau meeting if wish to retain any of the other motions in the annex.

Conclusion

8. The Bureau is invited to agree any motions to be retained.

Parliamentary Business Team
May 2024

Annex: Member's Business motions suggested for removal

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total Support	Date Last Supported
S6M-11811	Greene, Jamie	11/01/2024	Protecting Bank Branches for Rural and Island Communities	28	01/02/2024
S6M-11999	Stewart, Kaukab	30/01/2024	National Conversation on a Kindergarten Stage in Scotland	20	06/02/2024
S6M-12082	Burnett, Alexander	14/02/2024	National Lyme Disease Awareness Month	28	06/03/2024
S6M-12165	Torrance, David	15/02/2024	Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College	20	17/03/2024
S6M-12169	Leonard, Richard	16/02/2024	Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike	21	22/03/2024
S6M-12201	Gibson, Kenneth	23/02/2024	Russia's Invasion of Ukraine Two Years On	15	22/03/2024
S6M-12209	Halcro Johnston, Jamie	20/02/2024	200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution	51	12/03/2024
S6M-12232	Gosal, Pam	22/02/2024	International Women's Day	31	13/03/2024
S6M-12264	Stewart, Alexander	26/02/2024	FAST Stroke Detection Guidance	31	14/03/2024
S6M-12297	Adam, Karen	28/02/2024	Axis Network Report	11	27/03/2024
S6M-12301	Tweed, Evelyn	28/02/2024	Increasing Benefits Uptake in the Current Economic Climate	13	27/03/2024
S6M-12302	Grahame, Christine	28/02/2024	Global Intergenerational Week 2024	18	27/03/2024
S6M-12342	Stevenson, Collette	05/03/2024	Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month	14	27/03/2024
S6M-12360	Grahame, Christine	01/03/2024	Phasing Out Farrowing Crates	26	27/03/2024
S6M-12369	MacGregor, Fulton	04/03/2024	Fostering a Discussion on a Kindergarten Stage in Scotland	15	27/03/2024

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S6M-12420	Burgess, Ariane	06/03/2024	Welcoming the Five Bids Submitted for the Designation of Scotland's Next National Park	12	27/03/2024
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