

## 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 Summer Recess is as follows—

<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<i>24 April 2023</i>	SNP	SNP	GRN
<i>1 May 2023</i>	LD	CON	SNP
<i>8 May 2023</i>	SNP	SNP	CON
<i>15 May 2023</i>	LAB	SNP	SNP
<i>22 May 2023</i>	CON	SNP	LAB
<i>29 May 2023</i>	SNP	CON	SNP
<i>5 June 2023</i>	SNP	GRN	CON
<i>12 June 2023</i>	LAB	SNP	SNP
<i>19 June 2023</i>	CON	SNP	LAB
<i>26 June 2023</i>	SNP	CON	SNP
<i>Summer recess 2023</i>			

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

**S6M-08590: Rhoda Grant: The Clearances Again** - That the Parliament congratulates Donald Francis (DF) MacNeil, and Skipinnish, on securing a top ten iTunes download position for their song The Clearances Again; understands that this was achieved just 24 hours after the song's release; further understands that this song is a protest song, which seeks to raise awareness of the Scottish Government's proposed Highly Protected Marine Areas; believes that these proposals will ban inshore fishing and all marine activities and impact on the economy of the Highlands and Islands, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should heed the reported concerns and revisit this policy.

**S6M-08579: Bill Kidd: Firefighters' Memorial Day 2023** - That the Parliament recognises 4 May as International Firefighters' Day (IFFD), which is also known as Firefighters' Memorial Day, and is an annual observance to honour the sacrifice of firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty; thanks firefighters serving communities across Scotland, including the crew at Knightswood Fire Station in Glasgow Anniesland, for their tremendous contribution in ensuring people's safety;

acknowledges the courage and dedication of generations of firefighters; understands that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is the fourth largest serving firefighting force in the world; remembers and honours the firefighters who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; understands that a minute's silence will take place at 12 noon on 4 May 2023, on the forecourts of fire stations and other fire and rescue workplaces; notes the work of the Fire Brigades Union in its Red Plaque project and DECON campaign; further notes the view that all fire stations should have safe work practices, including full decontamination facilities, to ensure that firefighters and their families are not exposed to harmful particles; notes the classification by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer, in July 2022, of the occupational exposure of firefighters as carcinogenic to humans, which increases the likelihood of cancer, and notes the view that this classification has made health and safety measures even more important.

**S6M-08561: David Torrance: Burntisland Marine and Environmental Services Company Pledges £100,000 Lifeline to Kirkcaldy Foodbank** - That the Parliament commends Briggs Marine, in Burntisland, which, it understands, has pledged to donate £100,000 to Kirkcaldy Foodbank over the next four years; understands that the cash boost will help local families with the rising cost of living; further understands that Briggs Marine will donate £2,000 per month over four years, with an additional pre-Christmas payment ahead of the festive period, making a total commitment of £100,000 to help safeguard what it sees as this essential local service; commends the company for what it sees as its continued commitment to help charitable causes across the Kirkcaldy constituency, and wishes it all the best for the future.

**S6M-08505: Fulton MacGregor: The Role of Swimming Pools** - That the Parliament considers that swimming pools play an important role in Scottish society; believes that they enable the teaching of what it sees as a valuable life skill, the ability to swim, to people of all ages, in particular children; understands that swimming has been proven to have physical and mental health benefits; believes that such health benefits can often act as preventative health measures, which can reduce the strain on the NHS; notes that swimming pools often also act as community hubs, which, it considers, can be vital social assets for villages, towns and cities; understands that in non-coastal constituencies, such as Coatbridge and Chryston, swimming pools may be the only facility available where people can learn how to swim; notes the view that it is of critical importance that funding is provided in order to keep swimming pools open across the country, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to provide continued support to ensure that everyone can swim.

**S6M-08481: Clare Adamson: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month** - That the Parliament notes what it sees as the importance of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) Awareness Month; understands that CRPS is a debilitating chronic disorder, mostly affecting the limbs, which is characterised by severe pain, pathological changes of bones, joints and skin, swelling, temperature and colour changes and motor dysfunction, which can cause a person to experience persistent, severe and debilitating pain; further understands that the condition may develop after an injury, surgery, stroke or heart attack, and that the pain can be out of proportion with the severity of the initial injury; notes that CRPS Awareness Month is held every November to raise awareness of the condition, and, as part of the

initiative, that "Colour the World Orange Day" sees businesses, town halls and landmarks change their lights to orange in support of people living with CRPS; commends the volunteers and organisers at CRPS UK and Burning Nights CRPS Support for their efforts to raise awareness of what it sees as this poorly-understood condition; acknowledges that CRPS UK and Burning Nights are registered charities, with the shared goals of raising awareness of CRPS symptoms, providing invaluable support to people with the condition and advocating for more research development into it, and wishes all the organisers, volunteers, and the wider CRPS community, including those in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, every success in their efforts to increase public awareness of this debilitating condition and to support people affected by CRPS.

**S6M-08397: Rachael Hamilton: Scottish Environmental Horticulture Growth Strategy** - That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Horticultural Trades Association's *Scottish Environmental Horticulture Growth Strategy*; understands that the strategy aims to support the growth of a horticulture and landscaping industry that contributes around £2.8 billion towards the Scottish economy and over 64,000 jobs, including in the Scottish Borders; recognises the role that gardening and horticulture can play in contributing to Scotland's net zero targets, and notes that the strategy was presented during a recent meeting in the Scottish Parliament of the Cross-Party Group on Gardening and Horticulture.

**S6M-08317: Fiona Hyslop: The Future of St Michael's Hospital in Linlithgow, West Lothian** - That the Parliament understands that the land for the St Michael's Hospital facility in Linlithgow was originally gifted by St Michael's Church in the 19th century for the purpose of providing a hospital and garden for the community, and that, due to temporary demands to move staff elsewhere in the NHS due to illness absences, it is currently closed; recognises what it sees as the long history of St Michael's in providing hospital services to the people of West Lothian, the Friends of St Michael's Group's hard work and dedication in supporting families with loved ones cared for at St Michael's Hospital, and the invaluable local support and spirit of solidarity that the local community provides to all who use the hospital; notes the view that there will be an ongoing need for a health facility providing end-of-life and step-down intermediary care and, potentially, new support services to match increasing home-based care in the north of West Lothian; recognises what it sees as the strong community support for the retention of the hospital and the campaign to maintain hospital and health services there, including, it understands, the large number of people who attended the information evening on 7 February 2023 organised by the Friends of St Michael's Group and addressed by West Lothian Health and Care Partnership, which, it considers, saw a willingness from all to identify the best future needs for patients and families and the role that the hospital could play; understands that West Lothian has a growing population that is already well in excess of that of the City of Dundee, and also has one of the highest proportions of older populations; acknowledges what it considers the continuing challenges in securing and resourcing staffing for any expansion of care at home, and the ongoing pressure on caring families; notes the West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership's consultation on the current closure of St Michael's Hospital and its community bed review, and further notes the calls on the partnership to take a strategic view in favour of using the physical, social and community assets of St Michael's for the benefit of the growing population in the north of the county.

**S6M-08296: Brian Whittle: DEBRA, Living with Butterfly Skin** - That the Parliament recognises the work of the national charity, DEBRA, and its continuing support for people with, or who are directly affected by, epidermolysis bullosa (EB), also known as "Butterfly Skin", including people affected in the South Scotland region; notes that DEBRA defines EB as a group of incredibly painful genetic skin conditions that cause the skin to blister and tear at the slightest touch; understands that people with EB have skin as fragile as a butterfly's wing, which is why it is known by that name; further understands that EB is the result of a faulty gene, which is passed through families and means that the skin cannot bind together; notes that this blistering and tearing not only happens externally, but can also affect internal organs, including the throat, and, in the worst cases, can be fatal; understands that there are currently around 5,000 people diagnosed with EB in the UK; congratulates DEBRA on its appeal, A Life Without Pain, for raising £65,000 at a charity dinner and sports quiz in Glasgow on 19 March 2023, for which many Scottish sporting celebrities gave up their time to provide their support; understands that DEBRA does not receive any statutory funding and relies on the income generated by its charity shops and fundraising activities in order to provide care and support for people with EB, as well as to fund pioneering research to find treatments and, ultimately, a cure for EB, and wishes DEBRA well with its work to raise awareness of this incredibly painful condition, and its drive to find better treatments and a cure.

**S6M-08245: Rachael Hamilton: Supporting Mental Health in Rural Communities** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the unique challenges being faced by farmers and the wider agricultural industry as a result of vast input cost inflation caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, among other factors; commends farmers and crofters for the role that it considers they play at the heart of rural communities, producing high-quality sustainable food, supporting thousands of jobs, helping to tackle climate change and enhancing biodiversity, despite the pressures that they face; understands that these pressures contribute to concerns around the mental health of farmers and crofters in Scotland, including in the Scottish Borders; notes the work of the National Farmers' Union of Scotland in working with its members to protect the physical and mental wellbeing of all those working and living in farming communities, and highlighting the issue of mental health in farming, agriculture and countryside management more widely; recognises the work of the Countryside Alliance, the Mental Health Foundation Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates, the National Rural Mental Health Forum and the Poverty Alliance, among others, in also highlighting such issues and working towards finding solutions, and notes the calls encouraging those who are struggling with their mental health to access help and support from either their friends or family, or the many services available, including RSABI.

**S6M-08250: Stephanie Callaghan: Celebrating Autism Acceptance** - That the Parliament acknowledges both World Autism Acceptance Week, which runs from 27 March to 2 April 2023, and World Autism Month, which is celebrated throughout April, and their aim to raise awareness of autism, educate the public and make the world a friendly place for autistic people; notes that the National Autistic Society (NAS) theme for World Autism Acceptance Week 2023 is "colour", and welcomes the fundraising events, including an in-person colour walk and colour virtual challenge, to support services; understands that more than one in 100 people in Scotland are autistic, and believes that accepting, promoting and celebrating the skills, thoughts, ideas and talents of autistic people supports those individuals to

reach their full potential, while bringing positive benefits for wider society; further understands that the report, Closing the Accountability Gap, published by NAS and Scottish Autism, found that there is still a significant gap in the provision and access of appropriate support for autistic people across services such as schools, employment and healthcare; commends NAS and Scottish Autism for what it considers their continuous campaigning to promote autistic people's rights and create a fairer and more accepting society, and in championing quality autism-specific services across Scotland, as well as their work to establish a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodiversity Commissioner, and acknowledges the valuable work of local autism groups, such as HOPE for Autism and the Autism Resource Coordination Hub (ARCH) based in Lanarkshire, that work in partnership with autistic people.

**Jeremy Balfour: S6M-08219: Ensuring that Lothian Late-diagnosed Deaf Children Get the Support That They Need** - That the Parliament notes the belief that every child affected by the failings identified in the 2021 audit of NHS Lothian's paediatric audiology service, carried out by the British Academy of Audiology (BAA), must get the support that they need to thrive and to overcome any additional barriers that they face due to the failings identified in the report; understands that the audit did not include children seen later than 2018, which, it considers, means that there were further years until any failings were addressed by an action plan, and that there may be many more children who were not diagnosed in a timely manner; recognises that the key stages for fluent first language development are birth to three years old; understands that the BAA report found that the average age of identification of deafness was 4.5 years for children in the NHS Lothian area, which, it understands, is far longer than comparable figures in the rest of the UK; considers that the failings identified in NHS Lothian's paediatric audiology service will mean that many of the affected children were diagnosed after this critical period and are therefore likely to experience a significant adverse impact on their language and communications development, potentially leaving such children with more complex needs that may need to be addressed through co-ordinated support from health, education, social work and other agencies; understands that the families of affected children have come together to form Families Failed by Lothian Audiology Action Group (FLAAG); further understands that the parents involved in FLAAG have identified a number of areas where their children are not getting the support that they need; understands that the families involved in FLAAG report that they have experienced a lack of access to BSL tutors, speech and language therapy and appropriately qualified professionals to support their deaf children and help remediate any damage caused by the failures of the audiology service, and notes the calls on all public and voluntary sector bodies that are supporting the late-diagnosed deaf children in the Lothians and beyond to work together to ensure that they always get the support that they need.

**S6M-08210: Rhoda Grant: Scottish Youth Parliament Publishes its Young People's Right to Food Report** - That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Young People's Right to Food report by the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP); understands that almost 850 responses were received to gather young people's experiences of accessing food; praises the SYP's work in conducting this extensive research as part of its campaign to find out about young people's experiences of accessing food, and using this to produce five clear recommendations to be put to decision-makers on potential changes that could improve young people's access to

food; understands that the report highlights the many difficulties that families are facing in Scotland, and that young people want to be more included in the decision-making process regarding issues that affect them, particularly in relation to school meal provision and choices; further understands that only two fifths of respondents knew about the help and support that they could receive to access food in their local communities; notes the view that more work can and must be done to improve this; further notes that what it sees as this notable report harnesses the voices of young people in Scotland, including those in the Highlands and Islands region, in calling for their rights to be recognised by this Parliament, and notes the calls for the right to food to be upheld in Scots law and to create a fair, healthy and sustainable food system that is accessible to everyone.

**Murdo Fraser: S6M-08199: Dewars Centre in Perth** - That the Parliament notes the concerns raised by Scottish Curling that the potential closure of the Dewars Centre, in Perth, would be the death knell of a legacy of curling in Perthshire dating back decades; notes the belief that, if this proposal goes ahead, it would mean that the town and county with which curling is most closely associated has made a choice to de-prioritise the success of legends such as Rhona Howie, Eve Muirhead, David Murdoch and numerous others, all of whom have a strong connection between Perth and the Dewars Centre and their Olympic and World Championships successes; further notes that the Dewars Centre has a history of supporting grassroots curling, and the potential to enable critical growth and to play a central role in tackling isolation, reducing barriers to inequality, and ensuring that inclusion and a sense of community are at the heart of sport in Perth, and notes the calls for Live Active Leisure and Perth and Kinross Council to reach a decision that would enable the Dewars Centre to be retained.

**Douglas Lumsden: S6M-08090: Condemnation of Aberdeen City Council Defunding Big Noise Torry** - That the Parliament condemns the proposed budget decision by Aberdeen City Council to defund Big Noise Torry; notes that Big Noise Torry launched in July 2015 and was Sistema Scotland's third orchestra centre; understands that the charity works with children, from babies right up to S2 pupils, who live in Torry; notes that Big Noise uses the symphony orchestra as a community through which children can gain an invaluable range of life skills and experiences, such as developing confidence and teamwork, and considers that the loss of £738,000 of funding will have a serious impact on the outcomes of some of the most vulnerable pupils from deprived backgrounds.

**Bob Doris: S6M-08071: Rare Disease Day 2023** - That the Parliament notes that Rare Disease Day 2023 takes place on 28 February and that the theme for the global day is Share Your Colours, which is a call to patients, governments and all stakeholders in positions of power to do all that they can to remove the stigma around patients with rare diseases, and to work collaboratively to raise awareness of the challenges that such patients face; welcomes that this year will see the return of an in-person rare disease parliamentary event in the Scottish Parliament on 15 March; recognises the significance of Rare Disease Day and annual parliamentary reception to people in Scotland with rare diseases; understands that over 320,000 people in Scotland are living with a rare condition; further understands that one in 17 people will be affected by a rare condition at some point in their lives and that the majority of rare conditions have no effective treatment; understands that, on average, it takes over four years to receive an accurate diagnosis of a rare condition,

and that there are over 7,000 rare conditions, including rare cancers such as childhood cancers and other well-known conditions such as cystic fibrosis and Huntington's disease; welcomes the publication of the Rare Disease Action Plan for Scotland, which launched on 19 December 2022; notes the view that there is a need for ongoing engagement with people with rare diseases to ensure that the plan is successfully implemented, and further notes the belief that the plan should form the basis of ongoing engagement with people in Scotland with rare diseases in order to deliver for those with rare, genetic and undiagnosed conditions, as well as their families.

**Pam Gosal: S6M-07992: International Women's Day 2023** - That the Parliament recognises the achievements of women around the world on International Women's Day on 8 March 2023; welcomes the 2023 theme of #EmbraceEquity, which seeks to open up the conversation about why equal opportunities are no longer enough, and that equity is the means through which to achieve equality; believes in a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination; notes the calls to raise awareness about discrimination, to celebrate women who forge change in society, and to build equity in all areas of society, including in healthcare, and further notes the belief that it is incumbent on all politicians to work together to pursue true equity for the benefit of women across the whole of society.

**S6M-07928: Jackson Carlaw: East Renfrewshire Good Causes** - That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the incredible and transformative work of charities in the Eastwood constituency and across Scotland; welcomes the ongoing contribution of East Renfrewshire Good Causes in providing what it considers outstanding support to vulnerable members of local communities; understands that, in the period since the charity was established and first started to offer much-needed support in August 2007 and up to September 2022, East Renfrewshire Good Causes has provided £1.6 million in goods and services and helped 5,400 individuals; acknowledges that examples of support that the charity has funded, either in full or in part, include wet floor shower adaptations for disabled pensioners, help with travel costs for cancer patients on low incomes to attend hospital for treatment, and play spaces and equipment for young people with additional support needs; considers that the set-up of the charity means that it can respond very quickly to emerging circumstances and is able to undertake essential tasks in a short timescale, such as assisting with practical home support improvements needed to allow older people to be discharged from hospital to free up beds for incoming patients; recognises that all referrals to the charity are made by frontline professionals, including teachers, housing officials and health and social care staff, from both the public and third sector; understands that the operations of East Renfrewshire Good Causes have expanded over the years and that the charity is also now active in Glasgow, South Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and East Ayrshire; congratulates the founder and project coordinator of East Renfrewshire Good Causes, Russell MacMillan, for what it sees as the remarkable and selfless efforts that he has made for more than 15 years in driving the Eastwood-based charity forward and ensuring that vital support has been provided to people in need, and considers that East Renfrewshire Good Causes has demonstrated a strong track record of delivery and established an operating model that has the potential to be replicated in all local authority areas across Scotland.

**S6M-07924: Michelle Thomson: Taliban Suppression of Women and Girls in Afghanistan** - That the Parliament condemns the actions of the Taliban in

Afghanistan, which it believes have further restricted the freedoms and opportunities for Afghan women and girls; understands that the reported ban on women accessing university education in Afghanistan, enforced from December 2022, is in addition to the ban on girls attending secondary school; considers that this lost education will have a detrimental impact on skills and knowledge in Afghanistan, including its causal effect on professions such as education, healthcare and local government, as well as on economic growth; understands that United Nations officials have reportedly condemned these actions as a violation of Afghanistan's obligations under international law; further understands that, in July 2022, the UK Government confirmed its continued pressure on the Taliban to reverse its actions, and reiterated its support to provide emergency education funding through the United Nations' Education Cannot Wait fund and the Global Partnership for Education; believes that the actions of the Taliban continue to suppress women and girls in Afghanistan, and have led to what it sees as the desperate actions many women and children have taken by fleeing Taliban oppression and resettling in other countries, including the UK; considers that this has allowed those people to receive education, achieve their potential, and live a better quality of life; acknowledges the support that it considers the Scottish Government has provided to people resettling in Scotland due to conflict through the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and the New Scots Connect network, implemented by the Scottish Refugee Council; recognises the contributions of local groups across Scotland, including those in the Falkirk district, which operate to support refugees, and notes the calls for additional cross-government support to assist in both putting pressure on the Taliban to reverse its actions, and further supporting Afghan citizens, including women and children, who have resettled in Scotland to realise their potential.

**S6M-07890: Emma Harper: Wear A Hat Day 2023** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of Wear A Hat Day, taking place on 31 March 2023, in raising awareness of brain tumours; understands that brain tumours are the biggest killer of children and adults under 40 with cancer in Scotland, reducing life expectancy by 20 years on average; believes that this is the highest life expectancy reduction of any cancer, but that the treatment and understanding of brain tumours are 20 years behind those relating to more common cancers; notes that brain tumours often cause side effects that have a severe impact on a person's quality of life; understands that there are over 130 different types of brain tumour, and that some symptoms of brain tumours can mimic other equally serious conditions, which often renders early diagnosis and treatment more difficult in many cases; further understands that brain tumour charities, such as the Brain Tumour Charity, are working hard to fund pioneering research, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours, and provide support to people affected by brain tumours; commends the success of national campaigns, which it considers have contributed to a reduction in the average diagnosis time for childhood brain tumours, from 9.1 to 6.5 weeks, since 2011; believes that national campaigns are a basis on which to develop further awareness; notes the significant efforts of Dumfries and Galloway Medical Physics Technician, Alan Johnstone, in both raising awareness of brain tumours and funding for research and development into the causes of brain tumours, their treatment and, ultimately, a cure; understands that Alan's late wife, Aneka Johnstone, was diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumour and sadly died in 2019, despite being a very fit and active 33-year-old, and further understands that, despite losing Aneka, Alan has raised more than £55,000 for the Brain Tumour



Charity by walking the 214-mile Southern Upland Way, videos of which were posted to Alan's TikTok account, which has attracted a huge following.

**S6M-07793: Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy** - That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, The Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy, by Scottish Land and Estates; believes that this report, for which the research was carried out by BiGGAR Economics Ltd and Scottish Land and Estates, is an innovative example of a whole sector measuring its outputs against Scotland's National Performance Framework's National Outcomes rather than just through traditional economic metrics; considers that the report describes and quantifies how rural estates drive local economic development through agriculture, forestry, tourism, sporting, recreation and renewable energy generation, act as stewards of the natural environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, support the transition to net zero, provide homes and create sustainable new communities, provide a gateway to nature, and function as anchors of communities and support community-led projects; further considers that the report also identifies areas in which there is scope for estates to increase their contributions across the National Outcomes, and provides an improvement framework to complement the research; recognises Scotland's rural estates as, it considers, key delivery partners of the Scottish Government across a wide range of policy areas, including improving outcomes for people, jobs, and nature across the country, including in the Galloway and West Dumfries constituency, and commends the sector for what it sees as its commitment to this innovative work.

**S6M-07769: Evelyn Tweed: National Lyme Disease Awareness Month** - That the Parliament acknowledges that May 2023 is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month; notes that Lyme disease is a bacterial infection spread to humans by infected ticks, which are tiny spider-like creatures found in woodland and moorland areas that feed on the blood of birds and mammals, including humans; understands that many people with early symptoms of Lyme disease develop a circular rash around the tick bite three to 30 days after being bitten, often described as looking like a bull's eye on a dart board, whilst some people may develop several rashes in different parts of their body, and around one in three people will not develop a rash; further understands that some people with Lyme disease also have flu-like symptoms, including tiredness, muscle and joint pain, headaches, a high temperature, chills and neck stiffness; notes the calls encouraging anyone who has been bitten by a tick and develops a rash or flu-like symptoms to speak to their GP and tell them that they have been bitten by a tick; further notes, however, that diagnosing Lyme disease is often difficult as many of the symptoms are similar to other conditions; acknowledges that NHS Scotland advises that Lyme disease is treatable, however, that without treatment, more serious and longer-term symptoms may develop, including pain and swelling in joints, nerve problems, memory problems, difficulty concentrating and heart problems; understands that there is currently no vaccine available and that the best way to prevent Lyme disease is to adopt simple measures when in the countryside or near wildlife, including tucking trousers into socks and wearing insect repellent, and notes the calls encouraging anybody who is concerned that they have contracted Lyme disease to contact their GP and for everyone to take precautions when in the countryside.

**S6M-07627: Stephen Kerr: Whistleblowing Awareness Week 2023:** That the Parliament is aware that Whistleblowing Awareness Week occurs between 20 and 24 March 2023; considers that whistleblowing is crucial to a free and open society; understands that Whistleblowing Awareness Week is an opportunity to celebrate people who have courageously spoken up about various workplace issues and organisations that have promoted whistleblowing within their organisation, and notes the view that Whistleblowing Awareness Week is an opportunity to acknowledge that existing whistleblowing legislation requires root and branch reform.

**S6M-07622: David Torrance: Alex James Colquhoun Elected as Vice President of the European Showman's Union** - That the Parliament congratulates Alex James Colquhoun after being elected as the Vice President of the European Showman's Union; understands that Alex James was elected to the position of vice president after what it sees as his tireless efforts in assisting and working to improve the lives of showpeople in Scotland with fundamental issues, most recently through the provision of funding during the COVID-19 pandemic; further understands that Alex James is also the current chairman of the Scottish Section of The Showman's Guild and that he brings a wealth of knowledge to his new role; believes that Alex James has been instrumental in the return, since the pandemic, of Burntisland's Summer Fair and Kirkcaldy's Links Market, which was established in 1304 and is Europe's longest street fair as well as the oldest in Scotland; notes that Alex James is a member of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on the Scottish Showmen's Guild, which highlights what it sees as the importance of Scottish showmen as a contributing group to communities across Scotland; commends Alex James for his dedication to showpeople, and wishes him all the best for the future.

**S6M-07511: Foysoyl Choudhury: Damp Housing in Scotland** - That the Parliament notes the tragic death of Awaab Ishak due to mouldy housing; notes the view that there is a need for urgent action to avoid similar tragedies happening in Scotland, including in the Lothian region; recognises that mould and damp in homes can be dangerous and cause health problems; understands that the cost of living crisis has caused constituents across Scotland to avoid heating their homes, which can further exacerbate the problem of damp and mould; further understands that damp housing is disproportionately affecting those living in poverty; acknowledges the calls for every constituent in Scotland to have a right to safe, warm housing; notes the view that extra investment for a whole house retrofitting programme is required to tackle problems caused by damp housing; further notes the calls for the creation of a grant scheme to tackle the problems of damp housing across the housing sector, including social housing, housing associations and the private sector; notes the belief that there is a need for increased support and guidance for constituents on the prevention of damp in properties across Scotland; believes that this issue is of nationwide importance, and notes the calls for all political parties in the Parliament to collaborate to tackle damp housing in Scotland.

**S6M-07369: Sharon Dowey: Impact of Long-term Historical Site Closures Managed by Historic Environment Scotland** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of historic sites to communities across the South Scotland region, and the rest of Scotland; believes that any long-term closures to sites managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) could have a severe impact for Scotland's tourism industry, and a devastating impact on any communities and businesses that rely on these attractions being fully open; understands that the

heritage sector is a vital part of Scotland's tourism industry, and considers that it is responsible for attracting millions of visitors from around the world to Scotland each year; further understands that 60 historical sites managed by HES are closed, and that the inspection programme is expected to conclude in April 2024; recognises what it sees as the need to address the shortage of skilled labourers, such as stonemasons; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to make additional funding available to accelerate the reopening of closed sites, and further notes the view that it is vital that all efforts are made to secure the long-term viability of Scotland's historic sites.

**S6M-06729: Colin Smyth: Justice for Fornethy House Survivors** - That the Parliament recognises what it considers as the inspirational women who have bravely come forward to highlight the plight of the reported hundreds of survivors of physical, mental and sexual abuse at Fornethy House Residential School, in Angus, when they attended to convalesce or for short breaks between 1960 and the 1990s; notes reports that over 200 women have revealed the appalling abuse that they suffered at Fornethy House when they were young girls; commends these women for what it sees as their determined and admirable campaign for justice; recognises the reported challenges that survivors of Fornethy House have experienced in qualifying for Scotland's Redress Scheme due to the eligibility criteria excluding those abused in short-term respite care; notes the reported difficulties that the survivors have had in obtaining personal records that were held by the owners of Fornethy House at the time, which were Glasgow Corporation and Strathclyde Regional Council; further notes the ongoing Police Scotland investigation, but regrets that, to date, none of the alleged perpetrators of the abuse have been brought to justice, and notes the view that these women deserve both justice and recognition for the appalling abuse that they suffered at Fornethy House Residential School.

#### Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament from 8 June 2021

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
8 June 2021	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Impact on Scottish Agriculture of Tariff-free Trade Deals
9 June 2021	Neil Gray	SNP	Social Justice and Fairness Commission Report
15 June 2021	Douglas Ross	CON	The Campaign to Restore the Consultant-led Maternity Unit at Dr Gray's, Elgin
16 June 2021	Monica Lennon	LAB	Historical Forced Adoption
22 June 2021	Bob Doris	SNP	MND Scotland (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
23 June 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	National Gaelic Language Plan
31 August 2021	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Success of Great Borders River Clean
1 September 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	100 Years of Insulin

2 September 2021	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Our Factory, Our Future, the Fight to Save McVitie's at Tollcross, Glasgow
7 September 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Reserved Board Seats for Islanders
8 September 2021	Brian Whittle	CON	Team GB Success
9 September 2022	Christine Grahame	SNP	Mineworkers' Pension Scheme
14 September 2021	Karen Adam	SNP	2020 Tokyo Paralympics
15 September 2021	Maggie Chapman	GRN	A Just Transition for Torry
16 September 2021	Miles Briggs	CON	SCVO Creates its 10,000 <sup>th</sup> CJS Job in Scotland's Voluntary Sector
21 September 2021	Michael Marra	LAB	Action on Brain Injury in Football
22 September	Stuart McMillan	SNP	National Eye Health Week 2021
23 September 2021	Siobhian Brown	SNP	FASD Awareness Day – 9 September
28 September 2021	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Ambulance Services Across Scotland
29 September 2021	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Alleviating Poverty Associated with the Purchase of School Uniforms in Scotland
30 September 2021	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Community Wealth and the Emergence of "Green Lairds".
5 October 2021	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Big Noise Programme in Wester Hailes
6 October 2021	Donald Cameron	CON	Rest and Be Thankful
7 October 2021	Paul McLennan	SNP	World Mental Health Day 2021
26 October 2021	Clare Adamson	SNP	UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2021, Malnutrition in Older People
27 October 2021	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services
28 October 2021	Mercedes Villalba	LAB	The Need for an Offshore Training Passport
2 November 2021	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Improving Support and Ending the Stigma of the Menopause
3 November 2021	Elena Whitham	SNP	A Model for Scotland, the Campaign for Prostitution Law Reform in Scotland
4 November 2021	Gillian Mackay	GRN	Abortion Clinic Buffer Zones
9 November 2021	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Long Covid as a Condition of Concern
10 November 2021	Alexander Stewart	CON	100 Years of the Poppy in the UK

11 November 2021	Fiona Hyslop	SNP	Publication of the Communiqué Setting Out the Conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues
16 November 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	World COPD Day 2021
17 November 2021	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
18 November 2021	Stephen Kerr	CON	Road Safety in Falkirk
23 November 2021	Foyso Choudhury	LAB	Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26
24 November 2021	David Torrance	SNP	Mouth Cancer Action Month 2021
25 November 2021	Gillian Martin	SNP	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage as Part of Scotland's Net Zero Ambitions
30 November 2021	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Lamb for St Andrew's Day Campaign
1 December 2021	Jamie Greene	CON	World AIDS Day 2021
2 December 2021	Pam Duncan-Glancy	LAB	International Day of Disabled People
7 December 2021	Paul McLennan	SNP	16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
8 December 2021	Graham Simpson	CON	East Kilbride Rail Line Dualling
9 December 2021	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Human Rights Day 2021
14 December 2021	Jenni Minto	SNP	Importance of Community Defibrillators
15 December 2021	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Protecting Rural Bus Services
16 December 2021	Craig Hoy	CON	Edington Hospital
21 December 2021	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Ending Pharmaceutical Monopolies of Covid-19 Vaccines
22 December 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	Dumfries City Status
11 January 2022	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Endometriosis
12 January 2022	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service
13 January 2022	Martin Whitfield	LAB	Championing the Right to Holistic Family Support
18 January 2022	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Scottish History in Schools

19 2022	January	Alexander Stewart	CON	The ASDA Foundation and its Community Work
20 2022	January	Bill Kidd	SNP	NPT Review Conference and Anniversary of TPNW Entry Into Force
25 2022	January	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	My Breath is My Life
26 2022	January	Katy Clark	LAB	Domestic Abuse Charges
27 2022 (FMQs)	January	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Memorial Day to be Marked on 27 January 2022
27 2022 (DT)	January	Rona Mackay	SNP	Support for the 70/30 Campaign to Reduce ACES by 2030
1 2022	February	Jackie Baillie	LAB	World Cancer Day 2022
2 2022	February	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Response to Storm Arwen in Stirling and Future Resilience Planning
3 2022	February	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Revitalising Coastal Communities
8 2022	February	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Future of the BBC
9 2022	February	Stephen Kerr	CON	Commemorating the 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
10 2022	February	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Online Pimping
22 2022	February	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Redundancies at OVO Energy
23 2022	February	Karen Adam	SNP	Celebrating LGBT History Month
24 2022	February	Craig Hoy	CON	Decommissioning of Torness Nuclear Power Station
1 March 2022		Emma Harper	SNP	Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2022
2 March 2022		Alasdair Allan	SNP	Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland
3 March 2022		Michelle Thomson	SNP	International Women's Day 2022: Break the Bias
8 March 2022		Pam Gosal	CON	Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2022
9 March 2022		Jenni Minto	SNP	Recognition of Dr Elsie Inglis
10 March 2022		Alex Rowley	LAB	Longstanding Underpayment of Social Care Staff
15 March 2022		Gillian Martin	SNP	Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2022
16 March 2022		Maurice Golden	CON	Tackling Dog Theft
17 March 2022		Clare Adamson	SNP	Fair Trade Pledge
22 March 2022		Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Scottish Tourism Month 2022

23 March 2022	Ross Greer	GRN	Industrial Relations in the College Sector
24 March 2022	Miles Briggs	CON	World Tuberculosis Day 2022
29 March 2022	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022
30 March 2022	Marie McNair	SNP	Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
31 March 2022	Kaukab Stewart	SNP	Impacts of Benefit Sanctions
19 April 2022	Jeremy Balfour	CON	Welcoming the Down Syndrome Bill
20 April 2022	Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	Sexism in Football
21 April 2022	Katy Clark	LAB	Keeping CalMac Public and Publicly-Owned Ferry Services
26 April 2022	David Torrance	SNP	MS Awareness Week 2022
27 April 2022	Graham Simpson	CON	Honouring Emergency Workers
28 April 2022	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	Global Intergenerational Week 2022
3 May 2022	Russell Findlay	CON	World Press Freedom Day
4 May 2022	Audrey Nicoll	SNP	International Day of the Midwife, 100 Years of Progress
10 May 2022	Michelle Thomson	SNP	Women in Business
11 May 2022	Emma Roddick	SNP	LGBTQ+ People's Experience of Alcohol Services in Scotland
12 May 2022	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Supporting Striking University Staff
12 May 2022	Jackie Baillie	LAB	Celebrating Nurses on International Nurses Day
17 May 2022	Beatrice Wishart	LD	Protecting Marine Wildlife During Ordnance Removal
18 May 2022	Tess White	CON	Improving the Disaster Response to Serious Weather Events
19 May 2022	Fiona Hyslop	SNP	Celebrating the 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Union Canal and its Contribution to Scotland
24 May 2022	Clare Adamson	SNP	R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose and Political Aesthetic
25 May 2022	Fergus Ewing	SNP	Scotland's Fair Share, the Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland
26 May 2022	Sharon Dowey	CON	Marking the 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands
31 May 2022	Colin Smyth	LAB	Ethical Principles in Wildlife Management

1 June 2022	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Access to Cannabis-based Products for Medicinal Use
7 June 2022	Sue Webber	CON	Economic Value of Medical Charity Research in Scotland
8 June 2022	Graeme Dey	SNP	Commemorating 40 Years Since the Falklands War
9 June 2022	Rhoda Grant	LAB	NHS Staff Recruitment and Retention
9 June 2022	Bill Kidd	SNP	Making Scotland hostile to trafficking and a safe place for Ukrainian Refugees
14 June 2022	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Supporting Great Bernera's Community Land Buyout
15 June 2022	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials
16 June 2022	Christine Grahame	SNP	Men Don't Talk
21 June 2022	Bob Doris	SNP	MND Scotland Report, No Time to Lose: Addressing the Housing Needs of People with MND
22 June 2022	Ross Greer	GRN	Save Loch Lomond
23 June 2022	Douglas Lumsden	CON	Celebrating Success of Rugby in Scotland
29 June 2022	John Mason	SNP	Scotland's Companies
30 June 2022	Marie McNair	SNP	Action Mesothelioma Day 2022
30 June 2022	Michael Marra	LAB	Dundee Drugs Commission Review Report
6 September 2022	Liz Smith	CON	Team Scotland at the 2022 Commonwealth Games
7 September	Kaukab Stewart	SNP	Changing the Boundaries – Ending Institutional Racism in Sport
8 September	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Fair Tax Week
21 September 2022	Alexander Stewart	CON	NHS Out-of-hours GP Services
22 September 2022	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Ardeer Girls Take Centre Stage
22 September 2022	Clare Adamson	SNP	Gas Safety Week 2022, The Hidden Dangers
27 September 2022	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Adopt a Road
28 September 2022	Pam Gosal	CON	Congratulating Scottish Universities on Research Excellence Framework
29 September 2022	Daniel Johnson	LAB	Mesh Treatment Clarity
4 October 2022	Elena Whitham	SNP	Challenge Poverty Week 2022



6 October 2022	Mark Ruskell	GRN	Greyhound Racing in Scotland
25 October 2022	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	20 <sup>th</sup> Year of The BIG Project
26 October 2022	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Sewage and Scotland's Waters
27 October 2022	Murdo Fraser	CON	The MOD coming Back to Perth
1 November	Siobhan Brown	SNP	World Menopause Month
2 November	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Western Isled Interconnector
3 November	Miles Briggs	CON	Cancer Card
3 November	Carol Mochan	LAB	Allied Health Professions Day 2022
8 November	Stephen Kerr	CON	A Potato with more Vitamin C Than a Lemon
9 November	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Greenock and Inverclyde Faced with Higher Forecourt Prices than the rest of Scotland
10 November	Emma Roddick	SNP	Mental Health Stigma in the Workplace
15 November	Alexander Burnett	CON	Improving Outcomes for People with Neurological Conditions
16 November	Bill Kidd	SNP	Co-op. SAMH, Mind and Inspire's Together Through Tough Times Report
17 November	Katy Clark	LAB	Higher Education Workers' Dispute
22 November	Christine Grahame	SNP	Brexit's Impact on Inflation
23 November	Pam Gosal	CON	Recognising the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
24 November	Paul McLennan	SNP	The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2022 Update
29 November	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2022
30 November	Gillian Mackay	GRN	Stroke Association's Report, Keeping Stroke Recoveries in Mind, Launched on World Stroke Day
1 December	Michelle Thomson	SNP	Small Business Saturday
6 December	Paul O'Kane	LAB	Carer's Rights Day 2022
7 December	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	#IWILL WEEK 2022
8 December	Bob Doris	SNP	How Will We Survive: Steps to Preventing Destitution in the Asylum System

13 December	Graham Simpson	CON	Free Rail Travel for Blind and Partially Sighted People and Companions
14 December	Emma Harper	SNP	Transforming Scotland's Vacant and Derelict Sites
15 December	Pam Duncan Glancy	LAB	UNISON Year of Disabled Workers 2022
22 December	Douglas Ross	CON	Maternity Services at Dr Gray's
10 January	Fulton Macgregor	SNP	Programme Promoting the Benefits of Shared Parenting
11 January	Finlay Carson	CON	Long and Short Term Improvements Required on A75
12 January	Richard Leonard	LAB	Caledonian Sleeper Service
12 January	Stephanie Callaghan	SNP	Circular Fashion: Looping the Thread
17 January	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Ferrier Family Raises £30,280.90 for Cardiomyopathy UK
18 January	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Developing an Economy Driven by New Robotic Technology at Heriot-Watt University
19 January	Maggie Chapman	GRN	Fire Brigades Union DECON Campaign
25 January	Meghan Gallacher	CON	Future of Childcare
26 January	Fergus Ewing	SNP	Holocaust Memorial Day 2023
31 January	Siobhan Brown	SNP	Concern Regarding Youth Vaping
01 February	Paul McLennan	SNP	Heart Month
02 February	Sue Webber	CON	Scottish Government Commissioned Review of ME Services and Future Action
02 February	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Male Suicide in Scotland
07 February	Martin Whitfield	LAB	UNCR (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill
08 February	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Cervical Cancer Prevention Week
08 February	Michael Marra	LAB	Final Report of the Independent Oversight and Assurance Group on Tayside's Mental Health Services
09 February	Emma Roddick	SNP	UK Income Inequality

21 February	Russell Findlay	CON	Victims Awareness Week: Championing the Rights of Crime Victims
22 February	Jenni Minto	SNP	Special Tribunal on Russian Aggression in Ukraine
23 February	Alex Cole Hamilton	LD	Chinese State Surveillance
28 February	Joe Fitzpatrick	SNP	Celebrating LGBT+ History Month
1 March	Craig Hoy	CON	Scotland's Hospitality and Brewing Sector
2 March	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2023
7 March	Rona Mackay	SNP	The Cost to Families of Imprisonment and Release
8 March	Ross Greer	GRN	Save Loch Lomond
9 March	Roz McCall	CON	Scotland's Forgotten Children
14 March	Jackie Baillie	LAB	International Long Covid Day
15 March	John Mason	SNP	Promoting the Benefits of Camping
16 March	Gillian Martin	SNP	Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2023
21 March	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Road Improvements and the Dualling of the A9
22 March	Jenni Minto	SNP	100 Years of the BBC in Scotland
23 March	Pauline McNeil	LAB	Supporting Taxi Drivers
28 March	Christine Grahame	SNP	St Andrew's Children's Society
29 March	Liam Kerr	CON	Scotland's Courts Maintenance Backlog
18 April	Emma Harper	SNP	Wear a Hat Day 2023
19 April	Alexander Stewart	CON	Healthy Ageing in Scotland
20 April	Foyso Choudhury	LAB	Damp Housing in Scotland
20 April	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Bringing back the Eurasian Lynx to Scotland

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<b>Frequency (no)</b>	99	45	30	10	5	189
<b>Frequency %</b>	52.38	23.81	15.88	5.29	2.64	100

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