

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 28 November 2023

5. The annex lists all motions marked for Members’ Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 28 November 2023) 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 retained—
 - **S6M-11224: Kaukab Stewart:** Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel
 - **S6M-11415: Emma Harper:** The Role of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly [Selected for Member’s Debate on 23 January 2023.]
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

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Annex: Member's Business motions suggested for removal

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total Support	Date Last Supported
S6M-10634	Dowey, Sharon	29/09/2023	Local Infrastructure and Rural Connectivity on the A77 and A75	17	09/10/2023
S6M-10801	McCall, Roz	10/10/2023	Basic Care Standards in Palliative Care	21	21/10/2023
S6M-10823	McCall, Roz	12/10/2023	World Stroke Day 2023	2	19/10/2023
S6M-10874	Leonard, Richard	25/10/2023	The Fire Brigades Union Firestorm Report	11	07/11/2023
S6M-10899	Mason, John	20/10/2023	White Poppies	9	09/11/2023
S6M-11006	MacGregor, Fulton	30/10/2023	Celebrating the 36th Anniversary of the Pakistan Welfare Trust and the Life of Dr Imtiaz "Jimmy" Majid	15	21/12/2023
S6M-11008	Thomson, Michelle	31/10/2023	Celebrating St Andrew's Day	15	23/11/2023
S6M-11030	Adam, Karen	01/11/2023	Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation	17	23/11/2023
S6M-11073	Macpherson, Ben	03/11/2023	Enhancing Scottish Football	16	20/12/2023
S6M-11076	Gosal, Pam	06/11/2023	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence	29	23/11/2023
S6M-11089	Regan, Ash	06/11/2023	Sort the School Debt Campaign	7	16/11/2023
S6M-11204	Torrance, David	13/11/2023	Aldi Set to Close Stores on Boxing Day	11	23/11/2023
S6M-11224	Stewart, Kaukab	10/11/2023	Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel	32	23/11/2023
S6M-11244	Boyack, Sarah	20/11/2023	Recognising Edinburgh's Housing Emergency	10	01/12/2023

S6M-11301	Gibson, Kenneth	21/11/2023	Impact of Open-plan Classrooms on Primary School Pupils	6	23/11/2023
S6M-11319	Gibson, Kenneth	23/11/2023	Lifting the £50 Million Charity Cap	15	20/12/2023
S6M-11354	Ewing, Fergus	23/11/2023	Dualling of the A9 and A96	16	18/12/2023
S6M-11389	Leonard, Richard	27/11/2023	Recognising the Contribution of Michael (Mick) McGahey	16	20/12/2023
S6M-11396	Kerr, Stephen	27/11/2023	The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery	2	28/11/2023
S6M-11415	Harper, Emma	27/11/2023	The Role of the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly	18	20/12/2023
S6M-11464	Gosal, Pam	28/11/2023	Small Business Saturday UK 2023	31	20/12/2023