

## 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>
7 March	CON	SNP	LAB
14 March	SNP	CON	SNP
21 March	SNP	GRN	CON
28 March	LAB	SNP	SNP
<i>Easter recess</i>			
18 April	CON	SNP	LAB
25 April	SNP	CON	SNP
2 May	SNP	CON	LAB
9 May	SNP	SNP	GRN
16 May	LD	CON	SNP
23 May	SNP	SNP	CON
30 May	LAB	SNP	SNP
6 June	CON	SNP	LAB
13 June	SNP	CON	SNP
20 June	SNP	GRN	CON
27 June	LAB	SNP	SNP

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

**S6M-03259: Kaukab Stewart: Impacts of Benefit Sanctions** - That the Parliament notes with concern a recent paper by researchers from the University of Glasgow examining the impact of social security sanctions internationally on the labour market, and wider social impacts; understands that it found that any temporary positive impacts on employment carry with them negative impacts for job quality and stability in the longer term, along with increased transitions to non-employment or economic inactivity; further understands that the studies reported significant associations between sanctions and increased material hardship and health problems, and found some evidence that sanctions were associated with increased child maltreatment and poorer child wellbeing, and considers that this is further evidence of what it sees as the ineffective and punitive nature of the sanctions regime in the UK, which it considers

negatively impacts people across Scotland, including in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency.

**S6M-03222: Pam Gosal: International Women's Day 2022** - That the Parliament notes the achievement of women around the world on International Women's Day on 8 March 2022; welcomes the 2022 theme of #BreakTheBias; recognises the need to end what it sees as gender-based bias in Scotland's communities, workplaces, schools, colleges, and universities; considers that, whether deliberate or unconscious, bias inhibits the progress of women in society; further considers that gender equality is key to the elimination of violence against women; believes that this day should be used to reflect on the notable contributions made by women, celebrate women's achievements, and raise awareness about women's equality; further believes that women, especially BAME women, have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; notes with concern reports that female-owned businesses in Scotland have decreased since 2017; further notes the calls to help women realise their ambitions, especially in less female-dominated fields, such as STEM, and notes the calls to commit to promoting gender-inclusive practices, which can help business and policy-makers engage in diversity of thought.

**S6M-03183: Fulton MacGregor: World Social Work Day 2022** - That the Parliament notes that 15 March is World Social Work Day 2022; understands that it has been celebrated since 2007 and that it aims to highlight the achievements and raise the visibility of social work and to defend social justice and human rights; recognises and praises social workers in Scotland, and across the world, for what it sees as the invaluable contribution they make to supporting communities and the difference they make to the lives of individuals and families; understands that this year's theme is Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind; further understands that it presents a vision and action plan to create new global values, policies and practices that develop trust, security and confidence for all people through ensuring the sustainability of the planet; considers that World Social Work Day is an opportunity for networks and communities to engage around the values and principles of social work, which, it believes, enable all people to have their dignity respected through shared visions for what it sees as a more socially just future; acknowledges what it sees as the critical role played by social workers, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic; notes with concern reports of the impact that high caseloads have had on mental wellbeing and their capacity to effectively protect adults and children; believes that changes in the role of social work have resulted in it being about high-risk crisis and statutory intervention rather than early intervention and prevention; notes the view that the creation of a National Care Service offers a unique opportunity to reform and shape a new future for social work in Scotland, and further notes the view that this can only be achieved through engagement with the profession.

**S6M-03137: Michelle Thomson: Women in Business** - That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the vital role played by women in business, including in the Falkirk East constituency; believes that diversity in business leadership is vital for a healthy economy; notes reports that female entrepreneurs and business leaders often face particular barriers in accessing finance and investment; recognises what it sees as the pioneering research undertaken by Women's Enterprise Scotland; understands that the research shows that women reportedly start their businesses with 53% less capital than men do, ask for 30% less funding and consequently, it

believes, are often hugely under-capitalised from the outset; further understands that, according to the research, only 14% of all capital raised went to women-led businesses, and that less than 15% of the UK's business angels are women; notes the initiatives taken by the Scottish Government to support and promote women in business, and further notes the growing recognition that removing barriers to women will enhance leadership, decision making, ethics and performance in the business community.

**S6M-03116: Paul McLennan: National Social Prescribing Day, 10 March 2022 -**

That the Parliament notes National Social Prescribing Day on 10 March 2022, and celebrates what it sees as the creation, implementation and success of the Scottish Social Prescribing Network (SSPN); understands that the SSPN was created in June 2020 as no such network existed in Scotland; believes that social prescribing is best described as a means of enabling health professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services; understands that social prescribing is an approach that is based on the view that people's health and wellbeing are determined mostly by a range of social, economic and environmental factors, and that it seeks to address people's needs in a holistic way; considers that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, social prescribing programmes stepped up and rapidly adapted, using what it sees as innovative approaches to support people in their communities; understands that this was done through a range of means, using community connectors, social prescribers and community link workers; notes that the SSPN facilitated a session on 30 September 2021, which, it understands, was targeted at key policy makers, and involved representatives from the Scottish Government, public health, academia and the third sector, and that a report from the session is available with a number of recommendations; believes that SSPN is an important movement; understands that it was established from a grassroots level; notes the view that the SSPN should continue to grow and develop and that it is essential to a national approach to achieving Scottish Government policies and strategies, and further notes the view that the Scottish Government should be involved in the network, in order to assess where it fits in terms of policy areas.

**S6M-03099: Katy Clark: Precarious Employment in Further and Higher Education -**

That the Parliament notes the strike action announced by University and College Union (UCU) members to be taken across Scottish universities in February 2022, including in the West Scotland region; understands that a key demand of the workers is a nationally-agreed framework to eliminate precarious employment; notes with concern data published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency, which reportedly showed that 32% of all UK University staff were on fixed-term contracts in 2020-21 and 33% of all Scotland-based University staff were on fixed-term contracts in 2019-20; further notes College Staffing Data, published by the Scottish Funding Council, which reportedly showed that 13% of all teaching staff at Scottish colleges were on temporary contracts in 2019-20; notes with concern the findings of the UCU report, *Second Class Academic Citizens: The dehumanising effects of casualisation in higher education*, published in 2020, which found that students on temporary or fixed-term contracts felt invisible, vulnerable, lacking in agency and unable to make long-term plans; further notes surveys carried out by the UCU in June 2019, which reportedly found that 93% of respondents on fixed-term contracts in further education roles and 97% of respondents on fixed-term contracts in higher education roles would rather be on permanent contracts; understands that employers have a statutory

responsibility to ensure that workers must not be treated less favourably than comparable staff; notes the calls for academic institutions not to use employment agencies to recruit staff; further notes the calls for the Scottish Funding Council to set out guidance that temporary or fixed-term contracts should not be used; acknowledges the view that academic institutions should seek to negotiate with trade unions to transition staff in precarious employment to more secure contracts, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to work with higher and further education institutions, local authorities and trade unions to put an end to what it considers the precarious employment in the academic sector.

**S6M-03091: John Mason: Persecution of Christians** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the persecution of Christians across the world; acknowledges the findings of the World Watch List 2022, compiled by Open Doors, which ranks the top 50 countries where, according to the list, Christians face the most extreme levels of persecution; understands that the top 10 on this year's watch list are, starting at number one, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, and India; further understands that analysis shows that, on average, every day, 13 Christians worldwide are killed because of their faith and 12 churches or Christian buildings are attacked; understands that 309 million Christians are living in places with very high or extreme levels of persecution, with, reportedly, one in eight Christians facing persecution worldwide, and one in six in Africa, and two in five in Asia, facing persecution; sympathises with all those who face persecution for practising their faith, and notes the calls reminding Christians across Scotland, including in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency, to keep those victimised in their prayers.

**S6M-03086: Edward Mountain: Highland Pre-hospital Immediate Care and Trauma Service** - That the Parliament supports what it sees as the pioneering and life-saving work of the Highland Pre-hospital Immediate Care and Trauma (PICT) service; understands that Highland PICT is a dual clinician Medic/Advanced Practitioner rapid response team that is based at Raigmore Hospital, in Inverness, and provides enhanced frontline care to medical and traumatic emergencies across the Highlands; further understands that, since 2015, the team has successfully expanded its operations from a two-day service to a seven-day service, which has been in place since August 2020; considers that Highland PICT meets the ambitions of the Scottish Government's national trauma network programme and plays a key role in NHS Highland's major incident planning, collaborating with the Scottish Ambulance Service and other emergency services; notes, with deep concern, reports that NHS Highland's funding review for Highland PICT will result in a reduced service of four days per week, and further notes the calls encouraging the NHS board to reconsider its funding proposal for what it sees as a vital service.

**S6M-03083: Alasdair Allan: Energy Bill Crisis for Island Communities** - That the Parliament notes reports of growing concerns about what it sees as the energy bill crisis, including in Na h-Eileanan an Iar; understands that Ofgem's decision to raise the price cap will increase household energy bills by an average of 54%; considers that distribution levies unfairly penalise poorer people and those who live in rural areas; believes that the rise in energy costs from April will push many island households to breaking point; further believes that island residents are more vulnerable to what it sees as the current cost of living crisis due to existing higher living

costs, including what it considers to be unfair energy levies, and to weather conditions, the lack of a mains gas option for most people, and low incomes in many areas; welcomes the Scottish Government's announcement of a £150 cost-of-living payment, which, together with funding for local authorities, will reportedly benefit 73% of households, and an additional £10 million to be targeted at people who are struggling to pay their fuel bills; considers that the power to make critical energy legislation is reserved to the UK Parliament; condemns the UK Government for, it believes, failing to step in further to prevent fuel poverty resulting from this situation; notes the calls for anyone who is struggling with their bills to contact Advice Direct Scotland for free practical advice; considers that the current devolution settlement prevents the Scottish Parliament from legislating directly on this issue, and notes the calls on the UK Government to do more to tackle what it believes to be the current fuel price crisis.

**S6M-03064: Christine Grahame: Men Don't Talk** - That the Parliament recognises the work that has gone into producing the one-act play, Men Don't Talk, by Clare Prenton, who is based in Peebles; understands that Clare based this play on the experiences of those involved with Peebles Men's Shed and conducted a number of workshops with members to inform the storyline, which was written and developed over two years; further understands that it explores the myth that men do not talk, in a fictional Men's Shed setting, discussing such issues as loneliness, alcoholism and recovery, loss of a life partner, caring for a partner with dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from previous service in the Armed Forces, and where the next supply of jaffa cakes is coming from; notes that this was made possible by funding from the Peebles-based charity, Inspiring Life - Evie Douglas Memorial Fund, which was set up by Freda Douglas in memory of her daughter Evie; congratulates those involved, on the play coming to fruition in January 2022, with a rehearsed reading at The Eastgate Theatre in Peebles, employing a professional cast of three actors and the services of one local amateur, who helped with the stage direction, in front of an audience of over 70 people; believes that projects such as this celebrate community collaboration and are an important part of raising awareness of issues around mental health, particularly among those in society who may be less comfortable in engaging in conventional support for this, and considers that organisations such as Men's Sheds are a vital support for many in Scotland's communities.

**S6M-03062: David Torrance: MS Awareness Week 2022** - That the Parliament welcomes MS Awareness Week, taking place from 25 April to 1 May 2022; understands that Scotland has one of the highest rates per head of population of multiple sclerosis (MS) in the world, with more than 15,000 people living with the condition; notes that MS can cause a range of often fluctuating physical and mental symptoms, which impact the way people move and feel; understands that MS affects everyone with the condition differently; welcomes the work of charities, such as the MS Society and the MS Trust, in raising awareness of MS; believes that their work to fund research is of critical importance to stop MS; understands that there are now 17 treatments available for MS in NHS Scotland, when, 20 years ago, there were none, and notes the calls on MSPs across the Parliament to help raise awareness to stop MS.

**S6M-03023: Colin Smyth: Ethical Principles in Wildlife Management** - That the Parliament notes reports that thousands of animals and birds are taken and killed in wildlife management operations every year, including in the South Scotland region;

considers that these are sentient beings that are capable of experiencing pain and suffering; notes the view that Scotland should lead the way in sustainable and humane interaction with the wild animals in the environment; notes the belief that wildlife management should be governed by ethical principles, such as the international consensus principles for ethical wildlife control, which recommend that efforts to control wildlife should, wherever possible: alter the human practices that cause human-wildlife conflict and develop a culture of coexistence, be justified by evidence that significant harms are being caused to people, property, livelihoods, ecosystems, and/or other animals, have measurable outcome-based objectives that are clear, achievable, monitored, and adaptive, minimise animal welfare harms and be confined to the fewest number of animals, be informed by community values as well as scientific, technical, and practical information, be integrated into plans for systematic long-term management, and be based on the specifics of the situation rather than negative labels such as “pest” or “overabundant”, and notes the view that there are opportunities to integrate ethical principles into the Scottish Government’s strategic approach to wildlife management and its species licensing review.

**S6M-03022: Fulton MacGregor: Phenylketonuria (PKU)** - That the Parliament recognises that phenylketonuria (PKU) is a rare metabolic condition where the body cannot process phenylalanine, an amino acid found in protein foods; understands that prolonged exposure to protein in their diet can result in people with PKU experiencing significant health issues, including brain damage; further understands that, at present, children and adults with PKU must follow an extreme dietary regime by cutting out almost all protein, weighing food and taking supplements, leaving them unable to make any spontaneous food choices or enjoy the same food as other people; understands that the drug, sapropterin, can assist in giving eligible people with PKU, including those in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, and across Scotland, some normality in their diet, and that the manufacturer of Kuvan, BioMarin Pharmaceutical, previously had an application for the drug turned down by the Scottish Medicines Consortium on grounds of cost; further understands that generic versions of sapropterin are now available; notes the calls on BioMarin Pharmaceutical to submit a new application, and further notes the calls on the NHS to explore any and all options to procure generic versions of sapropterin for prescription to eligible patients across Scotland.

**S6M-03010: Stuart McMillan: Regulation of Pet Groomers** - That the Parliament notes with concern the reported lack of regulation of the pet grooming industry, with, it understands, pet groomers not requiring training or licences to operate; further understands that this has led to a discrepancy between pet groomers, with some voluntarily choosing to set up procedures and policies to safeguard themselves and the animals that they provide services for, but nothing in place to ensure that all pet groomers follow the same set of standards; acknowledges that people can reportedly only access private training to become a pet groomer as there are no state-funded courses available to people to pursue this career path; believes that this makes it harder for individuals to obtain appropriate training to become a pet groomer and, in light of the reported absence of formal regulation, it is easy for individuals to set up a pet grooming business with no experience or training in the role; notes reports that one in four people in Scotland are thought to be dog owners, and that pet care services in the UK are expected to grow by 34.3% to £991 million; further notes the view that, as the market for pet grooming services continues to grow, there is an increased need

to consider providing state-funded training for those wishing to pursue a career in the industry and for formal regulation of pet groomers to be introduced; considers that pet grooming services are not just about cosmetic and pamper treatments for animals, but also involve services that protect the health and wellbeing of animals, such as regular nail clipping, ear cleaning and haircuts; notes the view that it is important for pet groomers to have animal first aid training and appropriate pet handling skills due to the holistic approach that it considers pet owners would expect from groomers, but believes that, due to the reported lack of regulation, there are no checks and balances in place to ensure pet grooming businesses possess these skills; considers that many pet owners may not realise that the pet grooming industry is, it understands, unregulated and that pet grooming businesses will therefore have varying levels of experience and training, and notes the view that introducing regulation would instil confidence in pet owners, including those in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, who make use of pet grooming services.

**S6M-02970: Evelyn Tweed: Scottish Tourism Month 2022** - That the Parliament recognises that March is Scottish Tourism Month; understands that the aim of this is to engage, connect and inspire all of Scotland's tourism businesses and organisations, as well as celebrate what it sees as the enormous contribution that tourism makes to Scotland; considers that the sector has been severely impacted over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic; understands what it sees as the importance of tourism to a sustainable recovery, with the sector reportedly worth £11.5 billion pre-pandemic and accounting for 8.5% of jobs in Scotland; welcomes the opportunities that the industry provides to people, places, businesses and communities by, it considers, acting as a stimulus for entrepreneurialism and investment, the benefits of which it believes spread far beyond tourism; further believes tourism to be a force for good across the country, enriching the economy, communities and environment; commends what it sees as Scottish tourism's significant contribution toward Scotland's profile on the world stage; considers that tourism can also play an important part in promoting wellness, particularly as people emerge from long periods of isolation brought about by the pandemic, and notes the view that it will take investment, support and time for the industry to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels.

**S6M-02957: Gillian Martin: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2022** - That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2022, which runs throughout March; praises Marie Curie nursing and hospice staff who have been on the frontline throughout the COVID-19 pandemic for providing palliative and end of life care support to hundreds of dying people, their families, and carers, including in the Aberdeenshire East constituency; understands that Marie Curie cared for over 9,000 people in Scotland during 2020-21, which is reportedly the highest number of patients cared for in a single year since the charity was established 70 years ago; commends what it sees as the dedication, hard work and contribution of Marie Curie volunteers across Scotland; considers that the pandemic has highlighted how crucial access to palliative and end of life care is for terminally ill people to ensure a positive end of life experience that reflects what is important to the individual; understands that Marie Curie needs to raise £250,000 per week to support its frontline services; commends the vital care and support that Marie Curie provides across local authorities and hospices; praises the Marie Curie Information and Support services, which are available for everyone affected by terminal illness, including for bereavement support, and the volunteer Helper services, which have adapted during the pandemic to

continue providing what it sees as vital emotional support, companionship, and information to terminally ill people, their carers, and families; believes that wearing the daffodil pin unites millions of people who consider that dying people should get the care and support that they need, and notes the calls encouraging as many people as possible to support the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal in March 2022.

**S6M-02918: Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home “Paws Pantry” -**

That the Parliament recognises the support given by the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home to pet owners in the community during times of need and often in times of financial difficulty; understands that the Home’s pet foodbank, Paws Pantry, was launched in 2019 and has since partnered with over 50 human foodbanks and supported over 7,000 pets in 2021; notes that the foodbank offers wet and dry food, jackets, collars, leads, bowls and bedding, and the dedicated and passionate staff can also offer pet care advice, and thanks the staff for their efforts in helping to empower pet owners to continue to care for their own animals.

**S6M-02910: Paul O’Kane: ENABLE Scotland’s My Own Front Door Campaign -**

That the Parliament acknowledges the ENABLE Scotland campaign, My Own Front Door, which it understands calls for urgent action to have priority plans in place for every person who has a learning disability in Scotland to access their right to a home that they choose, in the community that they choose, near to the people that they love, by 2023; considers that this is a basic human right, as identified in Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which states the right for disabled people to live independently and to be included in the community; acknowledges with concern reports that 1,011 adults with a learning disability in Scotland were recorded in 2019 as being "out of area", meaning that they do not live in their own community due to lack of available social care support; understands that this issue was identified as a priority in the 2013 Keys to Life strategy; further understands that the Scottish Government report, Coming Home, in 2018 identified 67 people who have a learning disability "living" in hospital due to lack of appropriate accommodation and support in the community, and that 22% had been in hospital for more than 10 years, with a further 9% having been in hospital for between five and 10 years; considers that this is unacceptable and a breach of an individual’s human rights; understands that the campaign, My Own Front Door, highlights that there are many more people who are at risk of being in this position due to life transitions and/or breakdown in community-based social care support; is concerned by reports that there is currently no up-to-date information about progress that has been made to support people to live in the community of their choice, either from an area they do not want to live in, or from hospital; understands that the Scottish Government and COSLA convened a short-life working group in 2020 to address this issue and provided a £20 million Community Living Change Fund in February 2021 to health and social care partnerships to support change; further understands that the report of this group and detailed guidance on the use of the fund has yet to be published; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to support the five calls contained within the My Own Front Door campaign to ensure an urgent end to out-of-area placements that are not the choice of the individual and the overuse of assessment and treatment unit beds, a community first approach to the commissioning of support for people who have a learning disability, continued national investment to support the development of high-quality, sustainable social care support for all people who have a learning disability, in any community that they choose to live in, national monitoring of local populations in



this position, or at risk of being in this position, and the introduction of a national oversight panel to ensure that plans to support people to live in the community of their choice are informed by the rights, will and preference of these individuals, and upholds their human rights, and further notes the view that every person who has a learning disability in Scotland, including in the West Scotland region, has the right to have the keys to their own front door.

**S6M-02906: Alexander Stewart: Diabetes Care in Scotland** - That the Parliament notes, with concern, the findings of a January 2022 report by Diabetes Scotland, that diabetes is one of the fastest-growing health crises of our time, with 317,000 people living with diabetes in Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; understands that this represents an increase of 5,000 over the previous 12 months; further understands that people living with diabetes require annual healthcare checks to prevent them developing serious complications; notes that a survey by Diabetes Scotland reportedly shows that key care processes dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic, with only approximately 10% of over-18s receiving all key care processes; understands that cases of life-threatening diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) have been steadily increasing in Scotland, and that people from less affluent areas are reportedly most likely to be hospitalised or die; notes, with concern, reports that the gap in diabetes outcomes for the richest and poorest is widening; believes that, with diabetes rates reportedly rapidly increasing and diagnoses more than doubling in the last 20 years, these figures have been significantly exacerbated due to the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes that Diabetes Scotland reported that access to the correct diabetes technology, such as insulin pumps, can be life-changing for the patient, but that only just over 10% of over-18-year-olds use them, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to put urgent measures in place to ensure that this trend is reversed.

**S6M-02902: Katy Clark: Keeping CalMac Public and Publicly-owned Ferry Services** - That the Parliament notes the view that lifeline ferry services should be in the public sector; is alarmed by the Scottish Government's reported contract with Ernst & Young to review governance of Scotland's public ferry contracts, including Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS); understands that the current operator, CalMac Ferries, the entire fleet and the majority of harbours on the CHFS network are publicly owned, employing 1,600 people; considers that unbundling of CHFS routes would mean privatisation; is concerned at reports that the Scottish Government has reneged on the commitment it gave the RMT in 2017 to build the case for permanent in-house operation of the CHFS contract; agrees with the reported view of the RMT that the CHFS network lacks resilience and capacity due to vessel procurement failures and not due to the public ownership model; understands that the contract with the public sector operator, CalMac Ferries, ends in October 2024; further understands that CalMac staff have helped carry over 47 million passengers and 12 million cars in the last decade and that the Road Equivalent Tariff fares subsidy drove a 20% increase in passengers, pre-COVID-19 pandemic, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to categorically rule out extending private ferry operations or privatisation of any routes in the CHFS contract and to commit to keeping CalMac Ferries public and expanding ferry capacity and resilience in the public sector.

**S6M-02887: Mercedes Villalba: Solidarity with Hospitality Workers in Their Dispute with MacMerry 300** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the

difficulties faced by workers in the hospitality sector throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with reported estimates of over 600,000 jobs having been lost, including in the North East Scotland region; further recognises what it sees as the longstanding employment issues such as low pay and precarious work affecting the sector; welcomes the Scottish Government's reported commitment to Unite's Fair Hospitality Charter; expresses its support for, and extends its solidarity with, workers who are reportedly in dispute with their employer, the MacMerry 300 and Abandon Ship hospitality group, regarding allegations that include a cover-up of a COVID-19 outbreak and failure to investigate sexual misconduct; understands that Unite Scotland has the pre-requisite 50% membership density to push for compulsory union recognition; notes the calls for wider trade union recognition and collective bargaining agreements across the hospitality sector; thanks Unite Scotland for establishing a solidarity fund for its members; notes the calls for the allegations to be properly investigated and addressed; further notes the belief that the Scottish Government should publicly support the workers and condemn the alleged behaviour of MacMerry 300 and Abandon Ship, and notes the calls on the managing director of the group to work constructively with Unite Scotland to resolve the dispute as quickly as possible.

**S6M-02882: Richard Leonard: Changes to ScotRail Ticket Office Hours** - That the Parliament understands that Abellio ScotRail is consulting on changes to ticket office opening hours, which would lead to a reduction in opening hours at 117 of its 143 staffed ticket offices, including the full closure of three ticket offices; considers that these reductions in hours would worsen passenger safety, security and accessibility and deter passengers from the rail network, including in the Central Scotland region; expresses concern at reports that changes to Schedule 17 regulated hours may lead to reductions in staffing in the future; notes passenger research by Transport Focus, which reportedly found that passengers want to see more, not less, staff on the railway; believes that the public consultation is being carried out at a time when passenger numbers are constrained due to the Scottish Government's work from home guidance, and understands that the consultation is being carried out by Abellio, who will no longer be operating the franchise as of 1 April 2022 when it transfers into Scottish Government ownership; further understands that the Scottish Government is already fully funding the franchise under the ongoing Emergency Measures Agreement, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to intervene and withdraw the proposals to reduce ScotRail ticket office opening hours.

**S6M-02874: Miles Briggs: World Tuberculosis Day 2022** - That the Parliament notes that 24 March 2022 marks World Tuberculosis Day; understands that tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, killing 1.5 million people each year; believes that the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed decades of positive progress in tackling TB; understands that there has been uneven progress in the delivery of the commitments made at the UN High-Level Meeting on TB, including efforts to diagnose and treat 40 million people with TB by 2022 and to dramatically increase investments in research; considers that TB is a disease of poverty, with the most vulnerable and marginalised at greatest risk of both TB and drug-resistant TB, including in Scotland; believes that strong international health systems are vital for securing the UK's domestic health security; recognises what it sees as the importance of the upcoming seventh replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in tackling global TB, and notes what it sees as the vital work carried out by clinical staff, scientists and civil society organisations

across Scotland and globally to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goal of ending TB by 2030.

**S6M-02864: Clare Adamson: Fairtrade Foundation Pledge** - That the Parliament notes that the Fairtrade Foundation works closely with parliamentarians from all parties to support actions to improve the livelihoods of farmers and workers who consumers, including those in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, rely on to produce many every-day foods and products; recognises what it understands to be the Fairtrade Pledge, to ensure better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers; understands that the pledge also includes the selling and buying of Fairtrade products, from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, and encouraging consumers to look for the Fairtrade Mark; welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to further progress Scotland's potential to achieve inclusive growth through the delivery of increased sales and awareness of Fairtrade products, and notes the view that these actions, which were adopted in the International Development Strategy published in 2016 and are planned up to 2030, are key actions in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

**S6M-02795: Jeremy Balfour: Welcoming the Down Syndrome Bill** - That the Parliament welcomes the Down Syndrome Bill, introduced in the UK Parliament by Dr Liam Fox in June 2021; understands that it received cross-party support in the UK Parliament at its second reading in November 2021; welcomes what it considers the supportive comments made during the second reading from Douglas Chapman, the Scottish National Party MP for Dunfermline and West Fife; understands that, as introduced, the Bill extends to England and Wales, but that it could be extended further to apply to Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to facilitate this opportunity to, it considers, improve the services offered to people with Down syndrome and to place a duty on local authorities and public bodies to assess the likely support needs, including education, health and social care, employment and independent living needs, of people with Down syndrome, and plan provision accordingly.

**S6M-02750: Paul Sweeney: Glasgow's Pre-loved Uniforms Improving Accessibility and Sustainability of School Uniforms** - That the Parliament commends the efforts of Donna Henderson, who runs Glasgow's Pre-loved Uniforms; notes that the charity has been formally constituted since March 2020, but that Donna set up the initial uniform bank in Balornock in 2017; recognises that the main aims of the organisation are to encourage the re-use and recycling of pre-loved school uniforms, and to provide free school uniform to those who need it; understands that the service is available to all families, but that the charity also provides clothing for vulnerable young people in particular, including those who have been referred through social services and children who are refugees or seeking asylum; acknowledges that people can donate uniforms that they no longer need by using the various collection bins that are located in local schools and community centres across Glasgow, including within three Co-operative stores in Dennistoun, Crofffoot and Crown Street, Gorbals, as of June 2021, in collaboration with Co-op Member Pioneer Claire Parkes; commends the promotion of sustainable recycling of quality clothing amidst the rise of "fast fashion", particularly following COP26 that was hosted by the city, and thanks

Donna and the volunteers at Glasgow's Pre-loved Uniforms for their efforts in making access to school uniform as fair and equal as possible.

**S6M-02745: Maurice Golden: Tackling Dog Theft** - That the Parliament is concerned by reports that dog thefts have risen sharply during the COVID-19 pandemic, including across the North East Scotland region; understands that stealing a dog is not currently a specific offence in Scotland but is grouped along with other non-specific thefts, that there is no requirement to take into account the impact such thefts have on the wellbeing of either animal or owners, and that there is no requirement to collect specific information on dog theft offences, which it considers could aid prevention, and recognises the view regarding the merit of a specific offence of dog theft to address these issues.

**S6M-02589: Paul Sweeney: Recognising the Value of Asylum Seekers** - That the Parliament considers that the design and impact of Scotland's economy creates a series of "failure demands", resulting from what it sees as avoidable damage to the health of people and the planet, including illness from air pollution, inadequate housing, and poverty related to unfair pay; further considers that alongside the potentially devastating human cost, failure demands require significant expenditure for the Scottish and UK governments in Scotland, including in the East Lothian constituency, for example, in topping up wages and treating avoidable health conditions; welcomes the recent report by the Wellbeing Economy Alliance, Failure Demand: Counting the true costs of an unjust and unsustainable economic system, which provides, it considers, important evidence on failure demand expenditures in Scotland; commends the work that many non-government organisations across Scotland perform to, it believes, ameliorate the worst impacts of failure demand in the here and now, and notes the view that there is significant scope to avoid the costs of failure demands to the Scottish and UK governments if root causes are addressed by redesigning the economy towards a Wellbeing Economy, with the purpose of creating collective wellbeing that ensures a healthy environment, fair pay and adequate housing provision from the outset.

**S6M-02514: Paul McLennan: The Role of a Wellbeing Economy in Tackling Failure Demands** - That the Parliament considers that the design and impact of Scotland's economy creates a series of "failure demands", resulting from what it sees as avoidable damage to the health of people and the planet, including illness from air pollution, inadequate housing, and poverty related to unfair pay; further considers that alongside the potentially devastating human cost, failure demands require significant expenditure for the Scottish and UK governments in Scotland, including in the East Lothian constituency, for example, in topping up wages and treating avoidable health conditions; welcomes the recent report by the Wellbeing Economy Alliance, Failure Demand: Counting the true costs of an unjust and unsustainable economic system, which provides, it considers, important evidence on failure demand expenditures in Scotland; commends the work that many non-government organisations across Scotland perform to, it believes, ameliorate the worst impacts of failure demand in the here and now, and notes the view that there is significant scope to avoid the costs of failure demands to the Scottish and UK governments if root causes are addressed by redesigning the economy towards a Wellbeing Economy, with the purpose of creating collective wellbeing that ensures a healthy environment, fair pay and adequate housing provision from the outset.

**S6M-02336: James Dornan: Systematic Discrimination as Key Barrier to Palestinian Health and Healthcare** -That the Parliament highlights the recent position paper produced by Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), which it considers to be a humanitarian, non-partisan organisation; notes that the paper states that policies and practices of systematic discrimination and fragmentation by Israel present a fundamental challenge to Palestinians' rights to health and dignity, and inhibit the delivery and development of Palestinian healthcare; further notes the view in the paper that this situation has resulted in severe health inequalities between Palestinians and Israelis, which have continued to grow in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; understands that the average life expectancy for Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) is almost nine years lower than it is for Israelis; further understands that the rate of COVID-19 vaccination in the oPt is less than half of what it is in Israel; acknowledges MAP's recommendations for concrete actions that the international community, including the UK, could take to address what it sees as this dire situation through their foreign and aid policies, and notes calls, including from people in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency, for the international community to ensure that Palestinian voices are heard in policymaking discussions.

**S6M-02310: John Mason: Councillors' Low Pay** - That the Parliament notes with concern that pay for local councillors remains, it considers, low at £18,604; considers that the vast majority of councillors are extremely hard working, both for the residents of their wards and for their wider local authority areas; understands that this pay level means that some potentially excellent local government candidates from all parties are reportedly being excluded from standing; further understands that the recent conference of the Scottish National Party overwhelmingly passed a resolution calling on the Scottish Government and COSLA to work together "to ensure that the pay and conditions for councillors will significantly improve", and notes the view that the local councillors in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency, and across Scotland, deserve more recognition than they have been receiving.

**S6M-02299: Fergus Ewing: Scotland's Fair Share, the Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland** - That the Parliament welcomes Solar Energy Scotland's policy agenda, Scotland's fair share: Solar's role in achieving net zero in Scotland, published in the run-up to COP26, which sets out the potential for solar energy to play a much greater role in Scotland's low-carbon energy mix; understands that Scotland has levels of solar irradiation that can be effectively captured and that, compared to other nearby countries on the same latitude, such as Denmark, Scotland is behind in equivalent levels of solar technology deployment; considers that a number of policy matters within the control of the Scottish Government, including permitted development rights and business rates, could help the sector grow significantly; recognises what it sees as the ability of solar energy systems to work as a good companion to wind to make more effective, efficient use of the electricity grid and storage network; considers that, due to reported projections for solar to be the UK's cheapest form of energy this decade, and to have the unique capability to be deployed at all scales, solar is vital to supporting an affordable energy mix, and a just transition, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently assess the potential for a 2030 solar deployment target of a minimum of 4GW, and accompanying policy changes to embrace and enable this low-cost mature technology, to help tackle the climate emergency and

provide investment and jobs in communities up and down the country, including in the Inverness and Nairn constituency.

**S6M-01845: Monica Lennon: Scotland's Rail Unions Launch A Vision For Scotland's Railways** - That the Parliament welcomes the report, A Vision For Scotland's Railways, by Scotland's rail unions, ASLEF, RMT, TSSA and UNITE, which it considers presents a transformative agenda for the future of passenger and freight services; understands that Scotland's rail unions believe that the country cannot meet its environmental obligations without a world-class rail service that shifts people from lorries and cars onto trains; further understands that the report calls for the railway system to be green, reliable, affordable, well-staffed and punctual; understands that the report also calls for an end to profiteering, ticket office closures, job losses, budget cuts and reductions in services, using the COVID-19 pandemic as a justification; notes the view that the end of the Abellio franchise presents an opportunity to debate and action measures to make an investment in rail services and improve their quality and sustainability for the benefit of Central Scotland and beyond, and further notes the view that all MSPs and the Scottish Government should consider the report and engage with citizens, rail workers, trade unions, businesses and a range of organisations on its ideas and proposals.

**S6M-01794: Meghan Gallacher: Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials** - That the Parliament notes the recent petition submitted on behalf of Dennistoun War Memorial, urging the Scottish Government to introduce stronger legislation, which would recognise the desecration or vandalism of war memorials as a specific criminal offence; understands that war memorials hold a very special place within the hearts of Scotland's communities; further understands that there has been an unprecedented increase in the desecration and vandalism of Scotland's war memorials since 2015, with some of those most recently targeted being the war memorial in the Duchess of Hamilton Park in Motherwell, the Carronshore War Memorial, the Boer War Memorial in Glasgow, the Spanish Civil War Memorial in Motherwell, the Kirkcaldy War Memorial, the Cowdenbeath War Memorial, and the Prestonpans War Memorial; notes calls to bring forward stricter legislation to ensure that war memorials are given special protection status; further notes the view that this would assist the authorities when prosecuting perpetrators of what it sees as these heinous crimes, and believes that war memorials are not representative of political or religious iconography, but are rather invaluable memorials to the young men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their countries, so that everyone today, irrespective of their background, can equally enjoy freedom from tyranny and oppression.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>MSP</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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 2021	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	Foysoil 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 January 2022	Alexander Stewart	CON	The ASDA Foundation and its Community Work
20 January 2022	Bill Kidd	SNP	NPT Review Conference and Anniversary of TPNW Entry Into Force
25 January 2022	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	My Breath is My Life
26 January 2022	Katy Clark	LAB	Domestic Abuse Charges
27 January 2022 (FMQs)	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Memorial Day to be Marked on 27 January 2022
27 January 2022 (DT)	Rona Mackay	SNP	Support for the 70/30 Campaign to Reduce ACES by 2030
1 February 2022	Jackie Baillie	LAB	World Cancer Day 2022
2 February 2022	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Response to Storm Arwen in Stirling and Future Resilience Planning
3 February 2022	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Revitalising Coastal Communities
8 February 2022	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Future of the BBC
9 February 2022	Stephen Kerr	CON	Commemorating the 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
10 February 2022	Ruth Maguire	SNP	Online Pimping
22 February 2022	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Redundancies at OVO Energy
23 February 2022	Karen Adam	SNP	Celebrating LGBT History Month
24 February 2022	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

#### Record of Members' Business taken by the Parliament in Session 6

Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	38	17	11	4	2	72
Frequency %	52.78	23.61	15.28	5.56	2.78	100