

## 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 the end of 2022, updated in light of the suspension of business following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, is as follows—

| <b>Week beginning</b> | <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Thursday</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 19 September          | SNP            | CON              | SNP             |
| 26 September          | SNP            | CON              | LAB             |
| 3 October             | SNP            | SNP              | GRN             |
| <i>October Recess</i> |                |                  |                 |
| 24 October            | LD             | LAB*             | SNP             |
| 31 October            | SNP            | SNP              | CON             |
| 7 November            | CON*           | SNP              | SNP             |
| 14 November           | CON            | SNP              | LAB             |
| 21 November           | SNP            | CON              | SNP             |
| 28 November           | SNP            | GRN              | CON             |
| 5 December            | LAB            | SNP              | SNP             |
| 12 December           | CON            | SNP              | LAB             |
| 19 December           | SNP            | CON              | SNP             |

4. Business Managers will recall that a swap had previously been agreed between the Conservatives and Labour that would have seen a Labour debate on 5 October and a Conservative debate on 1 November. Due to the updated allocation, Business Managers will note that debates on these dates would now be allocated to the SNP.

### Motions proposed for Members' Business for week beginning 26 September 2022

5. The following motions have been proposed for debate on the week beginning 26 September 2022—

**Tuesday 27 September:**

**S6M-05590: Kenneth Gibson: Adopt a Road** - That the Parliament notes calls on local authorities to consider introducing the Adopt a Road initiative, which, it understands, works successfully across North America; understands that such a scheme offers individuals, organisations, companies and volunteer groups the opportunity to contribute to their community and local area by taking responsibility for a length of road, usually in the vicinity of the sponsoring group or person, from one junction to the next and that, while no money changes hands, the sponsor agrees to keep the sponsored road free of litter and reasonably clean, contacting the local authority to uplift any refuse gathered, having given at least 24 hours' notice; further understands that such a scheme recognises sponsors through the provision of signs on the sponsored road, which are designed, provided and erected by the local authority; understands that the programme originated in the United States when an engineer for the Department of Transportation sought the help of local groups to sponsor the cleaning of sections of the highway, as litter pick-up by the local authority was too expensive to undertake as often as was necessary; is aware of reports that, as of 2021, more than 120,000 California residents have participated in the initiative to remove litter and graffiti, plant trees and wildflowers, and clear vegetation along over 15,000 shoulder miles of roadside, and notes the view that such a scheme could be successfully piloted in North Ayrshire and other local authorities across Scotland.

**Wednesday 28 September**

**S6M-04407: Pam Gosal: Congratulating Scottish Universities on Research Excellence Framework 2021 Results** - That the Parliament acknowledges the results of the 2021 Research Excellence Framework, which it understands states that 84.86% of the research submitted by Scottish universities is considered "world-leading" or "internationally excellent" in its quality; considers that Scotland is a world-leading research nation; recognises what it sees as the contribution that this research has made to social and economic challenges faced in the UK, including in the West Scotland region, and abroad; welcomes the reported growth and investment arising from this world-class research, and considers that Scotland should capitalise on what it sees as the massive potential created by Scottish universities to improve sustainable economic growth.

**Thursday 29 September:**

**S6M-05086: Daniel Johnson: Mesh Treatment Clarity** - That the Parliament understands the difficulties and desperation that women can experience as a result of transvaginal mesh implant surgery, both in terms of their physical wellbeing and their mental health; notes the view that there is a need for urgent reform so that women have the necessary treatment available; notes the calls for greater clarity and preparedness in dealing with mesh cases, so that more women, including in Edinburgh Southern constituency, can be supported with the clinical support they need, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to do all it can to engage with mesh survivors.

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

**S6M-05853: Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2022 -**

That the Parliament marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place in November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which takes place on 17 November 2022; understands that pancreatic cancer is the deadliest common cancer in Scotland and the UK, with more than half of people diagnosed dying within three months; further understands that survival rates have barely changed in 50 years; considers that data on the experience of patients with this disease is incredibly scarce and poor, leading to concerns of patients' voices being lost in the system; believes that support and information for patients with pancreatic cancer is often neither readily available nor forthcoming; applauds the work of the range of pancreatic cancer charities that do provide information and support for patients and their families; notes the view that more needs to be done to ensure that all patients get immediate and easy access to such support as soon as they are diagnosed, given that, it understands, currently only 12% of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Scotland are using such support channels; commends all the charities and activist organisations and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month every success in their endeavours.

**S6M-05810: Jenni Minto: A83 Rest and Be Thankful -** That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's announcement of £25 million which aims to secure a long-term solution to the Rest and Be Thankful pass on the A83 in Argyll and Bute; notes its intention to appoint Atkins WSP Joint Venture to progress design and development work for the route through Glen Croe; welcomes the intention that the proposals for the medium-term solution will be made by the end of 2022, with an announcement on the preferred route option for the long-term by Spring 2023; recognises what it considers as the important work of the Rest and Be Thankful Campaign Group in emphasising the needs of the business communities across Argyll and Bute in seeking to find the right solution; further recognises the work that the Scottish Government and the A83 Task Force have done, and continue to do, which aims to ensure a safe and lasting solution is found for the road, and considers it is a necessity to have a reliable route into Argyll and Bute for the area's communities, businesses and visitors.

**S6M-05778: Elena Whitham: Challenge Poverty Week 2022 -** That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2022, which runs from 3 to 9 October; notes that activities, events and actions are taking place across Scotland aimed at highlighting the realities of, and solutions to, poverty, as well as increasing public support for tackling poverty; understands that over one million people in Scotland are living in poverty and that the cost of living crisis is pushing even more into hardship; notes the view that governments, politicians, civil society and communities all have a role to play in solving poverty; understands that particular groups of people, including low-paid women, lone parents, disabled people and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds, are disproportionately more likely to experience poverty; notes the view that poverty in Scotland can and must be solved, by boosting incomes and reducing the cost of living; considers that people in Scotland believe in compassion and justice, and support action to end poverty, and celebrates the work undertaken by organisations and communities across Scotland to stem the rising tide of poverty.

**S6M-05762: Rhoda Grant: Specialist Neurological Nursing Posts** – That the Parliament is concerned by the reported decision of NHS Western Isles to remove the posts of Epilepsy and MS specialist nurse; understands that concerns have been expressed about the long-term future of the Parkinson's specialist nurse post; notes reports that the NHS board intends to replace these posts with a more generalist advanced neurology nursing post; further notes reports that the NHS board proposes to increase the scope of the nursing post to cover more neurological conditions; considers that this would represent a real terms cut to the service with fewer nursing hours dedicated to supporting more people; notes the view that in a cost of living crisis it is imperative to ensure patients have access to as much care and treatment locally as possible; recognises that there is no on-island neurologists or specialist support and that people with neurological conditions have to travel to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde for face-to-face appointments; understands that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde does not intend to increase its support to the islands in the wake of this reported cut to specialist nursing provision; recognises what it sees as the importance of the specialist nursing posts in this context and based on the testimony from people living with epilepsy, MS and Parkinson's on the Islands; understands that this decision was reportedly taken without any consultation with local neurological communities or the national charities that initially helped to fund the posts; further understands that local and national groups have expressed concern that such a cut to specialist nursing provision has the potential to put the safety of those in the local community affected by neurological conditions in jeopardy, and notes the calls from local groups, including Neuro Hebrides, Parkinson's Western Isles and national stakeholders, including Epilepsy Scotland, MS Society Scotland and Parkinson's UK Scotland, for NHS Western Isles to work collaboratively with them and people affected by neurological conditions in the Western Isles to deliver a comprehensive service that meets the needs of all stakeholders.

**S6M-05734: Murdo Fraser: The Mod Coming Back to Perth** – That the Parliament congratulates the Royal National Mod on its decision to return to Perth, which it understands will be its 10th visit to the city; notes that the Mod will take place in Perth from 14 to 22 October 2022; further notes that the estimated economic benefit to the area from the Mod is understood to be between £2.5 million and £3.5 million; praises the activities of An Comunn Gaidhealach, which support and promote the Scottish Gaelic language and culture at local, national and international levels, and welcomes ongoing support from public bodies for Gaelic.

**S6M-05725: Maurice Golden: Sustainable Fashion Week 2022** – That the Parliament marks Sustainable Fashion Week 2022, which will run from 16 to 25 September 2022, and the opportunity it offers to recognise what it sees as the long-standing efforts of businesses, charities and community groups throughout Scotland to promote sustainable textiles and fashion; notes reports of the disproportionately high environmental impact of discarded textiles in Scotland compared with other materials; further notes the reported potential global impacts of fast fashion that is imported to Scotland through extended supply chains, including poor working conditions and negative outcomes for the natural environment; believes that a circular economic model offers the best opportunity to reduce those impacts through increased reuse of clothing and new business models of leasing and renting, whilst developing sustainable manufacturing using native fibres; further believes that such a model would encourage rural wealth creation through enhanced opportunities for

fibre producers, such as wool farmers, and the network of makers using traditional skills, such as weaving and knitting, to support high quality manufacturing, and notes the calls to encourage stakeholders to build on existing best practice to establish Scotland as a global leader in sustainable textiles.

**S6M-05701: Clare Adamson: Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award** – That the Parliament congratulates the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award, which celebrates its 25th anniversary, on, it understands, positively impacting the lives of over 32,500 people; acknowledges the journey of the Mark Scott Award, which was founded in 1998, after the tragic death of Mark Scott in a reportedly unprovoked sectarian attack in 1995, and has sought to challenge the divisions in communities across Central Scotland by bringing together young people from different backgrounds to work together for the benefit of others; understands that it initially empowered 12 young people to develop skills and qualities to help them into further education and employment through outdoor learning and community-based projects, and has since awarded over 3,500 young people from 67 schools, across 11 local authorities within the Central Belt of Scotland, the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award; further understands that 580 community projects have been delivered within local communities, with 156 young people participating during 2022-23; welcomes the Scottish Government's reported commitment to funding the award, with £1.15 million since 2012 and a further £75,000 pledged for 2022-23; understands that the Outward Bound Trust has partnered and supported the Mark Scott Foundation from the very beginning, and is now fully responsible for developing and growing the award, and wishes all associated with the Mark Scott Leadership for Life Award every continued success.

**S6M-05696: Clare Adamson: Scottish Games Week** – That the Parliament marks the first ever Scottish Games Week, which will take place from 24 to 28 October 2022; understands that Scottish Games Week, organised by the Scottish Games Network, with the Scottish Government's Tech Ecosystem Review (STER) fund, will focus on videogames and position the sector as a key part of Scotland's digital future; notes that this event will showcase what it sees as Scotland's pioneering and diverse games ecosystem and act as a catalyst for a more connected and collaborative sector across Scotland, the UK and internationally; understands that Scottish Games Week will bring together game developers, publishers and educators, as well as the broader games tech ecosystem and streamers, and that all of the events will be hybrid, offering the opportunity to attend in-person or join an online stream, to put games created in Scotland in front of a global audience; considers that Scotland has played a pioneering role in the evolution of the games sector since the late 1980s and continues to produce some of the world's most popular games, including Grand Theft Auto and Minecraft; understands that Scottish games development companies invest £141 million in salaries and overheads, employ 6,400 people, contribute £129 million in tax revenue and are worth around £350 million to the Scottish economy; welcomes the first ever Scottish Games Awards, recognising, rewarding and highlighting what it sees as the incredible creativity, technical expertise and business acumen that the pioneering and rapidly evolving games sector in Scotland offers, including in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, and wishes everyone involved in Scottish Games Week the very best with the initiative going forward.

**S6M-05667: Brian Whittle: Scottish Commonwealth Success** – That the Parliament recognises the success of Scottish athletes at the 2022 Commonwealth Games; commends the accomplishments of every Scottish participant at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, which, it understands, is the highest medal-scoring games for Scotland since the 2014 Glasgow Games with 51 medals; notes that Scottish Athletics has the largest medal total in over 40 years, including Eilish McColgan's record-breaking 10,000m gold, Laura Muir's back-to-back gold in the 1500m and bronze in the 800m, Jake Wightman's 1500m bronze victory, and the women's 4x400m team's bronze medal; further notes that medals in swimming from Toni Shaw, the 4x200m men's relay team, Stephen Clegg, Ross Murdoch, Duncan Scott, Katie Shanahan, and James Heatly and Grace Reid's gold medal in diving, gives Scotland the highest tally in aquatics from any Commonwealth Games; understands that Greg Lobban and Rory Stewart's bronze in men's squash doubles is the first squash medal since 1998 and Louise Christie's silver in rhythmic gymnastics was the highest scoring performance for Scotland in history and the country's first medal in the sport in over 30 years; further understands that this was Scotland's most successful games for cycling, where 11 medals were secured, and para-bowls, where the country medalled in five of the six para-sports; congratulates all the Scottish athletes who participated in the Commonwealth Games; recognises the force for good that it believes sport can be in inspiring younger generations into sport, including in South Scotland, and enabling teaching through sport, and wishes them every success in the future.

**S6M-05590: Kenneth Gibson: Adopt a Road** - That the Parliament notes calls on local authorities to consider introducing the Adopt a Road initiative, which, it understands, works successfully across North America; understands that such a scheme offers individuals, organisations, companies and volunteer groups the opportunity to contribute to their community and local area by taking responsibility for a length of road, usually in the vicinity of the sponsoring group or person, from one junction to the next and that, while no money changes hands, the sponsor agrees to keep the sponsored road free of litter and reasonably clean, contacting the local authority to uplift any refuse gathered, having given at least 24 hours' notice; further understands that such a scheme recognises sponsors through the provision of signs on the sponsored road, which are designed, provided and erected by the local authority; understands that the programme originated in the United States when an engineer for the Department of Transportation sought the help of local groups to sponsor the cleaning of sections of the highway, as litter pick-up by the local authority was too expensive to undertake as often as was necessary; is aware of reports that, as of 2021, more than 120,000 California residents have participated in the initiative to remove litter and graffiti, plant trees and wildflowers, and clear vegetation along over 15,000 shoulder miles of roadside, and notes the view that such a scheme could be successfully piloted in North Ayrshire and other local authorities across Scotland.

**S6M-05568: Stephanie Callaghan: 25 Years of the National Autistic Society Scotland: Creating a Society that Works for Autistic People** - That the Parliament congratulates National Autistic Society (NAS) Scotland on the 25th Anniversary of its founding; understands that NAS provides a wide range of services and support to many of the 56,000 autistic people living in Scotland, including in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency, as well as to their families; welcomes both the

variety and ongoing success of these services, which, it understands, include post-diagnostic support for children and young people, in-person and online social groups, one-to-one mentoring, supported living services and an education rights helpline; notes in particular what it sees as the success of NAS' training and employment support programme, Moving Forward+, which is funded via the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities initiative, in preparing hundreds of autistic young people for meaningful employment; applauds the work of NAS volunteers across Scotland, whose work through local branches, it believes, is invaluable in communities; acknowledges what it sees as the many positive transformations that have been made across the country in the last 25 years to move towards a society that works for autistic people; recognises what it sees as the benefits of continued constructive engagement as the National Care Service develops; acknowledges what it sees as the importance of advocacy support to work to promote autistic people's rights across all services, including schools, further education, social security, housing, health and mental health services; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to presenting a Learning Disability, Autism, and Neurodiversity Bill to this Parliament, including the appointment of an associated Commissioner, and commends the National Autistic Society Scotland, Scottish Autism and ENABLE Scotland, for campaigning jointly on this important issue.

**S6M-05506: Craig Hoy: Protecting the Future of Scotland's Historic**

**Environment** - That the Parliament understands that stonemasonry is vitally important for the protection and preservation of Scotland's historic environment and tourism, and that it can be hugely beneficial to young people from deprived backgrounds to start their career; commends the Ridge Charity in Dunbar, which it understands currently supports some of East Lothian's most marginalised community members to gain access to modern apprenticeships in stonemasonry and joinery; regrets the reported impending loss of stonemasonry apprenticeships at Edinburgh College and the impact that this may have on young people in the south of Scotland; notes the calls on the Scottish Government, Skills Development Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland and South of Scotland Enterprise to consider what it sees as the potential serious repercussions for the Ridge Charity and for the apprenticeship opportunities for young people in the south east of Scotland, and further notes the calls for stakeholders, including the Scottish Government, to engage to identify a positive solution for an accessible location that could be used for young people from Berwickshire, Edinburgh and East Lothian to gain access to stonemasonry apprenticeships through a satellite provision of an existing college provider.

**S6M-05469: Siobhian Brown: Concern Regarding Youth Vaping -**

That the Parliament notes reports of concern over vaping and a surge in young people using e-cigarettes; believes that vaping products are not for children, young people or non-smokers and are useful only as a potential route towards stopping smoking; understands from reports that there is potentially strong evidence that e-cigarettes, which are bright and colourful and can come in thousands of e-liquid flavours, can increase attractiveness to children and young people; further understands that the long-term risks of vaping cannot yet be definitively confirmed by research studies; considers that these products are not harmless and are a risk to the long-term health of young people, and notes the view that it is important to highlight this for forthcoming generations in Ayr and across the country.

**S6M-05413: Jeremy Balfour: Stories of Hope: Addiction Recovery** - That the Parliament welcomes the new report published by the Evangelical Alliance and Serve Scotland, *Stories of Hope: Addiction Recovery*, highlighting what it sees as the extraordinary efforts that have been made by Christians in Scotland to assist and care for those in addiction and bringing to light the scope of Christian addiction recovery services across Scotland; notes the report's findings that over a quarter of Scotland's residential beds for addiction patients are offered by Christian groups; understands that over 2,300 individuals over the last decade have been directly supported to successfully recover from their addiction through services offered by Christian groups and churches across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, and notes the report's aim in encouraging greater joined-up partnership between the Scottish Government and Christian addiction recovery support charities to successfully tackle Scotland's drug deaths crisis.

**S6M-05292: Stephen Kerr: A Potato With More Vitamin C Than a Lemon** - That the Parliament believes that gene-editing technology is game-changing for food production; understands that there is a big difference between gene-modification and gene-editing; further understands that gene-editing makes small, specific changes to existing DNA, or removes a section altogether, speeding up a process that could occur through natural breeding; recognises that scientists at the James Hutton Institute in Dundee have reportedly predicted that gene-editing technology could result in potatoes with more vitamin C than lemons being grown, and considers that Scotland could be left behind England in food production due to Scottish legislation prohibiting the use of gene-editing in Scotland.

**S6M-05214: Pam Duncan-Glancy: Glasgow and Eurovision 2023** -

That the Parliament regrets that the Russian invasion means that Ukraine is unable to host the Eurovision song context in 2023, despite winning the competition; believes that, if the UK is to host Eurovision 2023 as the 2022 runner up, Glasgow would make the ideal host city; further believes that, as a city of culture, Glasgow can best embody the unity, strength, and resilience that it considers Ukraine has shown since the conflict began; believes that people truly do make Glasgow, and notes the view that Glasgow's communities need to be part of the planning process if the city is chosen as the host of Eurovision 2023, to ensure that the event meets its potential.

**S6M-04975: Stephanie Callaghan: World Ranger Day 2022** - That the Parliament notes that World Ranger Day, an International Ranger Federation initiative, is celebrated worldwide on 31 July each year to commemorate rangers killed or injured in the line of duty and to celebrate the work that rangers do to protect the planet's natural treasures and cultural heritage; applauds the Scottish Countryside Ranger Service for its professional and dedicated protection of Scotland's iconic landscapes from mountains through to the marine environment; recognises that the Scottish Countryside Rangers Association was a founding member of the International Ranger Federation, with the Scottish countryside ranger, Bob Reid, from North Lanarkshire, playing an integral role in the formation of the Federation, which took place on the banks of Loch Lomond in 1991; celebrates the growth of the International Ranger Federation over its 31-year history, with the Federation now representing 60,000 rangers from 113 countries around the world; thanks park rangers, also known as forest rangers, for protecting, preserving and defending the



world's dwindling parks, forests, reserves and ecosystems across the world; considers that a park ranger's duties are often life threatening, particularly in parts of the world where rangers protect wildlife habitats from poachers and other human threats such as wildfires caused by careless behaviour; understands that non-profit groups report that, during the last 10 years, over 1,000 park rangers have been killed in the line of duty, and commends the International Ranger Federation for the support and assistance that it provides to families of rangers who have died or been injured in the line of duty.

**S6M-04898: Jenni Minto: Dunoon Grammar School Shortlisted in World's Best School Awards** - That the Parliament congratulates Dunoon Grammar School on being the only Scottish school shortlisted for a prize in the World's Best School Awards; understands that the shortlist is comprised of 10 schools from all around the world and is awarded for community collaboration; further understands that this comes in recognition of Dunoon Grammar School being at the heart of its community and using its skill-based courses to support the local community by evaluating the community's needs and gaps in the workplace; notes that it facilitated over 50 skill-based courses to empower students to work in a range of different professions, and wishes the whole school community the very best for the next stage in the award process.

**S6M-04875: Jeremy Balfour: Providing Support to Tackle Childhood Cancer** - That the Parliament understands that the leading cause of death for children under the age of 10 in Scotland is cancer; considers that this is, in part, caused by a lack of funding specifically dedicated to research and treatment of childhood cancers; believes that, in too many cases, diagnoses are made in A&E rather than in primary care situations; notes the view that more specialist paediatric training is needed for primary care professionals, especially general practitioners; affirms that one child dying of cancer is too many, and notes the view that more must be done, including in Lothian Region, to ensure that one day everyone can live in a country that is cancer free.

**S6M-04844: Christine Grahame: The Role of the Open University** - That the Parliament notes what it sees as the important contribution of the Open University (OU) to education in Scotland; understands that there were 22,000 OU students in Scotland in 2020-21, with students in every Scottish Parliament constituency and every local authority area, including 395 in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale, as well as almost half a million informal learners, making the OU the fourth largest university in Scotland; further understands that the OU works collaboratively with businesses, local authorities, the NHS, social care, the third sector and trade unions to provide skills through multiple programmes; considers the OU and its flexible learning model as particularly important in widening access to education, as shown by statistics demonstrating that, of OU students, 23% live in rural or remote areas, 20% join undergraduate programmes without standard university entrance qualifications, and 24% declare a disability, with the average age of students being 28, and with as many students recruited from the most deprived areas as the least deprived; believes that the OU plays a vital role in providing access to education for those who may not wish to, or be able to, undertake traditional models of study, subsequently improving their career prospects and providing much needed skills in the workforce, particularly in STEM subjects, which

40% of OU students from Scotland are studying, and congratulates all involved at OU, both student and staff, in making it the institution it is today.

**S6M-04821: Miles Briggs: Cancer Card** - That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the tremendous work by Jen Hardy in establishing Cancer Card in Scotland, which is an initiative that provides people with access to vital cancer support services and information regarding their diagnosis in one place; understands that, after her own incurable breast cancer diagnosis in 2017, Jen was struck by the realisation that there was no single place for her to obtain useful information related to her illness, which motivated her to establish Cancer Card; further understands that this community can help people diagnosed with cancer, including people in the Lothian region, to find the support that they require, minimising stress during an already highly stressful time; recognises that Cancer Card attained charity status in 2021; considers that it can play an integral role in securing relief and comfort to cancer patients, and welcomes the appointment of Ian Pirrie as Cancer Card's first CEO.

**S6M-04574: John Mason: Scotland in the Red** - That the Parliament acknowledges the report, *Scotland in the Red*, published by Step Change Debt Charity Scotland; understands that the report looked at personal debt statistics in Scotland during 2021; considers that, given the harsh economic situation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with the ongoing cost of living crisis and inflation at its highest rate in 40 years, citizens' personal finances are being squeezed, including those in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency; understands that Step Change has seen a rise in the proportion of clients in the private rental sector, with over 60% of all clients now renting their homes; further understands that the proportion of Step Change clients in a vulnerable situation, in addition to their financial difficulty, has increased sharply to a new high of 54%; understands that Step Change clients' average arrears on essential bills has increased by £659 to £2,961; further understands that nearly two-thirds of vulnerable clients were female, that 52% were at risk of losing their home, and 75% were in arrears with electricity bills before the full impact of recent price rises; notes that council tax remains the most prevalent household bill with which clients are struggling, with 44% of vulnerable clients in arrears; thanks Step Change for what it sees as this enlightening report into the struggle faced by many constituents across the country, and commends Step Change for what it considers its ongoing vital work.

**S6M-04425: Pauline McNeill: Remembering Shireen Abu Akleh** -

That the Parliament notes with deep regret the reported death of the respected journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, after being shot in the head while reporting; understands that Ms Abu Akleh was a Palestinian-American journalist who worked for 25 years as a reporter for Al Jazeera, and was a household name across the Middle East for her many years reporting from the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories; believes that an independent inquiry into her death must be carried out in light of conflicting accounts of the circumstances of her death; understands that the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese, said in an interview that her death constitutes a "serious violation of international humanitarian law and is potentially a war crime under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court", and expresses its sympathy to Ms Abu Akleh's family and all who knew her.

**S6M-04407: Pam Gosal: Congratulating Scottish Universities on Research Excellence Framework 2021 Results**

- That the Parliament acknowledges the results of the 2021 Research Excellence Framework, which it understands states that 84.86% of the research submitted by Scottish universities is considered “world-leading” or “internationally excellent” in its quality; considers that Scotland is a world-leading research nation; recognises what it sees as the contribution that this research has made to social and economic challenges faced in the UK, including in the West Scotland region, and abroad; welcomes the reported growth and investment arising from this world-class research, and considers that Scotland should capitalise on what it sees as the massive potential created by Scottish universities to improve sustainable economic growth.

**S6M-04108: Alexander Stewart: Dementia Awareness Week 2022**

- That the Parliament acknowledges Dementia Awareness Week 2022; understands that, in Scotland, the event will run from 30 May to 5 June; acknowledges that the aim of the week is to continue the raising of awareness of dementia and to help improve the lives of people with dementia, their families and their carers; notes what it sees as the importance of acknowledging that dementia is not part of the natural ageing process, and that it affects the brain and makes it harder to remember things or think as clearly as before; understands that dementia is an umbrella term for over 100 different types of illnesses and disease symptoms, which may include memory loss, difficulties with day-to-day tasks, language difficulties and affected problem-solving ability, but that all the types of diseases are the same in that they damage brain cells and stop it working as well as it should; notes that Alzheimer Scotland provides information, support and dementia-friendly activities to help ensure that nobody faces dementia alone; is concerned that dementia can affect every area of human thinking, feeling and behaviour, but that each person with dementia is different in how the illness affects them, depending on which area of their brain is damaged; understands that over 90,000 people in Scotland have dementia, including many in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and that it is most common in older people but can affect people in their 40s and 50s, or even younger; acknowledges that the causes of dementia are not fully understood; highlights what it sees as the importance of the researchers all over the world who are working hard to understand the causes of dementia and develop treatments, and acknowledges what it considers the importance of initiatives such as Alzheimer Scotland’s “Tea & Blether” mornings during Dementia Awareness Week to support people in Scotland with dementia, and to raise valuable funding for research and care.

**S6M-03624: Mark Griffin: Motherwell in Running to be New Home for Britain’s Railways**

- That the Parliament welcomes Motherwell’s entry into the national competition to become the new headquarters for Great British Railways (GBR), which, it understands, was submitted by North Lanarkshire Council; notes the UK Government’s competition to find a home for the Great British Railways’ headquarters, which must be outside of London; believes that Motherwell is perfectly placed to host the GBR headquarters; considers that the town is at the heart of Scotland’s rail network and has outstanding connectivity to Scotland and the rest of the UK; believes that the town has a highly-skilled workforce and one of the fastest-growing economies in the country, and that the location of the headquarters would attract further investment to the town, and understands that work is already well underway to considerably improve Motherwell railway station and transform it into a

major UK transport interchange, which, it believes, will improve connectivity for all modes of transport including rail, bus, cycling, taxis and cars, as well as pedestrians.

**S6M-03616: Martin Whitfield: UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill - One Year On** - That Parliament notes that 16 March 2022 marks one year since the Scottish Parliament committed, it considers, to deliver a “revolution in children’s rights” by unanimously passing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; believes that, by taking what it sees as a maximalist approach to incorporating children’s rights into Scots law, Scotland is aiming to deliver a fundamental culture shift that, it considers, will transform the life chances and outcomes for children and young people, including in the South Scotland region; acknowledges that the Bill was passed after over 10 years of campaigning by children, young people and their families, and supported by children’s organisations across Scotland; further acknowledges reports that the passage of the Bill was celebrated widely by children and young people through to teachers, social workers, the police, MSPs across all political parties and members of UN committees; accepts that it is over five months since The Supreme Court of the United Kingdom ruled that the Bill needs to be amended to bring it within the competence of the Scottish Parliament; welcomes the Deputy First Minister’s commitment to address The Supreme Court judgment through the Scottish Parliament’s reconsideration process; acknowledges the view that children and young people still do not know what timescale the Scottish Government is working to, or how long this process will take, and understands that, on the first anniversary of the Bill being passed, charities are urging MSPs to set out to children their continued commitment to the incorporation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots law and to supporting reconsideration of the Bill that brings it within the Parliament’s competence, and are requesting that the Scottish Government sets out a timescale for the reconsideration process so that children and young people know when UNCRC incorporation will be a reality in their lives.

**S6M-03566: Joe FitzPatrick: Alcohol Management in Deep End Practices** - That the Parliament welcomes the new report, Exploring the management of alcohol problems in Deep End practices in Scotland, which was funded by Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) and carried out by researchers at the University of Dundee and University of Stirling, and which highlights the effectiveness of the Primary Care Alcohol Nurse Outreach Service (PCANOS) model in Deep End practices; understands that alcohol continues to cause a significant amount of harm in Scotland, including in Dundee; further understands that, in 2020, alcohol was directly responsible for 1,190 deaths in Scotland, with death rates 4.3 times higher among those living in the most deprived areas; highlights what it sees as the effectiveness of the PCANOS model, including its person-centred approach, one-to-one and flexible nature, and the fact that it enabled collaborative working between practice staff; notes the calls for investment into alcohol services that reflects the need across the country; further notes that the report calls for more research to be carried out to establish an evidence base on the effectiveness of unique services such as PCANOS, in supporting people with moderate to severe alcohol problems who do not engage with alcohol services, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to carefully consider the report’s recommendation for the PCANOS model and other alcohol treatment services to be rolled out across Deep

End practices, with long-term funding, to enable as many people as possible with alcohol problems, who have complex needs, to be supported.

**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.

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

| Date             | MSP              | Party | Subject   |
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| 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  |

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| 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 |

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| 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 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                  |

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



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| 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  |

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| 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   |

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

| Party          | SNP   | CON   | LAB   | GRN  | LD   | TOTAL |
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| Frequency (no) | 61    | 28    | 19    | 6    | 3    | 117   |
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