

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

REMOVAL OF MOTIONS FROM THE BUSINESS BULLETIN

Background

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

Criteria for removal of motions

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

Removal of motions lodged before 29 June 2023

5. The annex lists all motions marked for Members' Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 29 June 2023) and includes the number of supporters and date of the most recent registration of support.
6. Based on the criteria in paragraph 3, it is not recommended that any motions from the attached list be retained.
7. The SNP has requested that the following Motion be retained:
 - Motion S6M-09401: John Swinney: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl's Election to the UK Parliament.

8. Business Managers should indicate at the Bureau meeting if wish to retain any of the other motions in the annex.

Conclusion

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

**Parliamentary Business Team
September 2023**

Annex: Member's Business motions suggested for removal

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total Support	Date Last Supported
S6M-08884	Torrance, David	19/05/2023	Volunteers' Week 2023	25	02/06/2023
S6M-08922	Smyth, Colin	19/05/2023	An Older People's Commissioner for Scotland	10	01/06/2023
S6M-08935	Dornan, James	25/05/2023	Nuclear Safety Incidents at Faslane and Coulport	15	30/05/2023
S6M-08977	Gosal, Pam	19/05/2023	Volunteers' Week	41	12/06/2023
S6M-09080	Choudhury, Foyso	25/05/2023	Tackling Energy Inefficiency Through Repair and Maintenance	12	14/09/2023
S6M-09168	Baker, Claire	31/05/2023	Employee Ownership Day 2023	18	08/06/2023
S6M-09184	Sweeney, Paul	05/06/2023	#LoveMyBus Week, the Route to a Fairer Scotland for People Seeking Asylum	9	29/08/2023
S6M-09190	Choudhury, Foyso	13/06/2023	Importance of Scotland's World-class Heritage Workforce	6	14/09/2023
S6M-09301	Stewart, Kaukab	02/06/2023	World Refugee Day and Refugee Week 2023	24	10/07/2023
S6M-09401	Swinney, John	13/06/2023	Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl's Election to the UK Parliament	15	14/06/2023
S6M-09441	O'Kane, Paul	15/06/2023	Citizens Advice Scotland - Understanding the Drivers Behind the Accrual of Council Tax Arrears Report	10	14/09/2023
S6M-09609	Carlaw, Jackson	22/06/2023	Supporting Migraine Awareness Week 2023	36	29/08/2023

S6M-09747	Rowley, Alex	27/06/2023	Supporting the Work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust	14	29/08/2023
S6M-09774	Cameron, Donald	28/06/2023	Celebrating the Declaration of Arbroath	42	19/07/2023
S6M-09804	Hamilton, Rachael	29/06/2023	A Long-term Solution for the Control of Bracken and Tick Populations	24	11/07/2023