

## 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 the calendar year is as follows –

| Week beginning | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 25 October     | SNP     | CON       | LAB      |
| 1 November     | SNP     | SNP       | GRN      |
| 8 November     | LD      | CON       | SNP      |
| 15 November    | SNP     | SNP       | CON      |
| 22 November    | LAB     | SNP       | SNP      |
| 29 November    | CON     | SNP       | LAB      |
| 6 December     | SNP     | CON       | SNP      |
| 13 December    | SNP     | GRN       | CON      |
| 20 December    | LAB     | SNP       | SNP      |

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

**S6M-01700: David Torrance: Mouth Cancer Action Month 2021** - That the Parliament recognises that November 2021 is Mouth Cancer Action Month; acknowledges the work of the Mouth Cancer Foundation and the Oral Health Foundation in raising awareness of mouth cancer; understands that mouth cancer is the sixth most common cancer worldwide, with over 8,300 new cases diagnosed in the UK each year; believes that nine out of 10 mouth cancer cases could be prevented by adopting lifestyle changes; understands that, while mouth cancer is twice as common in men than women, an increasing number of women are also being diagnosed with the disease; welcomes the increased education of the risks, signs and symptoms of mouth cancer, in order to encourage everyone to discuss these with their dental professional, and commends the efforts of all organisations and campaigners that continue to raise awareness of mouth cancer and aim to make a difference by saving thousands of lives through early detection and prevention.

**S6M-01675: Graham Simpson: East Kilbride Rail Line Dualling** - That the Parliament notes the reported announcement by Transport Scotland that the single track part of the rail line between East Kilbride and Glasgow is not now going to be

dualled as, it understands, had previously been promised, and that the money will be spent elsewhere; sees this is a missed opportunity to persuade more people to travel by train; notes the view that improving public transport connections is vital if Scotland is to achieve a shift away from cars, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider what it believes to be this short-sighted move.

**S6M-01617: Pam Gosal: World Menopause Day** - That the Parliament recognises 18 October 2021 as World Menopause Day; believes that the menopause has for too long been a taboo subject in society; notes with concern what it sees as the lack of readily available information about menopause, as women experience it in a variety of ways, and further notes calls on employers to help alleviate menopause stigma, take practical steps to improve workplace policies and remove barriers to better support women experiencing menopausal symptoms.

**S6M-01612: Elena Whitham: A Model for Scotland, the Campaign for Prostitution Law Reform in Scotland** - That the Parliament welcomes the launch by an alliance of frontline agencies of the campaign, A Model for Scotland, which looks for prostitution law reform in Scotland; believes that, although it has been officially recognised as a form of violence against women, it is currently legal to perpetrate and profit from prostitution; understands that 4% of men in Scotland reported having paid for sex in the past five years; notes that the women who are sexually exploited can face criminal sanctions for soliciting under Section 46 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, making it harder for them to leave the sex trade and access support; commends the joint work of the Scottish Government and COSLA in developing Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy to eradicate violence against women; notes the commitment to develop a model for Scotland, including in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, which challenges men's demand for prostitution and supports women to exit sexual exploitation, but further notes the view that there is a large body of work still to be carried out to ensure that the burden of criminality shifts from the victims of sexual exploitation to those who perpetrate and profit from this abuse.

**S6M-01569: Rachael Hamilton: Endometriosis** - That the Parliament notes the view that there is a need to raise awareness of the widespread nature of endometriosis; understands that this painful disorder affects an estimated 10% of women worldwide and is the second most common gynaecological condition in the UK; believes that, despite its widespread nature, healthcare professionals still find it difficult to diagnose and treat the condition and that this situation has affected women in the Scottish Borders and across the country; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to reduce the average time taken to diagnose endometriosis from eight years to less than 12 months during the current parliamentary session, as outlined in the Women's Health Plan; acknowledges the work done by the UK Parliament's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endometriosis in highlighting the key areas that need to be addressed in order to see a reduction in the time to make a diagnosis, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to present MSPs with a detailed plan and timeframe for achieving this target.

**S6M-01536: Alexander Stewart: 100 Years of the Poppy in the UK** - That the Parliament acknowledges that the first annual Poppy appeal was launched in the UK in November 1921; understands that in excess of nine million poppies were manufactured for this event and that they sold out almost immediately; believes that this raised more than £106,000, the equivalent of over £5.3 million today; notes that the money was put to assisting veterans in finding jobs and homes; believes this was the birth of an enduring symbol of the nation's gratitude for its veterans and helps

provide them with a lifeline; acknowledges that, in Scotland, Lady Haig's Poppy Factory opened in 1926 at a former wood-cutting factory in the grounds of Whitefoord House on Edinburgh's Royal Mile; notes that it moved to the Warriston area of the capital in 1965; recognises that its team of 34 disabled veterans hand-produce more than five million poppies and 15,000 wreaths annually; notes that the team relocated to Redford Barracks in 2019 to allow substantial refurbishment work to be carried out at the Factory, returning this summer; believes that, with the help of sales by organisations such as Poppyscotland, the Royal British Legion, the Ancre Somme Association Scotland and myriad Armed Forces' charities, this adoption as a symbol of charity right across the UK, including in the Mid-Scotland & Fife region, has seen the poppy transcend its purely metaphorical and commemorative status, additionally becoming a physical and palpable object with the single purpose of providing financial stability for men and women affected by war and conflict, and notes that people can also offer support by visiting the Poppyscotland website and purchasing from its pages at [poppyscotlandstore.com](http://poppyscotlandstore.com).

**S6M-01534: Collette Stevenson: Improving Support and Ending the Stigma of the Menopause** - That the Parliament recognises that World Menopause Day is held every year on 18 October; understands that around 400,000 women in Scotland are of menopausal age; acknowledges that most women will experience menopausal symptoms and in a variety of ways, which, for some, may be severe and have a large impact on their lives; notes that these symptoms can include memory loss, insomnia, anxiety, palpitations, hot flushes and pain; further notes the encouragement given to women to access the support and advice to which they are entitled, such as through their GP and primary care team; welcomes the Scottish Government's Women's Health Plan which aims to alleviate women's health inequalities and ensure that women can access specialist menopause services; notes the view that many women could benefit from flexibility from employers to manage menopausal symptoms and that employers should consider introducing a menopause policy to best support women in the workplace; understands that South Lanarkshire Council was the first local authority in Scotland to implement such a policy; acknowledges that there continues to be a taboo and stigma surrounding the menopause; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to launch a public campaign to remove this and raise awareness of the symptoms of the menopause; notes the calls for young women and girls to be empowered through high-quality education on menstrual health, and further notes the view that awareness-raising of the menopause will help its impact be better understood and addressed.

**S6M-01490: Fiona Hyslop: Publication of the Communiqué Setting Out the Conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues** - That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the communiqué setting out the conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues, hosted by the Scottish Government and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland; understands that these dialogues were a series of online discussions, which took place between 6 and 9 September 2021, providing a forum for civil society and government departments from impacted countries in the Global South to discuss and share their positions on some of the key priorities for action at and beyond COP26, while developing a shared understanding of these key issues and identifying where collective action can advance United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) goals and objectives; notes that the communiqué includes recommendations related to ensuring equitable access, participation and voice at the talks, the need for developed countries to significantly

increase the financial support available to help impacted communities adapt to spiralling climate impacts, the need to address the losses and damages created by climate impacts that go beyond the limits of adaptation, and the need to ensure a global Just Transition based on the UNFCCC principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and the right to development; commends the Scottish Government and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland for facilitating these dialogues, and notes the calls for ministers to respond positively, including by placing these priorities at the heart of the Scottish Government's own activities for COP26 and encouraging support for them from other UNFCCC participants.

**S6M-01411: Brian Whittle: World Heart Day and Killie Heartmates** - That the Parliament notes that 29 September 2021 is World Heart Day, which highlights the impact of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and the actions that people can take to prevent and control CVD; recognises the role that local community groups have in helping people with cardiac disease to stay active and healthy; applauds the role of volunteers such as Sheena and John Thomson, who have been involved for 17 years in running the Killie Heartmates exercise group in Kilmarnock and who worked tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic to make sure the group's members were still supported during the lockdowns, and understands that the Killie Heartmates celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2021 and is affiliated to Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, which has 28 heart support groups with 1,141 members across Scotland, which form a key part of the charity's Hospital to Home support service.

**S6M-01409: Collette Stevenson: Baby Loss Awareness Week 2021** - That the Parliament notes that 9 to 15 October 2021 is Baby Loss Awareness Week; understands that the week aims to commemorate babies' lives and raise awareness about pregnancy and baby loss across the country; welcomes the work of the Baby Loss Awareness Alliance, a collaboration of more than 100 charities, to drive policy change, improve services and break the taboo surrounding the death of a baby; commends the activism by many people who have been affected by miscarriage, which, it considers, has led to important developments in policy; notes the view that there should be dedicated facilities for women experiencing unexpected pregnancy complications; understands that the Scottish Government's Women's Health Plan commits to establishing a dignified, compassionate miscarriage service tailored to the needs of women; thanks Sands and other organisations in the Baby Loss Awareness Alliance for supporting women and families through an extremely difficult time; supports all efforts to reduce the number of babies dying, and notes the call for everyone to remember all babies who have died too soon by joining the global Wave of Light by lighting a candle at 7pm on 15 October.

**S6M-01349: Alexander Stewart: Age Scotland's Big Survey of Older People 2021** - That the Parliament congratulates Partick Thistle FC on the 50th anniversary of its historic 4-1 victory over Celtic FC in the Scottish League Cup Final held on 23 October 1971 at Hampden Park; considers that this well-loved Glasgow institution has contributed greatly, over many years, to the community life of Maryhill and also to Scottish football, and hopes that the Club's celebratory events are a huge success and that this season's campaign results in Thistle achieving promotion to the Scottish Premiership.

**S6M-01324: Alexander Stewart: Age Scotland's Big Survey of Older People 2021** - That the Parliament welcomes the results of Age Scotland's Big Survey of Older People 2021; understands that, early in the year, the charity, along with its research partners, Scotinform Ltd, surveyed 3,562 people over 50 from across the country, including the Mid Scotland and Fife region, to capture their experiences and

better understand how COVID-19 has impacted their lives; notes that it also enquired about many other areas of life, including health and wellbeing, housing, ageism, the representation of older people, their financial challenges and looking to the future; believes that this new and extensive research ultimately provides a real-world sample of people over 50 and a snapshot of what it is like to be an older person living in Scotland today; acknowledges that the findings have provided a wealth of information and insight into older people's lives, not least with the conclusion that COVID-19 has had a huge impact on levels of loneliness; is concerned at the results suggesting that 53% of respondents stated that the pandemic had made them feel lonelier, with 10% saying they feel lonely all or most of the time; understands that this amounts to nearly a quarter of a million over-50s; is troubled to learn that a third of respondents said that they felt that their mental health had deteriorated over the last few years and that 87% said that either they or someone they know has been the target of a scam, and notes the calls for plans to be put in place urgently to ensure that what it sees as these myriad trends may be reversed.

**S6M-01290: Katy Clark: Power of Attorney** - That the Parliament notes that, in Scotland, if a person is incapable of managing their property, finances or of making decisions regarding their welfare, the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 provides protection for them; understands the importance of Power of Attorney as a method of advance planning in the event that someone is unable to make such decisions about themselves; notes the calls to encourage and promote awareness campaigns to inform everyone over 16 in the West Scotland region and across the country about the benefits of setting up a Power of Attorney; further notes the awareness campaigns targeting health and social care professionals to allow them to develop a good understanding of what Power of Attorney is and its relevance in health and social care settings, and understands that if no Power of Attorney in place, the process of applying for a guardianship order can be very stressful, emotionally demanding and potentially expensive, with ongoing, onerous, reporting requirements.

**S6M-01281: Stephen Kerr: Road Safety in Falkirk** - That the Parliament recognises efforts in Airth and Reddingmuirhead to introduce a 20mph speed limit; considers that, in busy areas, a 20mph speed limit is safer for pedestrians, in particular school children and cyclists, and notes the view that local councils should be empowered to make decisions on speed limits, acknowledging their local knowledge.

**S6M-01259: Clare Adamson: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2021** - That the Parliament acknowledges that November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and that 18 November 2021 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day; understands that pancreatic cancer is one of the most aggressive and least survivable forms of cancer, with more than half of people diagnosed with it dying within three months; further understands that pancreatic cancer can affect anyone, but that it is subject to multiple inequalities with poorer outcomes for certain communities and those living in more deprived areas; understands that survival rates have remained almost static for the last 50 years; highlights the importance of early diagnosis and intervention; notes the view that raising public awareness of key symptoms of pancreatic cancer is vital to that aim; understands that key symptoms of pancreatic cancer include abdominal or back pain or discomfort, unexplained weight loss or a loss of appetite, yellowing of the skin or eyes and/or itchy skin, a change in bowel habits, nausea or vomiting, and indigestion that does not respond to treatment; commends all of 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-01177: Craig Hoy: Edington Hospital** - That the Parliament notes that the decision has been taken to close six inpatient beds at Edington Hospital, North Berwick, which is NHS Lothian's last cottage hospital, and relocate them from 13 September to the East Lothian Community Hospital on a temporary basis due to workforce pressures; understands that this move has taken place without any community consultation and has raised concerns about the long-term future of the Edington in the community; notes that an online petition, Save the Edington Hospital, has already received over 5,000 signatures; believes that this acts as a demonstration of the level of concern about the move; recognises the hospital's long history in North Berwick and that the construction of it was made possible by a bequest from Miss Elizabeth Edington of Ethandune, Dirleton Court, North Berwick; notes that building work commenced in 1912 and that the hospital was officially opened in 1913; believes that it has been providing good patient care for the population of East Lothian for almost 111 years and that it has been a well-valued and supported service in the town, with its closure leaving many upset and feeling disadvantaged; further believes that the service provided by the Edington Hospital is important, and notes the view that services for communities in East Lothian must be retained, in light of the growing population in the area.

**S6M-01169: Katy Clark: Cold Urticaria** - That the Parliament recognises that Cold Contact Urticaria (CCU) can be a chronic condition and lead to a substantial deterioration in patients' quality of life, affecting both their physical and mental health and wellbeing; understands that CCU is characterised by the development of wheals and/or angioedema, which can form within minutes after cold contact or exposure to a temperature that is different or lower than that of the person who has the condition, with extensive cold contact of large areas of skin sometimes leading to systemic reactions such as generalised urticaria, dyspnoea, tachycardia, hypotension and loss of consciousness; notes the calls to address the challenges identified by the new UK Rare Diseases Framework, published in early 2021, namely, to prioritise faster diagnosis, increase awareness of rare diseases, improve coordination of care, and improve access to specialist care, treatments and drugs; considers that a lack of awareness of CCU can lead to insufficient support being available to those affected, including people in the West Scotland region; notes the calls for awareness campaigns to inform health professionals and the general public on the condition and support available to people with rare diseases, and recognises the importance of integrated care and better coordination of services so that patients with this rare disease do not have to repeat complex details of their medical histories over and over again.

**S6M-01144: Pam Duncan-Glancy: Challenge Poverty Week 2021** - That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2021, which runs from 4 to 10 October; notes that activities and events are taking place across Scotland, including many in Glasgow, aimed at highlighting the realities of and solutions to poverty, and increasing public support for tackling poverty; understands that, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, over one million people, including one in four children, were living in the grip of poverty across Scotland; considers 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; considers that poverty in Scotland can and must be solved, by boosting incomes and reducing the cost of living; and celebrates the work undertaken by organisations and communities across Scotland to loosen the grip of poverty on people's lives.

**S6M-01099: Emma Roddick: Scottish Housing Day 2021** - That the Parliament acknowledges that 15 September 2021 marks the sixth annual Scottish Housing Day; notes that, this year, the theme is Housing and the Climate Emergency; welcomes the organisers' wish to encourage people to think about the role that homes play in responding to the climate emergency and to signpost the public to methods to reduce their energy use and move to low-carbon heating; welcomes the Scottish Government's moves that aim to increase energy efficiency and decrease carbon use among low-income households, such as the Area Based Scheme programme, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to continue expanding its support for reducing the carbon footprint of homes across the country.

**S6M-01059: Clare Adamson: Electrical Fire Safety Week 2021** - That the Parliament recognises that Electrical Fire Safety Week begins on 22 November 2021; understands that, this year, the annual initiative, which is run by the charity, Electrical Safety First, will focus on the potential risks of electrical fires caused by counterfeit and recalled products that are easily available to purchase on online marketplaces; believes that three out of five people in Scotland will turn to these platforms for Christmas shopping this year; understands that multiple investigations by Electrical Safety First have discovered dangerous electrical goods for sale via third-party sellers on online marketplaces, including products, such as washing machines and tumble dryers, that have been listed for sale despite being subject to recall notices by the manufacturer due to safety concerns; welcomes the creation of the new body, Consumer Scotland, which will have a requirement to establish a central database to raise awareness around major product recalls; notes calls encouraging consumers to remain vigilant when purchasing electrical goods and for them to stick to trusted stores or websites of known manufacturers and retailers, such as those found on the high street; commends the continued efforts and advocacy of Electrical Safety First, which is dedicated to preventing deaths, injuries and accidents caused by electricity, and wishes everyone involved with Electrical Fire Safety Week 2021 every success in raising awareness of this important issue.

**S6M-01046: Mark Griffin: Improving Energy Efficiency in Scotland's Private-rented Sector** - That the Parliament notes the view that energy efficiency in the private rented sector, including in the Central Scotland region, must improve; believes that by taking a fabric-first approach, tenants' homes could be warmer and that emissions from buildings might reduce, helping Scotland reach what it sees as the country's ambitious net zero targets; notes the recently-published research by Citizens Advice Scotland, Identifying the opportunities and barriers to Energy Efficiency in the Private Rented Housing Sector; understands that this research involved landlords, letting agents and estate managers; believes that they expressed a keenness to play their part in making their buildings more energy efficient and that a majority of those interviewed were supportive of new regulatory requirements for minimum energy-efficiency standards; further believes that the sector faces unique challenges to improvements and that there is a perceived lack of financial and

technical support available to inform decision-making, and values the report's recommendations regarding how housing in the sector can be improved.

**S6M-00914: Gordon MacDonald: Community Champions During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

- That the Parliament recognises the contribution of community champions during the COVID-19 pandemic, who have supported individuals and families who have been hit hard throughout this incredibly tough period; commends, in particular, Linda Williams of the Premier Broadway Convenience Store in Oxfangs, Edinburgh, for her continuing efforts to raise and disburse funds and donations from a hardship fund that she started at the beginning of lockdown in 2020; understands that the hardship fund was initially set up with the goal of raising £300 to help members of the local community who were adversely affected by lockdown, and went on to raise over £9,000 in the first two weeks, which was met by a further £1,000 donation from the store; appreciates that the fund has been used to help people who are experiencing financial difficulties with food, gas or electricity in the Oxfangs, Colinton Mains, Firhill and surrounding areas; recognises that, throughout lockdown, the store has also been taking telephone orders for free delivery to individuals who are self-isolating; congratulates Linda on winning the COVID Hero of 2020 award at the Scottish Local Retailer Awards for her work in setting up and running the hardship fund; thanks Linda, the staff of the Premier Broadway Convenience Store and all those who donated to the hardship fund for their efforts to support the local community throughout this difficult time, and believes that the outstanding community spirit and kindness shown by people over the last 18 months has been inspirational.

**S6M-00900: Monica Lennon: Our Climate Our Buses Campaign** - That the Parliament welcomes the new campaign, Our Climate, Our Buses, led by the STUC; notes the view that, ahead of COP26, everyone needs to take action to reduce transport emissions, in light of them reportedly being Scotland's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions; understands with concern that, since a previous UK Conservative administration deregulated buses, passenger journeys have fallen from 644 million in 1987 to 366 million in 2020; further understands that Scotland's only municipal bus company, Lothian Buses, has bucked this trend; notes that the campaign, Our Climate, Our Buses, is calling for an extension of municipal bus ownership across Scotland, and has gained the support of unions such as Unite the Union, which represents bus workers, as well as trades councils across Scotland, the Poverty Alliance, Friends of the Earth Scotland, Engender, Common Weal, Get Glasgow Moving, the International Transport Workers' Federation, One Parent Families Scotland, and the Young Women's Movement, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to provide financial support for local authorities, including those in the Central Scotland region, to establish publicly-owned bus companies and take back control of their bus networks.

**S6M-00897: James Dornan: Incel-related Violence** - That the Parliament notes the recent reported shootings of two men, two women and an infant in Plymouth; further notes reports that the alleged perpetrator was someone who identified as an incel, or involuntary celibate; understands that this grouping comprises of predominantly young adult males who feel that they should be entitled to sex, and that it is women's duty to facilitate this; further understands that there have been a series of incidents of what it sees as violent terrorism from some people identifying as incels, and utterly

condemns any such violence, as well as what it considers the twisted attitudes and misogyny underpinning some incel beliefs.

**S6M-00876: Christine Grahame: Deed Not Breed** - That the Parliament notes the 30th anniversary of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, which was introduced by the UK Government; further notes the calls by campaigners and a number of welfare groups, including the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Scottish SPCA), for this to be reviewed and reformed; understands that the Act in its present form requires rescue centres to euthanise those dogs in their care that are proscribed by the Act based on certain physical characteristics identifying them as Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro or American Pit Bull type dogs, regardless of temperament or past behaviour, resulting in any dogs meeting this physical standard open to euthanising or extensive restrictions placed upon them; acknowledges that the Scottish SPCA and others are calling for an alternative approach that relies on identifying dangerous dogs based on their behaviour and temperament, rather than solely their breed or perceived breed, and notes that, in Scotland, the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 provides for early intervention for dogs exhibiting concerning behaviour with the issuing of a Dog Control Notice to the owner to bring and keep the dog under control; believes that, while protection of the public, including people in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency, is of paramount importance, the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 is fundamentally flawed and unjust, and notes the view that there would be benefits to protection of the public, the welfare of dogs and the responsibilities of owners if the Control of Dogs (Scotland ) Act 2010 was more widely publicised.

**S6M-00874: Michael Marra: Brechin Healthcare Group** - That the Parliament recognises the hard work and dedication of the community volunteers of the Brechin Healthcare Group; believes that the group is working hard to deliver vital health and education services locally in partnership with businesses, the NHS and the third sector, and that those services have proven to be vital during the COVID-19 pandemic; further believes that local services, including drug, mental health and sexual health services, are vital for the community; understands that the group's future plans require relocation to more appropriate facilities; further understands that the group has identified the site of the former Brechin Infirmary as the ideal location; notes that the group has applied for a community asset transfer of the infirmary buildings, and wishes everyone involved the best of luck in delivering this exciting project.

**S6M-00831: Gillian Martin: Rail Infrastructure in North East Scotland** - That the Parliament acknowledges the work undertaken by campaigners advocating for the reinstatement of rail services in the north east of Scotland, beginning with those between Dyce and Ellon, that were lost following the Beeching cuts; understands that residents of east Aberdeenshire are currently reliant on road transport for local travel, and that the area has one of the highest car usage levels in Scotland; believes that improving rail infrastructure is vital to achieving the ambitious net zero targets set by the Scottish Government; further believes that rail brings economic improvements to rural areas and could provide low-carbon freight opportunities for businesses in the north east; considers that young people in rural Aberdeenshire need fast, reliable and low-carbon transport to access further and higher education more easily; notes that the major towns of Ellon, Peterhead and Fraserburgh do not

currently have any rail infrastructure, and believes that new rail connectivity between Dyce and Ellon would improve access to the national transport network for residents of rural areas.

**S6M-00813: Neil Gray: Universal Credit Uplift:** That the Parliament notes with concern the reported plan by the UK Government to remove the £20 per-week uplift to universal credit (UC) and working tax credits from the end of September 2021; understands that around six million families across the UK receiving UC will lose £1,040 of their annual income, pushing an estimated 500,000 people into poverty; believes that, without the £20 uplift, this form of social security support will drop to its lowest level in three decades; acknowledges the letter sent by the relevant committee chairs from all four parliaments to the UK Government calling for the uplift to be kept; agrees that the uplift has been a lifeline for millions during the COVID-19 pandemic, including people in Airdrie and Shotts, and notes calls on the UK Government to make the uplift permanent and to extend it to legacy and related benefits.

**S6M-00616: Edward Mountain: Outdoor Access Rights -** That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the success of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, which was developed in 2004 following the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003; believes that the guiding principles of the Code, which include respecting the interest of others, caring for the environment and people taking responsibility for their own actions, have served the Highlands and Islands and Scotland well; understands however that general misunderstandings about the Code have arisen since its establishment, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to launch a full review in order to update the Code to ensure that Scotland continues to have what it considers are world-leading outdoor access rights.

#### **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                                                          |

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| 2 September 2021  | Paul Sweeney          | LAB | Our Factory, Our Future, the Fight to Save McVitie's at Tollcross, Glasgow      |
| 7 September 2021  | Alasdair Allan        | SNP | Reserved Board Seats for Islanders                                              |
| 8 September 2021  | Brian Whittle         | CON | Team GB Success                                                                 |
| 9 September 2022  | Christine Grahame     | SNP | Mineworkers' Pension Scheme                                                     |
| 14 September 2021 | Karen Adam            | SNP | 2020 Tokyo Paralympics                                                          |
| 15 September 2021 | Maggie Chapman        | GRN | A Just Transition for Torry                                                     |
| 16 September 2021 | Miles Briggs          | CON | SCVO Creates its 10,000 <sup>th</sup> CJS Job in Scotland's Voluntary Sector    |
| 21 September 2021 | Michael Marra         | LAB | Action on Brain Injury in Football                                              |
| 22 September      | Stuart McMillan       | SNP | National Eye Health Week 2021                                                   |
| 23 September 2021 | Siobhian Brown        | SNP | FASD Awareness Day – 9 September                                                |
| 28 September 2021 | Jamie Halcro Johnston | CON | Ambulance Services Across Scotland                                              |
| 29 September 2021 | Fulton MacGregor      | SNP | Alleviating Poverty Associated with the Purchase of School Uniforms in Scotland |
| 30 September 2021 | Rhoda Grant           | LAB | Community Wealth and the Emergence of "Green Laids".                            |
| 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                                                    |

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

| Party          | SNP   | CON | LAB   | GRN  | LD | TOTAL |
|----------------|-------|-----|-------|------|----|-------|
| Frequency (no) | 13    | 6   | 4     | 1    | 0  | 24    |
| Frequency %    | 54.16 | 25  | 16.67 | 4.17 | 0  | 100   |