

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 30 November 2021

5. The annex lists all motions marked for Members' Business which are over six weeks old (i.e. those lodged on or before 30 November 2021) and includes the number of supporters and date of the most recent registration of support.
6. Meghan Gallacher and Monica Lennon have requested that their motions - S6M-01794: Meghan Gallacher: Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials and S6M-01845: Monica Lennon: Scotland's Rail Unions Launch A Vision For Scotland's Railways – are retained.
7. Based on the criteria in paragraph 3, it is not recommended that any of the other motions from the attached list be retained.
8. Business Managers should indicate at the Bureau meeting if they do wish to retain any of the other motions

Conclusion

9. Members are asked to agree that no motions from the attached list are retained other than the two motions requested for retention (S6M-01794: Meghan Gallacher: Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials and S6M-01845: Monica Lennon: Scotland's Rail Unions Launch A Vision For Scotland's Railways).

Parliamentary Business Team
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Motions for removal						
Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total support	Achieved cross party support?	Date Last Supported
S6M-01617	Pam Gosal	11/10/2021	World Menopause Day	37	Yes	19/10/2021
S6M-01860	Beatrice Wishart	29/10/2021	Protecting Marine Life During Unexploded Ordnance Removal	6	Yes	02/11/2021
S6M-01866	Maggie Chapman	02/11/2021	The Right to Access Environmental Justice	10	Yes	16/11/2021
S6M-01892	Jim Fairlie	05/11/2021	Tackling Misogyny and Violence Against Women and Girls	34	Yes	01/12/2021
S6M-01924	Miles Briggs	04/11/2021	Lung Cancer Awareness Month, November 2021	34	Yes	03/12/2021
S6M-02070	Maggie Chapman	12/11/2021	Transgender Day of Remembrance 2021	30	Yes	02/12/2021
S6M-02237	Christine Grahame	25/11/2021	Homecoming for Mary Queen of Scots	12	No	07/12/2021
S6M-02278	Richard Leonard	25/11/2021	Role of Rail in Achieving Climate Change Targets	8	Yes	13/12/2021
Motions for retention (by request)						
Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total support	Achieved cross party support?	Date Last Supported
S6M-01794	Meghan Gallacher	02/11/2021	Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials	25	Yes	10/11/2021
S6M-01845	Monica Lennon	03/11/2021	Scotland's Rail Unions Launch "A Vision for Scotland's Railways"	17	Yes	26/11/2021

