

## 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 Easter recess is as follows –

Week beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7 February	LD	CON	SNP
<i>February recess</i>			
21 February	SNP	SNP	CON
28 February	SNP (swap with LAB)	SNP	SNP
7 March	CON	SNP	LAB
14 March	SNP	CON	SNP
21 March	SNP	GRN	CON
28 March	LAB	SNP	SNP

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

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

groomers to have animal first aid training and appropriate pet handling skills due to the holistic approach that it considers pet owners would expect from groomers, but believes that, due to the reported lack of regulation, there are no checks and balances in place to ensure pet grooming businesses possess these skills; considers that many pet owners may not realise that the pet grooming industry is, it understands, unregulated and that pet grooming businesses will therefore have varying levels of experience and training, and notes the view that introducing regulation would instil confidence in pet owners, including those in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, who make use of pet grooming services.

**S6M-02984: Karen Adam: Celebrating LGBT History Month** - That the Parliament recognises that February is LGBT History Month; notes that this year's theme is Blurring Borders: A World in Motion, which invites people to think beyond borders and to ask each other what Scotland's place is within the global movement towards equality; highlights what it sees as the vital and continued efforts of Four Pillars, which is a charity that strives to maintain a sense of community for LGBT+ people across the north east of Scotland by supporting four aspects it considers are vital to wellbeing, which are mental, emotional, physical and sexual health; understands that LGBT History Month is coordinated by LGBT Youth Scotland, a national charity aimed at promoting health and wellbeing among LGBTI young people aged 13 to 25 across the country, hosting in-person and online events in partnership with, among others, Leap Sports Scotland, the National Library of Scotland and the National Lottery Heritage Fund Scotland; wishes all involved every success in their endeavours, and notes the call for everyone to support the campaign and raise awareness of the part that everyone can play in making Scotland a fairer, just and more equal society for all who live here.

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

**S6M-02948: Jim Fairlie: Redundancies at OVO Energy** - That the Parliament notes with regret the reported decision by OVO Energy Ltd to seek 1,700 voluntary redundancies and the closure of various offices, including in Perth, which, it understands, the company could have used for its new training academy; notes the view that the reportedly "excellent team" that the OVO Energy CEO, Stephen

Fitzpatrick, referred to when acquiring SSE Energy Services deserves better treatment, including more clarity on what happens should the company not reach sufficient numbers of voluntary redundancies, and considers that this represents a disappointing betrayal of a hard-working, committed workforce.

**S6M-02932: Alasdair Allan: Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland** - That the Parliament welcomes new research commissioned by Epilepsy Scotland from the Scottish Centre for Employment Research, which highlights the difficulties facing people with epilepsy to find and retain secure employment; understands that Scotland has some of the greatest disability employment gaps in the UK; notes reports that only 36.9% of people with epilepsy in the UK are employed, which it understands is lower than the general disability employment rate of 44.4%; considers that a lack of knowledge about epilepsy and how it is individually experienced is contributing to this significant employment gap; notes the calls for substantial investment in research to improve data and better understand the employment barriers that are facing people with epilepsy in Scotland, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently assess how the strategic framework, A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People, is meeting the needs of people with epilepsy, including in Na h-Eileanan an Iar, and if anything further can be done in the medium to long term to improve rates of employment in this population.

**S6M-02918: Gordon MacDonald: Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home “Paws Pantry”** - That the Parliament recognises the support given by the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home to pet owners in the community during times of need and often in times of financial difficulty; understands that the Home’s pet foodbank, Paws Pantry, was launched in 2019 and has since partnered with over 50 human foodbanks and supported over 7,000 pets in 2021; notes that the foodbank offers wet and dry food, jackets, collars, leads, bowls and bedding, and the dedicated and passionate staff can also offer pet care advice, and thanks the staff for their efforts in helping to empower pet owners to continue to care for their own animals.

**S6M-02910: Paul O’Kane: ENABLE Scotland’s My Own Front Door Campaign** - That the Parliament acknowledges the ENABLE Scotland campaign, My Own Front Door, which it understands calls for urgent action to have priority plans in place for every person who has a learning disability in Scotland to access their right to a home that they choose, in the community that they choose, near to the people that they love, by 2023; considers that this is a basic human right, as identified in Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which states the right for disabled people to live independently and to be included in the community; acknowledges with concern reports that 1,011 adults with a learning disability in Scotland were recorded in 2019 as being “out of area”, meaning that they do not live in their own community due to lack of available social care support; understands that this issue was identified as a priority in the 2013 Keys to Life strategy; further understands that the Scottish Government report, Coming Home, in 2018 identified 67 people who have a learning disability “living” in hospital due to lack of appropriate accommodation and support in the community, and that 22% had been in hospital for more than 10 years, with a further 9% having been in hospital for between five and 10 years; considers that this is unacceptable and a breach of an individual’s human rights; understands that the campaign, My Own Front Door, highlights that there are many more people who are at risk of being in this position due to life transitions and/or

breakdown in community-based social care support; is concerned by reports that there is currently no up-to-date information about progress that has been made to support people to live in the community of their choice, either from an area they do not want to live in, or from hospital; understands that the Scottish Government and COSLA convened a short-life working group in 2020 to address this issue and provided a £20 million Community Living Change Fund in February 2021 to health and social care partnerships to support change; further understands that the report of this group and detailed guidance on the use of the fund has yet to be published; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to support the five calls contained within the My Own Front Door campaign to ensure an urgent end to out-of-area placements that are not the choice of the individual and the overuse of assessment and treatment unit beds, a community first approach to the commissioning of support for people who have a learning disability, continued national investment to support the development of high-quality, sustainable social care support for all people who have a learning disability, in any community that they choose to live in, national monitoring of local populations in this position, or at risk of being in this position, and the introduction of a national oversight panel to ensure that plans to support people to live in the community of their choice are informed by the rights, will and preference of these individuals, and upholds their human rights, and further notes the view that every person who has a learning disability in Scotland, including in the West Scotland region, has the right to have the keys to their own front door.

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

**S6M-02887: Mercedes Villalba: Solidarity with Hospitality Workers in Their Dispute with MacMerry 300** - That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the difficulties faced by workers in the hospitality sector throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with reported estimates of over 600,000 jobs having been lost, including in the North East Scotland region; further recognises what it sees as the longstanding employment issues such as low pay and precarious work affecting the sector; welcomes the Scottish Government's reported commitment to Unite's Fair Hospitality

Charter; expresses its support for, and extends its solidarity with, workers who are reportedly in dispute with their employer, the MacMerry 300 and Abandon Ship hospitality group, regarding allegations that include a cover-up of a COVID-19 outbreak and failure to investigate sexual misconduct; understands that Unite Scotland has the pre-requisite 50% membership density to push for compulsory union recognition; notes the calls for wider trade union recognition and collective bargaining agreements across the hospitality sector; thanks Unite Scotland for establishing a solidarity fund for its members; notes the calls for the allegations to be properly investigated and addressed; further notes the belief that the Scottish Government should publicly support the workers and condemn the alleged behaviour of MacMerry 300 and Abandon Ship, and notes the calls on the managing director of the group to work constructively with Unite Scotland to resolve the dispute as quickly as possible.

**S6M-02886: Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2022** - That the Parliament notes that Eating Disorders Awareness Week occurs on 28 February to 6 of March 2022 and this year focuses on the importance of Early Warning Signs in Primary Care; further notes reports that eating disorders affect 1 in 50 people across Scotland and the wider UK; understands that more people lose their lives due to eating disorders than any other mental health condition; further understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the number of persons with eating disorders, with a reported increase of 86% in referrals between 2019 and 2020; notes that the Beat eating disorders charity highlights that less than two hours of medical education leading to a medical degree is focused on eating disorder education; further notes calls from Beat for medical schools across Scotland, and the UK, and the General Medical Council, to ensure that eating disorder education is an important focus of medical degrees, including for those in General Practice training; welcomes the Scottish Government's reported commitment of £120 million for a mental health recovery and renewal fund, with a focus on additional support for mental health in primary care settings and enhanced community support; notes the May 2021 publication of the Scottish Eating Disorder Services Review, which it understands makes 15 recommendations on how eating disorder support services can be improved; further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to provide an update on current work to implement the recommendations and better support all those impacted by an eating disorder, and thanks all eating disorders interest groups, including Beat and the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group (SEDIG), for their work to raise awareness and understanding of eating disorders, as well as to support those impacted by them.

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

be operating the franchise as of 1 April 2022 when it transfers into Scottish Government ownership; further understands that the Scottish Government is already fully funding the franchise under the ongoing Emergency Measures Agreement, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to intervene and withdraw the proposals to reduce ScotRail ticket office opening hours.

**S6M-02874: Miles Briggs: World Tuberculosis Day 2022** - That the Parliament notes that 24 March 2022 marks World Tuberculosis Day; understands that tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, killing 1.5 million people each year; believes that the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed decades of positive progress in tackling TB; understands that there has been uneven progress in the delivery of the commitments made at the UN High-Level Meeting on TB, including efforts to diagnose and treat 40 million people with TB by 2022 and to dramatically increase investments in research; considers that TB is a disease of poverty, with the most vulnerable and marginalised at greatest risk of both TB and drug-resistant TB, including in Scotland; believes that strong international health systems are vital for securing the UK's domestic health security; recognises what it sees as the importance of the upcoming seventh replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in tackling global TB, and notes what it sees as the vital work carried out by clinical staff, scientists and civil society organisations across Scotland and globally to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goal of ending TB by 2030.

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

**S6M-02777: Alex Rowley: Longstanding Underpayment of Social Care Staff** - That the Parliament notes the belief that the longstanding underpayment of social care staff should end, and that action must be taken to address the inequalities across the health and social care sector in order to deliver greater dignity and respect within the profession; considers that the rate of pay for social care staff, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, does not come anywhere near to recognising the complexities and challenges of the work; further considers that the main underlying cause of recruitment and retention issues in the care sector is a result of poor pay and unequal terms and conditions; condemns what it considers the poor treatment faced by many care workers in the course of their employment, which, it believes, would not be acceptable in any other profession, and notes the calls for all workers being hired directly or indirectly to deliver key public services to be paid the proper rate for the work they undertake.

**S6M-02776: Craig Hoy: Decommissioning of Torness Nuclear Power Station -**

That the Parliament notes that the decision has been taken to bring forward the decommissioning date of Torness Nuclear Power Station from 2030 to 2028; further notes EDF Energy's assessment that the station is one of the most productive in its fleet of nuclear power stations; recognises that, since the station first started generating electricity in 1988, EDF Energy reports that the plant has produced nearly 280 TWh of zero-carbon electricity, which is understood to be sufficient to power every home in Scotland for 28 years; understands that Torness employs around 500 staff and 250 contractors, with a salary bill of around £40 million annually, which, it considers, boosts the Dunbar and East Lothian economy; notes that Hunterston B power station, in North Ayrshire, has recently shut down for the last time, after what it considers to have been 46 years of reliable energy generation and job creation, and further notes calls urging the Scottish Government to review its decision to use the Scottish planning system to block the development of any future civilian nuclear energy projects in order that nuclear power continues to play a central part in the provision of zero-carbon electricity in Scotland.

**S6M-02750: Paul Sweeney: Glasgow's Pre-loved Uniforms Improving Accessibility and Sustainability of School Uniforms -**

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

**S6M-02745: Maurice Golden: Tackling Dog Theft -**

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

**S6M-02589: Paul Sweeney: Recognising the Value of Asylum Seekers -**

That the Parliament considers that the design and impact of Scotland's economy creates a series of "failure demands", resulting from what it sees as avoidable damage to the health of people and the planet, including illness from air pollution, inadequate

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

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

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



people in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency, for the international community to ensure that Palestinian voices are heard in policymaking discussions.

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

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

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

engage with citizens, rail workers, trade unions, businesses and a range of organisations on its ideas and proposals.

**S6M-01794: Meghan Gallacher: Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials**

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

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

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
8 June 2021	Jim Fairlie	SNP	Impact on Scottish Agriculture of Tariff-free Trade Deals
9 June 2021	Neil Gray	SNP	Social Justice and Fairness Commission Report
15 June 2021	Douglas Ross	CON	The Campaign to Restore the Consultant-led Maternity Unit at Dr Gray's, Elgin
16 June 2021	Monica Lennon	LAB	Historical Forced Adoption
22 June 2021	Bob Doris	SNP	MND Scotland (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
23 June 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	National Gaelic Language Plan
31 August 2021	Rachael Hamilton	CON	Success of Great Borders River Clean
1 September 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	100 Years of Insulin
2 September 2021	Paul Sweeney	LAB	Our Factory, Our Future, the Fight to Save McVitie's at Tollcross, Glasgow
7 September 2021	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Reserved Board Seats for Islanders
8 September 2021	Brian Whittle	CON	Team GB Success
9 September 2022	Christine Grahame	SNP	Mineworkers' Pension Scheme
14 September 2021	Karen Adam	SNP	2020 Tokyo Paralympics

15 September 2021	Maggie Chapman	GRN	A Just Transition for Torry
16 September 2021	Miles Briggs	CON	SCVO Creates its 10,000 <sup>th</sup> CJS Job in Scotland's Voluntary Sector
21 September 2021	Michael Marra	LAB	Action on Brain Injury in Football
22 September	Stuart McMillan	SNP	National Eye Health Week 2021
23 September 2021	Siobhian Brown	SNP	FASD Awareness Day – 9 September
28 September 2021	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Ambulance Services Across Scotland
29 September 2021	Fulton MacGregor	SNP	Alleviating Poverty Associated with the Purchase of School Uniforms in Scotland
30 September 2021	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Community Wealth and the Emergence of "Green Lairds".
5 October 2021	Gordon MacDonald	SNP	Big Noise Programme in Wester Hailes
6 October 2021	Donald Cameron	CON	Rest and Be Thankful
7 October 2021	Paul McLennan	SNP	World Mental Health Day 2021
26 October 2021	Clare Adamson	SNP	UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2021, Malnutrition in Older People
27 October 2021	Jamie Halcro Johnston	CON	Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services
28 October 2021	Mercedes Villalba	LAB	The Need for an Offshore Training Passport
2 November 2021	Collette Stevenson	SNP	Improving Support and Ending the Stigma of the Menopause
3 November 2021	Elena Whitham	SNP	A Model for Scotland, the Campaign for Prostitution Law Reform in Scotland
4 November 2021	Gillian Mackay	GRN	Abortion Clinic Buffer Zones
9 November 2021	Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	Long Covid as a Condition of Concern
10 November 2021	Alexander Stewart	CON	100 Years of the Poppy in the UK
11 November 2021	Fiona Hyslop	SNP	Publication of the Communiqué Setting Out the Conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues
16 November 2021	Emma Harper	SNP	World COPD Day 2021
17 November 2021	Clare Adamson	SNP	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
18 November 2021	Stephen Kerr	CON	Road Safety in Falkirk

23 November 2021	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
25 January 2022	Jackie Dunbar	SNP	My Breath is My Life
26 January 2022	Katy Clark	LAB	Domestic Abuse Charges
27 January 2022 (FMQs)	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Memorial Day to be Marked on 27 January 2022

27 January 2022 (DT)	Rona Mackay	SNP	Support for the 70/30 Campaign to Reduce ACES by 2030
1 February 2022	Jackie Baillie	LAB	World Cancer Day 2022
2 February 2022	Evelyn Tweed	SNP	Response to Storm Arwen in Stirling and Future Resilience Planning
3 February 2022	Ariane Burgess	GRN	Revitalising Coastal Communities

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

Party	SNP	CON	LAB	GRN	LD	TOTAL
Frequency (no)	32	15	11	4	1	63
Frequency %	50.79	23.81	17.46	6.35	1.59	100