

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

AGENDA FOR MEETING ON TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2009

2.00pm: Room Q1.03

1. Minutes
 - (a) Draft minutes of 10 November 2009 (attached)
 - (b) Matters arising
2. Future Business Programme (PB/S3/09/162)
- Procedural motions
 3. (a) Scottish Statutory Instruments (PB/S3/09/163)
 - (b) Substitution on committees (PB/S3/09/164)
- Establishment of Committee
 4. Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill – establishment of Private Bill Committee (PB/S3/09/165)
 5. Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee – appointment of adviser (PB/S3/09/166)
 6. Legislative Consent Memorandum – Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill (PB/S3/09/167)
 7. Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee - request to visit Copenhagen (PB/S3/09/168)
 8. Scotland Week 2010 (PB/S3/09/169)
 9. Publication scheme – consideration of any exempt papers
 10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 24 November 2009

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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 following Decision Time.
2. Motions submitted for Members' Business are shown below.

S3M-5180# Jamie McGrigor: Future of Mid Argyll Community Swimming Pool—That the Parliament notes with concern the threat of closure facing the Mid Argyll Swimming Pool in Lochgilphead due to a financial shortfall; believes that this community-owned social enterprise, owned and operated by Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Ltd, plays a vital role in providing the communities of Lochgilphead and Mid Argyll with a first-class public swimming pool and all the associated benefits to mental and physical health that come from the activity of swimming; considers that the pool is well used by pupils from many local primary schools and by local recreation clubs and many of the tourists and visitors who come to Mid Argyll; notes further that the new Lochgilphead High School does not have a swimming pool and that closure of this pool would mean that the nearest public swimming pools were many miles away in Oban, Rothesay, Dunoon or Campbeltown; is aware that the funding shortfall facing the pool amounts to around £10,000 in this financial year and £30,000 in subsequent years, and believes that all available funding options should be explored in order to secure the future of this well-used and much-loved community asset.

Supported by: Bill Aitken, Jackson Carlaw, Nanette Milne, Mary Scanlon, Ted Brocklebank, Mr Frank McAveety, Margaret Mitchell*, Dave Thompson*

S3M-5168# Anne McLaughlin: The Future of East Coast Rail Services—That the Parliament expresses concern over reports that the east coast rail link between Glasgow Central and London King's Cross is to be axed, resulting in a loss of 40% of capacity, or 22,000 seats a week, to direct services between London and Glasgow; notes that such a move will also affect travel between Glasgow and the north of England; further notes that the west coast main line is prone to engineering works and delays and that, with no east coast main line, Glasgow business and tourism will be put at a disadvantage; considers that these proposals by the UK Government are a mistake, and believes that the nationalised east coast main line should continue to offer regular direct services to Glasgow from London King's Cross.

Supported by: Bob Doris, Rob Gibson, Stuart McMillan, Brian Adam, Stewart Maxwell, Christopher Harvie, Gil Paterson*, Kenneth Gibson*, Aileen Campbell*, Robin Harper*, Bill Kidd*, Dave Thompson*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*

S3M-5159# Jack McConnell: World Aids Day and Annie Lennox—That the Parliament recognises the importance of World AIDS Day on 1 December 2009 and its aim of highlighting the challenges and consequences of the HIV epidemic around the world, particularly the impact on development in sub-Saharan Africa; acknowledges that UNAIDS estimates that there are now 33.2 million people living with HIV, including 2.5 million children; notes that around half of all people who become infected with HIV do so before they are 25 and die before they are 35; congratulates all those individuals and organisations in Scotland that campaign to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and provide practical support to HIV/AIDS victims, wherever they live; congratulates, in particular, Annie Lennox on the continued success of her SING campaign, which will be two years old on 1 December, and believes that positive consideration should be given to her recent offer to support the Scottish Parliament in its international development work, with an ambassadorial role.

Supported by: Peter Peacock, Sarah Boyack, David McLetchie*, Christina McKelvie*, Hugh O'Donnell*, George Foulkes*, Jim Hume*, Andy Kerr*, Bob Doris*, Mr Frank McAveety*,

Helen Eadie*, Linda Fabiani*, Ms Wendy Alexander*, Rhoda Grant*, Mike Pringle*, Liam McArthur*, David Stewart*, Ken Macintosh*, Jackie Baillie*, Marilyn Livingstone*, Ted Brocklebank*, Dr Richard Simpson*, Rob Gibson*, Shirley-Anne Somerville*, John Park*

S3M-5124# Elaine Murray: Friends of the Earth Report, Wasting Away—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Government's zero waste consultation closes on 13 November 2009; expresses disappointment that the plans are not yet consistent with a truly zero waste Scotland; welcomes the Friends of the Earth Scotland report, *Wasting Away*, which suggests that meeting the best European recycling rates could recover £47 million worth of paper, plastic, metals and other valuable materials every year; considers that recycling this waste would cut greenhouse gas emissions by over four million tonnes; further considers that not producing the waste at all could save almost eight million tonnes; hopes that the Scottish Government will take note of these financial and carbon savings; would welcome ministers reporting to the Parliament on their conclusions as soon as possible, and would also hope that local authorities such as Dumfries and Galloway Council and others across Scotland work towards improving rates of reuse and recycling of waste.

Supported by: Liam McArthur, Sarah Boyack

S3M-5109# Sandra White: Detention of Children at Dungavel—That the Parliament expresses serious concern over figures obtained from the UK Border Agency that show that, between October 2008 and September 2009, 103 children were detained at Dungavel in Scotland; notes that, in the last five years, 889 children from 488 families throughout the United Kingdom have been held for over 28 days, thus requiring UK ministers to personally approve continued detention; considers that these figures show that, despite the welcome commitment and efforts of the previous administration and the current Scottish Government to end the practice of the detention of children at Dungavel, children and families from Glasgow and throughout Scotland are still being subjected to this unacceptable practice, and would welcome further efforts from all political parties in Scotland to ensure that this practice is ended.

Supported by: Bill Kidd, Elaine Smith, Brian Adam, Bob Doris, Linda Fabiani, Angela Constance, Aileen Campbell, Joe FitzPatrick, Patrick Harvie, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Anne McLaughlin, Alasdair Allan, Christine Grahame, Ian McKee, Robert Brown, Robin Harper, Christopher Harvie, Gil Paterson, Christina McKelvie, Hugh O'Donnell, Dave Thompson*

S3M-5099# Johann Lamont: Congratulations to the West Highland Free Press—That the Parliament congratulates the *West Highland Free Press* (WHFP) on becoming Britain's first employee-owned newspaper; applauds the founders of the WHFP in practising what they preach both in their radical stewardship of the paper for the last 37 years and in their present support for this new form of ownership for the paper; recognises the significance of the WHFP since 1972 in informing and shaping political, cultural, social and community debate on issues close to the hearts of the people of the Highlands and Islands and across Scotland and in sustaining its commitment to its motto, An Tir, An Canan, sna' Daoine - The Land, The Language, The People; wishes its new owners every success, and trusts that it will serve as an example to other businesses to develop employee ownership initiatives where possible.

Supported by: David Stewart, Rhoda Grant, Peter Peacock, Linda Fabiani, Cathy Peattie, Jackie Baillie, Mr Frank McAveety, Karen Whitefield, Hugh Henry, Karen Gillon, James Kelly, Cathy Jamieson, Claire Baker, Trish Godman, Lewis Macdonald, Bill Butler, Jack McConnell, Mary Mulligan, Margaret Curran, Des McNulty, David Whitton, Robin Harper, Ken Macintosh, Sarah Boyack, Marilyn Livingstone, Dave Thompson*

S3M-5098# Aileen Campbell: Save Lesmahagow's Jubilee Hall—That the Parliament notes with concern plans by South Lanarkshire Council to close and sell the Jubilee Hall in Lesmahagow; notes that this concern is shared by many members of the local community, the Community Council and various groups and users of the hall; believes that the Support the Jubilee Hall fun day, held by hall users on 31 October 2009, will further demonstrate the concern and opposition to the decision that exists locally, and considers that the hall continues to play an important function in Lesmahagow and is an important part of the town's heritage that should be preserved.

Supported by: Bill Kidd, Alasdair Allan, Gil Paterson, Rob Gibson, Bob Doris, Ian McKee, Anne McLaughlin

S3M-5087# Jim Tolson: Allotments, Community Gardens and Grow-your-own Projects—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society in its role supporting allotment holders and community gardens in Scotland, encouraging the development of new sites, enhancing biodiversity and preserving skills in gardening; acknowledges the valuable work carried out by other organisations in the promotion of community gardens and grow-your-own projects; recognises the links between green space, activity and good health and the social, financial, environmental and health benefits of gardening and growing one's own food; highlights the need to protect and enhance green spaces, particularly in urban and deprived areas; notes that Crossford Community Council, in conjunction with Crossford Allotment Association and the Carnegie Trust, is investigating the provision of land for allotments, community gardens and social enterprise, and hopes that local authorities and other public bodies examine ways of transferring land to local communities to be used for such projects.

Supported by: Jackie Baillie, Robert Brown, Mr Frank McAveety, Jim Hume, John Wilson, Mike Pringle, Robin Harper, Bill Wilson, Cathy Peattie, Maureen Watt, Sandra White, Trish Godman, Hugh O'Donnell, Bob Doris, Sarah Boyack, Bill Kidd, Anne McLaughlin, Bill Aitken, Michael McMahon, Brian Adam, Marlyn Glen, Kenneth Gibson*, James Kelly*, Andy Kerr*

S3M-5010# Mary Mulligan: Celebrating 15 Years of the Fairtrade Foundation in the UK—That the Parliament congratulates the Fairtrade Foundation on 15 years of activity in the United Kingdom; notes that over these 15 years, the number of licensed Fairtrade products has increased from 80 to more than 4,500; welcomes the role of the Fairtrade Foundation in securing a fair deal for farmers and producers in the developing world, ensuring that people have the right to dignity and a decent living through their work; notes that by the end of 2008, it was estimated that 70% of all households purchased at least one Fairtrade product and the total annual retail sales value of Fairtrade products exceeded £712 million, and commends local Fairtrade organisations and Scottish Fairtrade Towns such as Whitburn and Linlithgow in West Lothian for the work that they do in promoting Fairtrade Foundation principles and goods, educating others about the need for a fair deal for farmers and producers in the developing world and working to secure an international trading system that recognises the need for sustainable development and social justice.

Supported by: James Kelly, Mr Frank McAveety, Karen Gillon, Elaine Smith, Ms Wendy Alexander, Jackie Baillie, Bill Butler, Cathy Jamieson, Johann Lamont, Joe FitzPatrick, Trish Godman, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Patricia Ferguson, Liam McArthur, Marlyn Glen, Robert Brown, John Park, David Whitton, Robin Harper, Bill Kidd, Christine Grahame, Sarah Boyack, Tom McCabe, Elaine Murray, Des McNulty, Jamie Hepburn, Dr Richard Simpson, Jack McConnell, Hugh Henry, Marilyn Livingstone

S3M-5005# Johann Lamont: International Credit Union Day—That the Parliament recognises International Credit Union Day, taking place on 15 October 2009; congratulates Scotland's credit unions for their continued growth; recognises the important role that credit unions play in tackling financial exclusion in the Pollok constituency, across Glasgow and throughout Scotland, serving 250,000 members with £200 million in savings and lending £170 million; notes the potential for credit unions to serve even more of the population with a full range of financial services; encourages support for more credit unions to offer new services such as current accounts, and believes that, as trusted co-operative enterprises, credit unions can play a valuable role in the future of Scotland's financial services industry.

Supported by: Malcolm Chisholm, Christine Grahame, Linda Fabiani, James Kelly, Bill Wilson, Karen Gillon, Rhona Brankin, Robin Harper, Bill Butler, Elaine Murray, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Marlyn Glen, Robert Brown, Kenneth Gibson, Stuart McMillan, Patrick Harvie, Helen Eadie, Trish Godman, Patricia Ferguson, John Park, George Foulkes, Mr Frank McAveety, Jackie Baillie, Cathy Jamieson, Cathy Peattie, Elaine Smith, Cathie Craigie, Marilyn Livingstone, Mary Mulligan, Sandra White, Tom McCabe, Dave Thompson, Gil Paterson, Lewis Macdonald, Angela Constance

S3M-5001# Karen Gillon: HorseWatch Strathclyde, Combating Equine-related Crime—That the Parliament welcomes the essential work of HorseWatch Strathclyde in partnering with Strathclyde Police to ensure protection against the theft of horses and related property in the local area and to provide vital support services and information to victims of such crime while also laying out preventative measures to ensure that horse owners are not targeted in the first place; commends the initiative, run entirely by volunteers and which, where possible, charges no fees for its services, and hopes that police forces from across Scotland will learn from and adopt similar partnering schemes to enable the effective combating of equine-related crime.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson, Dr Richard Simpson, Jackie Baillie, James Kelly, John Scott, Jim Hume, Bill Kidd, Elaine Murray, Mary Mulligan, Christine Grahame, Trish Godman

S3M-4984# Bill Butler: Happy Birthday Citizens Advice Bureaux—That the Parliament congratulates the Citizens Advice service on its 70th anniversary; commends the vital work that Scotland's 83 Citizens Advice Bureaux, 222 service points, staff and over 2,000 volunteers carry out in providing free, impartial and confidential advice to all; considers that such good quality advice on issues such as benefits, debt, employment, housing and consumer affairs is increasingly necessary in today's society and that bureaux are often the first point of contact for people worried about these problems; recognises the need for bureaux in communities across the country, including Drumchapel where the bureau last year obtained benefits and debt-related financial gains of nearly £3.5 million for its clients thanks to the hard work and dedication of its staff and volunteers; acknowledges that the use of client evidence allows Citizens Advice Bureaux and Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS) to speak with authority and relevance on changing social issues from both a local and national perspective, such as the recent *Drowning in Debt* report; thanks the departing chair of CAS, the Rev Graham Blount, for his contribution over the duration of his term in office, and wishes all of Scotland's bureaux continued success in the years to come.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson, Karen Gillon, Jamie McGrigor, Jackie Baillie, Robert Brown, Jamie Hepburn, Dr Richard Simpson, Pauline McNeill, Dave Thompson, Bill Wilson, Marlyn Glen, Maureen Watt, Karen Whitefield, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Mary Mulligan, Elaine Murray, Mary Scanlon, Patricia Ferguson, Jim Hume, Paul Martin, Cathy Jamieson, Stuart McMillan, James Kelly, Ross Finnie, Mike Pringle, Bob Doris, Cathy Peattie, David Whitton, Bill Kidd, Malcolm Chisholm, Nanette Milne, Margaret Curran, Trish Godman, Mr Frank McAveety, Jack McConnell, Gil Paterson, Joe FitzPatrick, Liam McArthur, Elaine Smith, Richard Baker, Sarah Boyack, Sandra White, Hugh Henry, Lewis Macdonald, Christine Grahame, Linda Fabiani, Robin Harper, Marilyn Livingstone, Hugh O'Donnell

S3M-4970# Elaine Murray: The Food Train Rides Out—That the Parliament congratulates the Food Train on its success over the past 14 years in providing low-cost grocery deliveries to people unable to shop for themselves; notes that the service, which was originally offered to pensioners in the town of Dumfries, is now on offer across Dumfries and Galloway; further notes that the constitution of the Food Train was changed on 2 October 2009 to enable the service to expand to other parts of Scotland; congratulates the Food Train on delivering 15,000 grocery orders to almost 600 households in the past year, and wishes the charity well in its plans to extend its services across Scotland.

Supported by: Dr Richard Simpson, David Whitton, Jackie Baillie, Kenneth Gibson, Patricia Ferguson, Bill Kidd, Sarah Boyack, Jackson Carlaw, Cathy Jamieson, Jim Hume, Jamie Hepburn, Robin Harper, Mary Mulligan, Trish Godman, Gil Paterson, Lewis Macdonald

S3M-4967# Jamie McGrigor: World Porridge Day—That the Parliament welcomes World Porridge Day on 11 October 2009, which is the celebration of a traditional Scottish dish that has had a place in homes around Scotland for generations; notes that World Porridge Day was established by a partnership between Mary's Meals and the World Porridge Making Championship, which takes place at Carrbridge; recognises that to many people porridge is a comfort food that warms up a wet or wintry day but to the 320,000 children in Malawi who receive Mary's Meals, likuni phala, a maize-based porridge, provides the comfort of knowing that there will be a next meal; congratulates the highland charity, Scottish International Relief, based in Dalnally in Argyll, on the tireless and dedicated work that it carries out and

particularly congratulates Mary's Meals, which feeds over 375,000 children in 15 different countries; notes that events are planned across the world from Loch Awe to Chicago, and would welcome widespread participation by hosting a big porridge breakfast or other porridge-related activities to raise money and awareness about hunger.

Supported by: Bill Kidd, Sandra White, Ted Brocklebank, Karen Gillon, Robin Harper, Bill Aitken, Gil Paterson, Margaret Mitchell, Murdo Fraser, Jackson Carlaw, Nanette Milne, Angela Constance, Anne McLaughlin, John Lamont, Jackie Baillie, Dr Richard Simpson, Michael Matheson, Christine Grahame, Maureen Watt, Jamie Hepburn, Trish Godman, Rhoda Grant, Jack McConnell, Sarah Boyack, Annabel Goldie

S3M-4840# Sarah Boyack: National Eligibility Criteria for Adult Social Care—That the Parliament notes with concern the contents of the draft guidelines, *National Eligibility for Adult Social Care and Waiting Times for Personal and Nursing Care*, which it considers will have an adverse impact on preventative services for disabled adults; notes the problems that have been experienced by disabled adults in accessing support services in Edinburgh; is concerned that the guidelines are based on the current working practices of many local authorities across Scotland, which were themselves based on the UK Government's *Fair Access to Care Services*; notes that *Fair Access to Care Services* was originally devised to decide the eligibility for support of older people with progressive age-related incapacity and loss of independence and not for disabled adults for whom it considers access to care is about the right to independence, and believes that the needs of adults requiring social care would be better served if there was guidance on free personal and nursing care and new guidance dealing with the community care services provided under different legislation.

Supported by: Karen Whitefield, David Stewart, Robin Harper, James Kelly, Cathy Jamieson, Trish Godman, Marilyn Livingstone, Mary Mulligan, Ken Macintosh, Hugh Henry, George Foulkes, Jackie Baillie, Hugh O'Donnell, Marlyn Glen, Karen Gillon, John Park, Elaine Smith*, Dr Richard Simpson*

S3M-4814# Angela Constance: Bausch and Lomb Job losses in Livingston—That the Parliament regrets the decision by Bausch and Lomb to pursue closure of its manufacturing plant in Livingston; is deeply concerned that this will result in the loss of 500 jobs; notes that unemployment in West Lothian is at its highest in a decade; applauds the productive, skilled and committed workforce, which has been crucial to the success and efficiency of the Livingston site; also regrets the Bausch and Lomb plans to remove production from Livingston to the Republic of Ireland and is concerned that some of the reasons for this decision include the higher costs involved in closing the Irish site, lower corporation tax in the Republic of Ireland and the lack of access to additional funding streams, given that West Lothian lost its Regional Selective Assistance status in 2006; considers that the 90-day statutory consultation period and plans for phased closure will afford an opportunity for all alternatives to be extensively explored with a view to saving jobs in Livingston; also notes that both Bausch and Lomb and the Scottish Government have confirmed their commitment to continue their dialogue; hopes that both the Scottish Government and Bausch and Lomb will respectfully and meaningfully listen to the views of staff and their representatives, and welcomes the cross-party and community-wide support for the workforce and the determination to succeed that exists in West Lothian despite the current economic challenges.

Supported by: Anne McLaughlin, Bill Wilson, Brian Adam, Rob Gibson, Bob Doris, Alasdair Allan, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Kenneth Gibson, Bill Kidd, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Aileen Campbell, Christina McKelvie, Stuart McMillan, Christine Grahame, Sandra White, Maureen Watt, Willie Coffey, Michael Matheson, Robin Harper, Margo MacDonald, George Foulkes, Joe FitzPatrick

S3M-4814.1# George Foulkes: Bausch and Lomb Job losses in Livingston—As an amendment to motion (S3M-4814) in the name of Angela Constance, leave out from "is concerned" to "2006" and insert "urges it to reconsider this decision; meanwhile, ".

Supported by: Patricia Ferguson, David Whitton, Hugh Henry, John Park, Mr Frank McAveety, Marilyn Livingstone, Mary Mulligan, Des McNulty, Rhona Brankin, James Kelly, Dr Richard Simpson, Karen Gillon

S3M-4791# Elaine Smith: Highway Robbery—That the Parliament expresses concern at the growing trend for parking enforcement in private car parks and the vast amounts of money being taken from drivers in this regard, including in Coatbridge town centre; recognises that, while it may be legal for companies to charge for the use of their land for parking with appropriate planning consents, there is growing concern that many so-called fines for breaches of private parking rules are neither reasonable nor reflect a fair recompense for loss of business; notes that the law surrounding this issue is the common law of contract, involving companies making their offer by prominently and clearly displaying signs indicating that the relevant car parks are private property requiring payment or subject to time limitations, with the acceptance of the contract being implied by the client's parking there; further notes that such offer and acceptance would require to be tested in a civil court if disputed; is disturbed by the apparent ease with which car parking companies can access the private details of car owners from the DVLA's vehicle database to then issue fines to people at their home addresses; agrees with the recent comments by the Automobile Association that "the prevalence of bad and immoral practices is now shocking and unacceptable", and condemns the often threatening and predatory manner in which these modern-day highway robbers pursue payment of these charges.

Supported by: Robin Harper, Brian Adam, Mr Frank McAveety, Bill Kidd, Elaine Murray, Hugh O'Donnell, John Scott, Christina McKelvie, Christine Grahame, Jamie Hepburn, Jim Hume, Hugh Henry, Trish Godman, Cathie Craigie, Angela Constance, Gil Paterson, Dr Richard Simpson, Karen Whitefield, Cathy Peattie, David Stewart, Tom McCabe

S3M-4780# Des McNulty: Concessionary Travel—That the Parliament welcomes the recommendation of the *Review of the Scotland Wide Free Bus Travel Scheme for Older and Disabled People* to include seriously injured armed forces veterans in the scheme but notes with disappointment and concern the review's recommendation that appears to disenfranchise disabled people who receive the lower rate of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) from the scheme; further notes that the review paints a worst-case scenario of the costs of including disabled people who receive the lower rate of DLA, that the methods used to arrive at these projected costs is questionable and that the review also played down the positive social impact that the scheme has on people's lives; considers that denying disabled people on the lower rate of DLA access to the scheme will damage the main aims and ethos of the scheme, namely to allow disabled people improved access to services, facilities and social networks by free scheduled bus services and so promote social inclusion and improve health by promoting a more active lifestyle for disabled people; notes that previous local schemes operated in Strathclyde and West Lothian provided people on the lower rate of DLA access to concessionary travel schemes and that they supported the national scheme, mirroring its eligibility criteria instead of the stringent criteria that are now adopted; supports disability organisations Leonard Cheshire Disability, Learning Disability Alliance Scotland (LDAS), Inclusion Scotland and many more in challenging the review's negative recommendation; considers that disabled people's views and those of the organisations that represent them should be taken into account, and believes that the recommendation on eligibility contained in the review is unfair and that that the national concessionary travel scheme should include those in receipt of the lower rate of DLA.

Supported by: Michael McMahon, Jackie Baillie, Mr Frank McAveety, James Kelly, Margaret Curran, Ken Macintosh, Pauline McNeill, Cathy Jamieson, Mike Pringle, Robin Harper, John Park, Trish Godman, George Foulkes, Hugh O'Donnell, Karen Gillon, Ms Wendy Alexander, Hugh Henry, Mary Mulligan, Elaine Murray, Bill Butler, Marilyn Livingstone, Cathie Craigie, David Stewart, Margaret Smith, Marlyn Glen, Irene Oldfather, Sarah Boyack, Malcolm Chisholm, Robert Brown, Claire Baker, Charlie Gordon, Johann Lamont, Cathy Peattie, Jim Tolson, Jim Hume

S3M-4777# Anne McLaughlin: Rights for Constituents to be Represented by Members of the Scottish Parliament—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the apparent refusal of the UK Border Agency to work with members of the Scottish Parliament seeking to represent constituents in Glasgow; considers that constituents should have the right to be represented by any of their elected representatives, be they councillors, MSPs, MPs or MEPs; considers that the Scottish Parliament is a legitimate body of representation for the people of Scotland, as is recognised by other government agencies in Scotland and the UK, and

believes that constituents, who are often vulnerable asylum seekers, have the right to choose who should represent them.

Supported by: Joe FitzPatrick, Bob Doris, Michael Matheson, Christine Grahame, Jamie Hepburn, Stuart McMillan, Dave Thompson, Maureen Watt, Aileen Campbell, Christina McKelvie, Hugh O'Donnell, Kenneth Gibson, Alasdair Allan, Bill Wilson, Bill Kidd, Shirley-Anne Somerville

S3M-4762# Jamie Stone: Increasing Opportunities for Rural Athletes—That the Parliament notes that, as part of the *Reaching Higher* revised national sports strategy, launched on 8 March 2007, the Scottish Government committed itself to achieving increasing participation and to improving performance in sporting activities; commends the Scottish Government's continuing commitment to delivering equal opportunities for all regardless of personal circumstances; is concerned, however, that such equality has not been achieved in the field of sport, in that the careers of promising young athletes from remote areas, such as Caithness, are being held back by the high financial costs incurred in travelling to and participating in national sporting events, and would welcome the availability of funding for athletes from remote areas and their families to offset the considerable costs of pursuing their sporting goals.

Supported by: David Stewart, Ross Finnie, Robin Harper, Mike Pringle, Peter Peacock

S3M-4738# Margaret Mitchell: Deafblind Scotland—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Deafblind Scotland, based in Lenzie, which seeks to enable Scots who are both deaf and blind to receive the support and recognition that they require to be equal citizens; notes with concern the difficulties faced by deafblind people in freely accessing public transport due to the varying restrictions placed by local authorities on concessionary travel for guide communicators who provide professional communication and guiding support, and believes that cooperation among all relevant bodies will ensure that deafblind citizens can enjoy full access to public transport.

Supported by: Mike Pringle, Sandra White, Jackson Carlaw, Nanette Milne, Elizabeth Smith, John Scott, Jamie McGrigor, John Lamont, Bill Aitken, Karen Gillon, Bill Kidd, Ken Macintosh, Robin Harper, Hugh O'Donnell, Christine Grahame, Elaine Smith, Jamie Hepburn, Rob Gibson, Joe FitzPatrick, Gil Paterson, Mary Scanlon, Bill Butler, Cathie Craigie, Jackie Baillie, Rhoda Grant, Kenneth Gibson, Liam McArthur, Dave Thompson, Ross Finnie, Tom McCabe, Karen Whitefield, Michael Matheson, Jack McConnell, Stuart McMillan, Cathy Peattie, Trish Godman, James Kelly, Patricia Ferguson, Brian Adam, Elaine Murray, Duncan McNeil, Mr Frank McAveety, Ms Wendy Alexander, Nicol Stephen, Nigel Don, Mary Mulligan, Angela Constance, Dr Richard Simpson, Annabel Goldie*, George Foulkes*

S3M-4733# Elaine Smith: Auchengeich Colliery Disaster—That the Parliament notes the 50th anniversary of the Auchengeich Colliery disaster, which claimed the lives of 47 miners on 18 September 1959; recognises that the tragedy not only directly affected the 41 widows and 76 children left fatherless but also impacted on all of the people of the Chryston area and surrounding communities; appreciates that this devastating event continues to be significant to the people of the area; welcomes local projects set up in memory of the tragedy including the opening of *memorial gardens in St Michael's and Glenmanor primary schools*, Moodiesburn and a fund-raising amateur boxing tournament in Auchengeich Miners Welfare, both of which ensure continued awareness of the disaster among future generations; commends the local community for the dignity and respect that it has shown to the memory of the victims and their families during commemorative events held annually at the disaster memorial; considers that such events play an important role in ensuring that those who die as a result of work are not forgotten, and welcomes all support for the 50th anniversary commemoration event organised by the Auchengeich Colliery Memorial Committee, which takes place on 20 September 2009.

Supported by: James Kelly, Helen Eadie, Kenneth Gibson, Mr Frank McAveety, Patricia Ferguson, Jackie Baillie, Ken Macintosh, Pauline McNeill, Bill Kidd, Gil Paterson, Michael McMahon, John Wilson, Margaret Curran, Mary Mulligan, Karen Whitefield, Stuart McMillan, Bill Butler, Bob Doris, Rob Gibson, Cathy Peattie, Maureen Watt, Cathie Craigie, Hugh

O'Donnell, Jamie Hepburn, Marilyn Livingstone, Marlyn Glen, David Whitton, Jim Hume, Michael Matheson, Linda Fabiani, Christina McKelvie, Aileen Campbell, Des McNulty, David Stewart, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Alasdair Allan, John Park, Karen Gillon, Brian Adam, Ted Brocklebank, Rhona Brankin, Sandra White, Hugh Henry, Robin Harper, Dr Richard Simpson, Sarah Boyack, Alex Johnstone, Trish Godman

S3M-4710# Jack McConnell: Congratulations to Annie Lennox—That the Parliament congratulates Annie Lennox on the success of her SING campaign and her commitment to campaigning to raise awareness of, and provide practical support to HIV/Aids in Sub-Saharan Africa; welcomes and thanks her for her offer to support the Scottish Parliament in its international development work as an ambassador; hopes that the Parliament, the cross-party groups on Malawi and International Development, and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association branch will respond positively to this offer, and further hopes that all Scots, including those in Motherwell and Wishaw, will hear the message conveyed by Annie Lennox that urgent world-wide action is required to stop the HIV/Aids pandemic.

Supported by: Trish Godman, Bill Butler, Elaine Murray, Ken Macintosh, John Park, Angela Constance, Sarah Boyack, Liam McArthur, Karen Gillon, Linda Fabiani, Malcolm Chisholm, Mike Pringle, Andy Kerr, Rhona Brankin, Mr Frank McAveety, Elaine Smith, Patricia Ferguson, Jamie Hepburn, Marlyn Glen, Ms Wendy Alexander, Gil Paterson, Dr Richard Simpson, Cathy Peattie, Jackie Baillie, Peter Peacock, Marilyn Livingstone, Rhoda Grant, Hugh Henry, Jim Hume, Pauline McNeill, Stuart McMillan

S3M-4707# Linda Fabiani: Scotland Cares—That the Parliament notes the contribution of Annie Lennox to the Festival of Politics 2009 in which she gave a presentation of the SING Campaign to raise awareness of the international HIV/AIDS pandemic; notes that Ms Lennox stated her willingness to act on behalf of Scotland and its Parliament in respect of such international development issues, and considers that Ms Lennox, with her acknowledged profile, would be an ideal ambassador for her native Aberdeen and Scotland.

Supported by: Anne McLaughlin, Rob Gibson, Liam McArthur, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Maureen Watt, Stuart McMillan, Ken Macintosh, Angela Constance, Dave Thompson, Bob Doris, Gil Paterson, Joe FitzPatrick, Jamie Hepburn, Christina McKelvie, Sandra White, Aileen Campbell, Jack McConnell

S3M-4706# Duncan McNeil: IBM Pensions Proposals—That the Parliament expresses concern that IBM, a highly profitable company with substantial revenues and cash reserves which employs around 18,000 staff in the United Kingdom, including many in Scotland at its base in Greenock and other locations, is proposing changes to its final salary pension scheme that will see it closed to existing employees by 2010; believes that this will have a devastating impact on future pensions, and considers that the genuine concerns of loyal and hard-working employees should be addressed and their pension benefits protected.

Supported by: Des McNulty, Karen Gillon, Kenneth Gibson, Mr Frank McAveety, Gil Paterson, Mary Mulligan, Bill Kidd, Ms Wendy Alexander, James Kelly, Brian Adam, Bill Butler, Ken Macintosh, Stuart McMillan, John Park, Trish Godman, Charlie Gordon, Jamie Hepburn, David Whitton, Pauline McNeill, Cathy Peattie, Andy Kerr, Jackie Baillie, Elaine Murray, Bill Wilson, Ross Finnie, Mike Rumbles, Marilyn Livingstone, Hugh Henry, Sarah Boyack

S3M-4696# Sandra White: Concerns over Children's Beauty Salon—That the Parliament notes with concern the opening in Glasgow of Scotland's first beauty salon targeted at children, Tantrims and Tiaras, which caters for tots to 16-year-olds, offering pamper parties accompanied with glasses of alcohol-free bubbly served up in champagne glasses; believes that the further erosion of childhood innocence and the continuing sexualisation of children pressurises children into acting and behaving in ways that are detrimental to their natural healthy development, leading to possible problems in the future such as emotional distress, anxiety, low self-esteem, eating disorders and depression; notes the findings of The Good Childhood Inquiry, which was commissioned by The Children's Society with the aim of renewing society's understanding of modern childhood and which, alongside its other recommendations, believes that the premature sexualisation of children should be

discouraged, and hopes that this inquiry and other work done in this field will help inform and shape policy toward providing children with the best possible childhood.

Supported by: Angela Constance, Marlyn Glen, Robert Brown, Robin Harper, Bill Kidd, Charlie Gordon, Margaret Curran, Hugh O'Donnell, Ian McKee, Gil Paterson, Dave Thompson, Cathy Peattie, Christine Grahame, Maureen Watt, Trish Godman

S3M-4646# Robert Brown: Tokyo Beer—That the Parliament is concerned at the extent of health and criminal justice problems associated with excessive and unhealthy alcohol consumption in Glasgow and other parts of Scotland; notes the production of Tokyo beer by BrewDog brewery; further notes that Tokyo is being cited as Britain's strongest beer; is concerned that, with an alcohol content of 18.2%, each 330ml bottle will contain the equivalent of six units of alcohol, which is twice the recommended daily limit for women set by health professionals; recognises the significant health and social harms associated with irresponsible drinking; further recognises that major cultural change is required if Scotland is to tackle its damaging relationship with alcohol, and therefore believes that promoting drinks of this kind with both a very high alcohol content and unit volume is reprehensible in a society where the medical evidence shows that, across all age groups and socio-economic categories, individuals are drinking too much alcohol.

Supported by: Dr Richard Simpson, Kenneth Gibson, Bill Kidd, Ross Finnie, Mike Pringle, Gil Paterson, Hugh O'Donnell, Richard Baker, Trish Godman, Stuart McMillan

S3M-4644# Shirley-Anne Somerville: Votes for Women—That the Parliament welcomes the new exhibition, *Votes for Women: The Women's Suffrage Movement in Edinburgh*, at the Museum of Edinburgh from 31 July 2009 to 9 January 2010; notes that the exhibition uses photos and artefacts to chart the long struggle to win the vote, which was eventually granted to all women in 1928; further notes that at the height of the campaign in October 1909 a grand pageant was held in Edinburgh and to honour its 100 year anniversary and history of women's activism a re-enactment march will take place on 10 October 2009; encourages all women to join in the parade in honour of all suffragettes who fought hard for all sisters to have a free vote; congratulates the Gude Cause, based at the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre, for organising the march and complementary events, and further notes that more information can be found at www.gudecause.org.uk.

Supported by: Anne McLaughlin, Rob Gibson, Marlyn Glen, Jackie Baillie, Jim Tolson, Bill Kidd, Christopher Harvie, Sandra White, Maureen Watt, Jamie Hepburn, Bob Doris, Ken Macintosh, Alasdair Allan, Mike Pringle, Aileen Campbell, Michael Matheson, Elaine Smith, Jack McConnell, Angela Constance, Gil Paterson, Christina McKelvie, Tom McCabe, Sarah Boyack, Joe FitzPatrick, Cathy Peattie, Christine Grahame, Rhoda Grant, Trish Godman

S3M-4618# George Foulkes: Barred Campaign Goes Nationwide—That the Parliament congratulates the Barred campaign, led by Mark Cooper, which seeks to improve the accessibility of licensed premises for disabled people across Edinburgh and now Scotland; recognises that the campaign has been adopted by Capability Scotland; looks forward to the campaign's development and future successes, and believes that no one should be barred from accessing a pub or club or receive a poorer standard of service because of a perceived disability.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn, Jackie Baillie, Michael McMahon, Patricia Ferguson, Bill Kidd, Mary Mulligan, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Marlyn Glen, John Park, Ken Macintosh, Helen Eadie, Mr Frank McAveety, Trish Godman, Cathy Jamieson, James Kelly, Robin Harper, David Whitton, Jack McConnell, Mike Pringle, Sarah Boyack, Marilyn Livingstone, Cathy Peattie, Stuart McMillan, Robert Brown

S3M-4612# Sandra White: Congratulations to Mr Yick Sing Lau—That the Parliament congratulates Mr Yick Sing Lau, chairman of the Wing Hong Elderly Group Centre in Glasgow, for his outstanding services to the Chinese community in Glasgow and beyond; notes that the Wing Hong Elderly Group celebrates its twentieth anniversary on 21 July 2009, and wishes Mr Lau and the Wing Hong Elderly Group continued success for the future.

Supported by: Aileen Campbell, Robert Brown, Pauline McNeill, Bill Kidd, Rob Gibson, Jamie McGrigor, Alasdair Allan, Gil Paterson, Bob Doris, Jackie Baillie, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Jim Tolson, Jamie Hepburn, Tom McCabe

S3M-4587# Ms Wendy Alexander: Robert Tannahill—That the Parliament commemorates the life of Robert Tannahill (1774-1810) also known as “Paisley’s Son”; celebrates the bicentenary of his death; recognises the contribution that Robert Tannahill made to Scotland’s cultural heritage; notes the impact that his poetry and music has made on Scotland and Paisley, and welcomes the efforts being made by David Mullen to commemorate his anniversary for next year.

Supported by: Jamie McGrigor, Hugh O’Donnell, Sandra White, Kenneth Gibson, Ross Finnie, Robin Harper, Trish Godman, David Whitton, Malcolm Chisholm, Mr Frank McAveety, Pauline McNeill, Ken Macintosh, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Marilyn Livingstone, Mary Mulligan, Jack McConnell, Hugh Henry, Willie Coffey, Cathy Peattie

S3M-4569# Patricia Ferguson: Diageo - No to Job Losses—That the Parliament notes with great concern the announcement by Diageo that it intends to cut up to 900 jobs across Scotland, with 140 of those at Port Dundas in Glasgow; also notes that staff have cooperated fully with the company by allowing agreements on pay and conditions to be suspended; believes that the profitability of the company is due in no small part to the skill, commitment and hard work of their employees; hopes that the proposals may be reconsidered during the consultation period and that all avenues are explored, and believes that the workforce deserve a positive outcome and an end to the uncertainty surrounding their future.

Supported by: Pauline McNeill, Ms Wendy Alexander, James Kelly, Jackie Baillie, Paul Martin, David Whitton, Cathie Craigie, Bob Doris, George Foulkes, Bill Butler, John Park, Margaret Curran, Dr Richard Simpson, Trish Godman, Karen Whitefield, Cathy Jamieson, Ken Macintosh, Andy Kerr, Hugh O’Donnell, Ross Finnie, Robin Harper, Kenneth Gibson, Sandra White, Mr Frank McAveety, Marlyn Glen, Jamie Hepburn, Gil Paterson, Mary Mulligan, Des McNulty, Robert Brown, Jack McConnell, Willie Coffey, Dave Thompson

S3M-4470# Sandra White: Glasgow Mela, One People One Nation—That the Parliament congratulates Glasgow’s biggest multicultural festival, the Glasgow Mela, held on 21 June 2009 in Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow; notes that the festival, now in its 18th year, celebrates the coming together of people from differing backgrounds, promotes unity and welcomes diversity and this year hosted a fantastic array of acts such as Desi Bravehearts, Glasgow Hellenic Dancers, Ananda Group, ICCR Dance Troupe India, Scottish Traditions of Dance Trust, Tigerstyle, Tulloch Trust street dance group, Flamenco Dance Group, Irish Dance Group, G-Town Desi and many more; thanks all those who helped to make this year’s Mela a great success, and looks forward to supporting this event for many years to come.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan, Bill Kidd, Kenneth Gibson, Christina McKelvie, Rob Gibson, Jackie Baillie, Aileen Campbell, Bob Doris, Jamie Hepburn, Christine Grahame, Gil Paterson, Anne McLaughlin, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Michael Matheson

S3M-4451# Johann Lamont: ECHR Ruling on Domestic Abuse—That the Parliament notes the continuing scourge of domestic abuse in Glasgow and across Scotland; welcomes the ruling by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) against Turkey for failing to prevent the murder of a woman in the city of Ankara whose daughter had informed police that she believed her mother to be at risk; recognises the significance of this first ruling by the ECHR against a state for failing to protect a woman from domestic violence, and considers that it sends an important signal to all agencies in Glasgow and across Scotland involved in delivering services to those at risk of domestic violence in relation to the need to respond by taking prompt and effective action when they receive reports from victims or potential victims who believe themselves to be at risk of domestic violence.

Supported by: Jamie Hepburn, Karen Whitefield, Tom McCabe, David Stewart, Trish Godman

S3M-4431# Anne McLaughlin: Iraq Inquiry Should be Public—That the Parliament believes that any inquiry into the invasion of Iraq should be a public hearing rather than one held behind closed doors; further believes that the thousands of Scottish soldiers who fought in Iraq, their families and the Scottish public deserve to hear the whole truth about this war discussed in public; applauds the persistent efforts of Rose Gentle, who is from Glasgow, and others from Military Families Against the War who have been calling for the UK Government to hold a public inquiry; finds it unacceptable that the UK Government's proposals for an independent inquiry call for it to be held in secret, going against the principles of openness and transparency, and believes that the overwhelming sway of Scottish opinion backs the call for an immediate inquiry conducted publicly.

Supported by: Bob Doris, Patrick Harvie, Bill Wilson, Brian Adam, Christopher Harvie, Christine Grahame, Mike Pringle, Bill Kidd, Rob Gibson, Jamie Hepburn, Ian McKee, Alasdair Allan, Aileen Campbell, Kenneth Gibson, Stuart McMillan, Robin Harper, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Joe FitzPatrick, Willie Coffey, Sandra White, Christina McKelvie, Dave Thompson, Michael Matheson, Gil Paterson

S3M-4269# Elaine Murray: Wildlife Week, 6 to 14 June 2009—That the Parliament commends the Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) for organising Wildlife Week, 6 to 14 June 2009; notes that there are over 230 events and activities taking place throughout Scotland, including the celebration of peatlands, woodlands and marine environments in Dumfries and Galloway, and appreciates the efforts by SWT, its sister charities and non-governmental organisations in Scotland in raising public awareness of the richness of Scotland's natural environment and the need to preserve and enhance habitats to conserve Scotland's wildlife and ensure that future generations can also enjoy its diversity.

Supported by: Kenneth Gibson, Marlyn Glen, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Bill Butler, Dr Richard Simpson, Pauline McNeill, Mike Pringle, Bill Kidd, Mary Mulligan, Karen Gillon, Patrick Harvie, Liam McArthur, Jim Tolson, Ms Wendy Alexander, Nanette Milne, Christine Grahame, Robin Harper, Jackie Baillie, Karen Whitefield, Patricia Ferguson, Des McNulty, Alison McInnes, Sarah Boyack, Cathy Peattie, Gil Paterson, Stuart McMillan, Jamie Hepburn, Rhoda Grant, Peter Peacock, Marilyn Livingstone, Ken Macintosh, Jack McConnell, Trish Godman

S3M-4261# Trish Godman: Credit Unions Versus Loan Sharks—That the Parliament is aware of the infamous activity of loan sharks in today's difficult economic circumstances; deplores their squalid and parasitical focusing on those without work and other citizens on low incomes; believes that measures must be taken to defeat these parasites; is convinced that an expanding credit-union movement, with the appropriate local and national support, is the most effective antidote to this obnoxious practice, especially in communities characterised by deprivation and disadvantage; praises the fine work performed in such areas by Port Glasgow Credit Union and Renfrewshire Credit Union, and believes that all of those organisations and agencies that have the wherewithal could constructively support our credit unions.

Supported by: Mr Frank McAveety, David Stewart, Sandra White, Pauline McNeill, Jackie Baillie, David Whitton, Des McNulty, John Park, Cathy Jamieson, Hugh O'Donnell, Patrick Harvie, Stuart McMillan, Dr Richard Simpson, Bill Butler, Cathie Craigie, Helen Eadie, Kenneth Gibson, Marlyn Glen, Robin Harper, Hugh Henry, Johann Lamont, Ken Macintosh, Dave Thompson, Karen Whitefield, Charlie Gordon, Margaret Curran, Patricia Ferguson, Sarah Boyack, Lewis Macdonald, Cathy Peattie, Gil Paterson, Bill Kidd, Christine Grahame, Elaine Smith, Rhoda Grant, Marilyn Livingstone

S3M-3441# Nanette Milne: Childhood Cancer - More Than My Illness—That the Parliament highlights a survey by children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent that found that 97% of children and young people with cancer say that it is important for them to be able to return home during their treatment but that many parents in Scotland say that they do not get the support that they need when their child is at home; notes that children and young people say that living with cancer is about more than their illness; expresses concern at findings that about half of parents who want support with the education of their child with cancer, such as access to home tutoring, are not getting it or are finding that it is insufficient; recognises the need to help children and young people and their families in rural and urban areas across Scotland to keep up with their ordinary lives; welcomes CLIC Sargent's report, *More Than My*

Illness, published on 13 February 2009, proposing innovative ways of reaching families of sick children across Scotland; notes the success of the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital and the CLIC Sargent nurse in helping to coordinate and plan aspects of care and support for children in Aberdeenshire; further welcomes the commitment to both specialist and local support made by the *National Delivery Plan for Children and Young People's Specialist Services in Scotland*, and highlights the need for key workers to better coordinate and plan all aspects of care and support for every child and young person with cancer.

Supported by: Elizabeth Smith, Mike Pringle, Jamie McGrigor, Bill Aitken, Rob Gibson, Jim Tolson, Mary Scanlon, Murdo Fraser, Patricia Ferguson, Jackie Baillie, Bob Doris, Robin Harper, Kenneth Gibson, Sandra White, Malcolm Chisholm, Margaret Mitchell, John Lamont, Jackson Carlaw, Brian Adam, Bill Butler, Annabel Goldie, Jamie Hepburn, Dr Richard Simpson, Hugh Henry, Ted Brocklebank, Cathy Peattie, Hugh O'Donnell, Gil Paterson, David Stewart, Alison McInnes, Tom McCabe, Irene Oldfather, Rhoda Grant, Jack McConnell, Liam McArthur, Ken Macintosh, Karen Whitefield

Record of Members' Business Taken by the Parliament from 6 June 2007

Date	MSP	Party	Subject
06.06.07	Roseanna Cunningham	SNP	Rescue from Moving Water
07.06.07	Des McNulty	LAB	Alimta for Mesothelioma Sufferers
13.06.07	Karen Whitefield	LAB	Education is a Human Right
14.06.07	Rob Gibson	SNP	Scottish Norwegian Commercial Co-operation
20.06.07	Margaret Mitchell	CON	Motor Neurone Disease
21.06.07	Jim Hume	LD	Local Food
27.06.07	Andrew Welsh	SNP	Tartan Day Celebrations
28.06.07	David Stewart	LAB	National Diabetes Week
05.09.07	Sandra White	SNP	Asylum Seekers in Scotland
06.09.07	Trish Godman	LAB	Maintenance of Common Land on Scottish Housing Estates
12.09.07	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Save the Land Reform Act and Restore the Will of Parliament
13.09.07	Brian Adam	SNP	MacMillan Cancer Support's Recovered but not Covered Campaign
19.09.07	Murdo Fraser	CON	Beaully Denny Public Inquiry
20.09.07	Patricia Ferguson	LAB	ICL Factory Explosion – Call For Public Inquiry
26.09.07	Mike Rumbles	LD	Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route
27.09.07	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Warm Zones
03.10.07	Cathie Craigie	LAB	NDCS Change Your World Consultation
04.10.07	Bob Doris	SNP	Glasgow Milton and Chirnside Community Initiative
24.10.07	Christine Grahame	SNP	Can't Afford to Foster
25.10.07	Michael McMahon	LAB	Public-Social Partnership Pilot in North Lanarkshire
31.10.07	Elaine Murray	LAB	Further Job Losses at Young's Seafood, Annan
01.11.07	Tavish Scott	LD	Crown Estate Taxation on Harbour Developments
07.11.07	Stuart McMillan	SNP	House of Lords Ruling on Pleural Plaques
08.11.07	Nanette Milne	CON	Autism Parliamentary Network
14.11.07	Paul Martin	LAB	Car Parking Charges at Stobhill Hospital
15.11.07	Bill Wilson	SNP	Perceived Norms of Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption - Pilot Studies

			in Scottish Educational Institutions
21.11.07	Bill Kidd	SNP	Recycling Waste Wood
22.11.07	Mary Scanlon	CON	Bog Myrtle (Sweet Gale) Industry
28.11.07	Des McNulty	LAB	Science and the Parliament, Wednesday 28 November 2007
29.11.07	Cathy Jamieson	LAB	Coalfields Regeneration Trust in Scotland
5.12.07	Christine Grahame	SNP	Lancastria
6.12.07	Robert Brown	LD	100 Years of Scouting
12.12.07	Liam McArthur	LD	Air Ambulance Service in Orkney
13.12.07	Bashir Ahmad	SNP	Standing United with Glasgow's Pakistani Community
19.12.07	John Lamont	CON	Support for Border News
20.12.07	Bill Butler	LAB	Support Project Scotland
9.01.08	Keith Brown	SNP	Government Powers to Ensure Terrestrial Broadcast of Sport
10.01.08	Des McNulty	LAB	The St Margaret of Scotland Hospice
16.01.08	Cathy Peattie	LAB	Young People in the Workplace
17.01.08	Roseanna Cunningham	SNP	Defence Aviation and Repair Agency Almondbank - No To Privatisation
23.01.08	Patrick Harvie	GRN	Scottish Campuses Can Go Greener
24.01.08	George Foulkes	LAB	Time for Fresh Debate on Organ Donation
30.01.08	Margo MacDonald	IND	Maximising Migrants' Opportunities
31.01.08	Elizabeth Smith	CON	Extra-curricular Outdoor Education for Every School Pupil
06.02.08	Rob Gibson	SNP	Congratulations to the Fifth Annual Scots Trad Music Awards
07.02.08	Margaret Smith	LD	Edinburgh Park Railway Station
20.02.08	Marilyn Livingstone	LAB	Supporters Direct in Scotland
21.02.08	Jamie Hepburn	SNP	Central Scotland Rail Improvements
27.02.08	John Scott	CON	Recreational Sea Angling
28.02.08	Cathy Jamieson	LAB	Proposed Closure of Rural Schools
05.03.08	Trish Godman	LAB	Scottish Wheelchair Users and their Human Rights
06.03.08	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Anorexia and Bulimia
12.03.08	David Thompson	SNP	Make Scotland's Roads Safer - Reduce the Drinking Limits
13.03.08	Aileen Campbell	SNP	No End in Sight to the War in Iraq
19.03.08	Patricia Ferguson	LAB	Celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight
20.03.08	Gil Paterson	SNP	Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings
26.03.08	Jeremy Purvis	LD	Choices for People Coming to the End of Terminal Illness
27.03.08	Mary Scanlon	CON	Elgin Bypass
16.04.08	Hugh O'Donnell	LD	A Call for Better Epilepsy Care
17.04.08	Bill Butler	LAB	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Report on Glasgow Crossrail
23.04.08	Mary Mulligan	LAB	Yes to Bathgate Business Improvement District
24.04.08	Tricia Marwick	SNP	Leven to Thornton Rail Link
30.04.08	Willie Coffey	SNP	Fenwick Weavers' Society and the Co-operative Model
01.05.08	Elaine Smith	LAB	Remember the Dead, Fight for the Living
07.05.08	Nanette Milne	CON	Alternative and Augmentative

			Communication
08.05.08	Alison McInnes	LD	RNIB Scotland's Right to Read Campaign
14.05.08	Christopher Harvie	SNP	Supermarket Dominance in Scottish Retailing
15.05.08	John Park	LAB	Upper Forth Crossing
21.05.08	David Stewart	LAB	Increasing Access to Insulin Pumps
22.05.08	Ian McKee	SNP	National Association of Youth Orchestras
28.05.08	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Fuel Costs
29.05.08	Angela Constance	SNP	No Recourse No Safety
04.06.08	Bill Butler	LAB	60th Anniversary of the National Health Service
05.06.08	Jackson Carlaw	CON	Holocaust Education in Scotland
11.06.08	Jim Hume	LD	Tackling Excess Packaging
12.06.08	Lewis Macdonald	LAB	Best Value Audit of Aberdeen City Council
18.06.08	Claire Baker	LAB	A Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme for Scotland
19.06.08	Sandra White	SNP	Glasgow Passport Office
25.06.08	Karen Whitefield	LAB	Sweet 16?: The Age of Leaving Care in Scotland
26.06.08	John Park	LAB	Rosyth to Zeebrugge Ferry Service
03.09.08	Ted Brocklebank	CON	Upgrading of the A92
04.09.08	Iain Smith	LD	Enforcement of Planning Legislation
10.09.08	Brian Adam	SNP	Shortage of Indian Chefs in Aberdeen
11.09.08	Nigel Don	SNP	Family Law Disputes
17.09.08	Jack McConnell	LAB	2014: A Year of Sport for Scotland
18.09.08	Michael Matheson	SNP	Cancer Poverty
24.09.08	Keith Brown	SNP	Support for Veterans in Scotland
25.09.08	Murdo Fraser	CON	Action to Protect the Red Squirrel
01.10.08	Trish Godman	LAB	Action on Thrombosis
02.10.08	Jim Tolson	LD	Alloa to Fife and Edinburgh Rail Link
08.10.08	Christopher Harvie	SNP	The Kingdom of Fife and Fife in the World - A Platform of Partnership
09.10.08	Michael McMahon	LAB	Living and Dying with Advanced Heart Failure
29.10.08	Elaine Murray	LAB	Success of First Year of Co-Operative Development Scotland
30.10.08	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	Become Lupus Aware
5.11.08	Jeremy Purvis	LD	Digital Switchover
6.11.08	Nanette Milne	CON	Community Service Volunteers (CSV)
12.11.08	Dave Thompson	SNP	Welcoming the Launch of Community Energy Scotland
13.11.08	Wendy Alexander	LAB	Paisley Festival Company/Voices in Paisley 2008
19.11.08	James Kelly	LAB	Parkinson's Disease Society - Get it on Time Campaign
20.11.08	Alasdair Allan	SNP	Gaelic Language Development
26.11.08	Stuart McMillan	SNP	Sailing and Boating Continues to Expand and Contribute to the Scottish Economy
27.11.08	Marlyn Glen	LAB	World AIDS Day 2008
03.12.08	Gavin Brown	CON	South Edinburgh Suburban Railway
04.12.08	Alison McInnes	LD	Safe Drivers are Made, No Born
10.12.08	Jamie Hepburn	SNP	60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
11.12.08	Patrick Harvie	GRN	Communities Leading on Climate

			Change
17.12.08	Des McNulty	LAB	Eco-Congregation Scotland Programme
18.12.08	Pauline McNeill	LAB	Dignity for Palestinians
07.01.09	Sandra White	SNP	Devastating Cuts At The Herald and Evening Times
08.01.09	Lewis Macdonald	LAB	Aberdeen Forensic Science Laboratory
14.01.09	Jim Hume	LD	Post Office Closures
15.01.09	Jamie McGrigor	CON	Future of the Bull Hire Scheme
21.01.09	Mary Mulligan	LAB	Shelter Scotland 40 Years On
22.01.09	Christine Grahame	SNP	Cuiken Primary and its School Playing Field
28.01.09	Bill Kidd	SNP	Knightswood Youth Theatre Announced as a Winner of Philip Lawrence Awards
29.01.09	Karen Whitefield	LAB	Diabetes UK 75th Anniversary
04.02.09	Murdo Fraser	CON	Combating Human Trafficking
05.02.09	Jamie Stone	LD	Investment in Schools in North Highland
11.02.09	Irene Oldfather	LAB	People with Dementia in Accident and Emergency – Recognising Their Needs
12.02.09	Alasdair Morgan	SNP	Scottish Coastal Path
25.02.09	Nanette Milne	CON	Seabirds
26.02.09	Bill Kidd	SNP	Action Mesothelioma Day
04.03.09	Robert Brown	LD	Bicentenary of Louis Braille
05.03.09	Cathy Peattie	LAB	International Women's Day
11.03.09	Karen Gillon	LAB	The Commonwealth @60
12.03.09	John Wilson	SNP	Pressurised Area Status in North Lanarkshire
18.03.09	Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	Support for Computer Games Development
19.03.09	James Kelly	LAB	Loss of Jobs at Vion, Cambuslang
25.03.09	Bill Butler	LAB	Drumchapel is Top of the Table
26.03.09	Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP	Earth Hour 2009
01.04.09	Rob Gibson	SNP	Supporting Conventional Plant Breeding
02.04.09	Hugh Henry	LAB	Huntington's Disease
22.04.09	Margaret Mitchell	CON	Congratulating Project Linus UK
23.04.09	Kenneth Gibson	SNP	The Future of the Sunday Mail and Daily Record
29.04.09	Richard Simpson	LAB	Developing Telehealth in Scotland
30.04.09	Jeremy Purvis	LD	Private Residential Care Home Accountability
06/05/09	Mary Scanlon	CON	International Midwives' Day, 5 May 2009
07/05/09	Jamie Hepburn	SNP	Proposed Part-privatisation of Royal Mail
13/05/09	Margo MacDonald	IND	HBOS, Lloyds TSB Merger
14/05/09	Cathy Jamieson	LAB	RNID Hearing Matters Campaign
20/05/09	Peter Peacock	LAB	Declining Bee Numbers
21/05/09	John Wilson	SNP	Strathclyde Police Prolific Offender Programme
27/05/09	Liam McArthur	LD	Electronic Identification of Sheep
28/05/09	Helen Eadie	LAB	Inadequate Infertility Treatment in Scotland
03/06/09	Sarah Boyack	LAB	Support for Unpaid Carers

10/06/09	Aileen Campbell	SNP	Supporting Town Centres
11/06/09	Michael Matheson	SNP	Larbert Rail Damage
11/06/09	John Park	LAB	Anne Frank Day
17/06/09	John Lamont	CON	Dispensing GP Practices in Rural Communities
18/06/09	Jim Tolson	LD	Rights of Former Gurkha Soldiers
24/06/09	Christina McKelvie	SNP	Supporting Social Work
25/06/09	Margaret Curran	LAB	St Bridget's Chapel and Mary's Meals Backpack Project
02/09/09	Willie Coffey	SNP	Campaign Against Diageo Closures
03/09/09	David Stewart	LAB	Insulin Pump Therapy
09/09/09	Jamie McGrigor	CON	Songbird Survival
10/09/09	Jeremy Purvis	LD	Girlguiding Scotland 100th Anniversary
16/09/09	Alasdair Morgan	SNP	Whithorn as Cradle of Christianity and Place of Modern Pilgrimage
17/09/09	Frank McAveety	LAB	Supporting the Living Wage for Scotland
23/09/09	Dave Thompson	SNP	Bicentenary of the Scottish Bible Society
24/09/09	Rhoda Grant	LAB	Giving Blood, Giving the Gift of Life
30/09/09	Rhona Brankin	LAB	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
01/10/09	Stuart McMillan	SNP	World Pipe Band Championships
07/10/09	Mike Rumbles	LD	Kintore Station and Aberdeen Crossrail
08/10/09	Irene Oldfather	LAB	Charter of Rights for People with Dementia in Scotland
28/10/09	Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP	Celebrating the Scottish-Polish Connection
29/10/09	Ted Brocklebank	CON	New Secondary School for North East Fife
04/11/09	Bill Butler	LAB	Don't Derail GARL
05/11/09	Willie Coffey	SNP	Conduct of Inquiries into Fatalities at Level Crossings
11/11/09	Linda Fabiani	SNP	Sconestone
12/11/09	Jackie Baillie	LAB	Citizens Advice Scotland Debt Findings
18/11/09	Jamie Stone	LD	Increasing Opportunities for Rural Athletes
19/11/09	Margaret Mitchell	CON	Deafblind Scotland

Record of Members' Business Taken by the Parliament in Session 3

Party	SNP	LAB	CON	LD	GRN	IND	TOTAL
Frequency (no.)	60	62	23	23	2	2	172
Frequency %	34.89	36.05	13.37	13.37	1.16	1.16	100

BUSINESS MOTION

Date of Lodging: 17 November 2009

Short Title: Business Motion

Bruce Crawford (Stirling) (SNP) on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:
That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 25 November 2009

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Renewable Heat Action Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Learning About Scotland and its History

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Child Poverty Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 November 2009

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Local Government Finance Settlement

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Europe, External Affairs and Culture;
Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Continuation of Stage 1 Debate: Criminal Justice and Licensing
(Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 December 2009

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 December 2009

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12 noon First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Health and Wellbeing
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

BUREAU- BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 16 NOVEMBER 2009

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday 16	Constituency	Constituency
Tuesday 17	0930-1230 Committees	1430-1700 Committees
Wednesday 18		1430 Time for Reflection Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 1435-1505 Ministerial Statement: Sectarianism Strategy 1505-1700 Stage 3 Proceedings: Arbitration (Scotland) Bill Followed by Business Motion Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 1700 Decision Time Followed by Members' Business S3M-4762 Jamie Stone: Increasing Opportunities for Rural Athletes
Thursday 19	0915 Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 0915-1140 Labour Party Business - Tackling Clostridium Difficile 1140 – 1200 General Question Time 1200 - 1230 First Minister's Question Time	1415-1455 Themed Question Time [Finance and Sustainable Growth] 1455-1700 Stage 3 proceedings: Schools Consultation (Scotland) Bill Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 1700 Decision Time Followed by Members' Business S3M-4738 Margaret Mitchell: Deafblind Scotland
Friday 20	Constituency	Constituency

BUREAU- BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 23 NOVEMBER 2009

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday 23	Constituency	Constituency
Tuesday 24	0930-1230 Committees	1430-1700 Committees
Wednesday 25		<p>1430 Time for Reflection</p> <p>Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required)</p> <p>1435-1640 Scottish Government Debate: Learning About Scotland and its History</p> <p>1640-1700 Legislative Consent Motion: Child Poverty Bill (UK Legislation)</p> <p>Followed by Business Motion</p> <p>Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required)</p> <p>1700 Decision Time</p> <p>Followed by Members' Business S3M-5159 Jack McConnell: World Aids Day and Annie Lennox</p>
Thursday 26	<p>0915 Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required)</p> <p>0915-1140 Criminal Justice & Licensing (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 debate</p> <p>1140 – 1200 General Question Time</p> <p>1200 - 1230 First Minister's Question Time</p>	<p>1415-1455 Themed Question Time [Europe, External Affairs and Culture, Education and Lifelong Learning]</p> <p>1455-1700 Criminal Justice & Licensing (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 debate</p> <p>Followed by Financial Resolution Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill</p> <p>Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required)</p> <p>1700 Decision Time</p> <p>Followed by Members' Business S3M-4644 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Votes for Women</p>
Friday 27	Constituency	Constituency

BUREAU- BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 30 NOVEMBER 2009

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday 30	Constituency	Constituency
Tuesday 01 December	0930-1230 Committees	1430-1700 Committees
Wednesday 02		1430 Time for Reflection Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 1435-1700 Scottish Government Business Followed by Business Motion Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 1700 Decision Time followed by Members' Business
Thursday 03	0915 Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 0915-1140 Scottish Government Business 1140 – 1200 General Question Time 1200 - 1230 First Minister's Question Time	1415-1455 Themed Question Time [Health and Wellbeing] 1455-1700 Scottish Government Business Followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required) 1700 Decision Time followed by Members' Business
Friday 04	Constituency	Constituency

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Introduction

1. The Bureau is invited to agree the following motions—

Bruce Crawford on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the draft Water Environment (Groundwater and Priority Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 be approved;

***[Member] on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that nothing further be done under the Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway) etc. Order 2009 (SSI 2009/332).

Purpose and consideration by Committee

The draft Water Environment (Groundwater and Priority Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2009

2. These Regulations implement community obligations arising under the Groundwater Directive 2006 (2006/118/EC) and the Priority Substances Directive 2008 (2008/105/EC). The Groundwater Directive 2006 builds on and clarifies the requirements for groundwater protection set out in the Water Framework Directive. The Priority Substances Directive requires member states to apply environmental standards for defined priority substances and other pollutants.
3. The Rural Affairs and Environment Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 11 November 2009. After debate, the motion to approve the instrument was agreed to without division.

The Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway) etc. Order 2009 (SSI 2009/332)

4. This Order provides for the disestablishment of district courts and establishment of Justice of the Peace Courts (JP Courts) in South Strathclyde and Dumfries and Galloway.
5. In May 2009, the Justice Committee approved by division (for 5, against 3), a motion to annul a previous Order with similar objectives, on the basis of concerns regarding increased travelling distances to the new JP Courts. The previous Order was subsequently revoked by the Scottish Government.
6. The new Order differs from the previous instrument, in establishing a JP Court at Annan, ensuring that a court will continue to function there following court unification.
7. At its meeting on Tuesday 17 November, the Justice Committee will consider a motion to annul the new Order, lodged by Cathy Jamieson. Should the committee agree to this motion, under Rule 10.4.4 of Standing Orders, the Bureau is required to propose to the Parliament by motion that nothing further be done on the instrument (see draft motion to annul SSI 2009/332 above).

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* This motion would be only required if a motion to annul is agreed to by the Justice Committee.

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

SUBSTITUTION ON COMMITTEES

Bruce Crawford (Stirling) (SNP) on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:
Substitution on Committees: That the Parliament agrees that—

Sandra White be appointed to replace Jamie Hepburn as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee.

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

URE ELDER FUND TRANSFER AND DISSOLUTION BILL: ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIVATE BILL COMMITTEE

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to request that the Parliamentary Bureau proposes the establishment, membership, remit, duration and convenership of a committee to consider the Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill under Rule 6.1.3 of Standing Orders.

Timing

2. Routine.

Background

3. The Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill is a Private Bill promoted by the Trustees of the Ure Elder Fund for Indigent Widow Ladies. The Bill was introduced in the Parliament on 1 October 2009 and is the thirteenth Private Bill to be introduced (the first in this Session).
4. The procedures for Private Bills are set out in Chapter 9A of Standing Orders. Rule 9A.5 states that the Parliament shall, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau under Rule 6.1.3, establish a committee to consider the Bill ("a Private Bill Committee").
5. The purpose of the Bill is to transfer the property, rights, interests and liabilities of the Ure Elder Fund for Indigent Widow Ladies (a statutory body) to a new Trust. The new Trust would be a charity constituted by a Deed of Trust, which would enable future amendments to its working practices to be made without the need to use parliamentary time and resources.
6. The 60-day period for lodging objections to the Bill will end on 30 November 2009. Under Rule 9A.5.1, the Bureau is required to lodge a motion in the Parliament to establish a committee; this will enable consideration of the Bill and preliminary consideration of any objections to begin.

Function, remit and duration of committee

7. The Bill will be subject to a three-Stage process, as outlined below.
 - Preliminary Stage: The committee considers the general principles of the Bill, whether the Bill should proceed as a Private Bill and gives preliminary consideration to any objections lodged;
 - Consideration Stage: The committee considers evidence on the detail of the Bill and any amendments;
 - Final Stage: The Parliament considers any further amendments and decides whether or not to pass the Bill.

8. A separate Reconsideration Stage is also possible in certain circumstances.
9. The remit of the committee will be to consider and report on the Bill (Rule 9A.5.1). The committee will exist for the duration of the Bill, i.e. until has received Royal Assent, falls, or is withdrawn. In practice, its role will largely be at an end once Consideration Stage is completed (unless the Bill is referred back for reconsideration).
10. As with all Private Bill Committees (and unlike subject and mandatory committees), attendance at all meetings is required and members may be absent only in exceptional circumstances.
11. At a member's first meeting of the committee, he/she must declare that they will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.
12. It is not anticipated that there will be a large amount of evidence to be taken at Preliminary Stage and membership of the committee is therefore likely to involve a small time commitment from members.
13. The committee's involvement in the Bill at Preliminary Stage is expected to begin in the winter term of 2009 for a period of up to two months. There is likely to be one meeting to establish and brief the committee, one oral evidence-taking meeting (both meetings could take place in December) and possibly one further meeting to agree a report to the Parliament.
14. If the Parliament approves the general principles of the Bill, it will pass to Consideration Stage, where the committee will consider evidence on the detail of the Bill.
15. The Bureau may wish to note that a similar Bill in terms of size and objectives (the Baird Trust Reorganisation Bill¹) was introduced to the Parliament on 27 October 2004. During passage of the Bill, the committee requested that Consideration Stage be omitted and scrutiny move directly to Final Stage, for the reason that no objections had been received and no member of the committee wished to lodge an amendment to the Bill. On 8 June 2005, the Parliament therefore agreed, on a motion of the Bureau, to suspend the relevant Standing Orders to allow the Bill to move directly to Final Stage.
16. It is unclear what time commitment would be expected from members at Consideration Stage, because the number of objections to the Bill will not be known until the objection period is complete (30 November), but it would be reasonable to assume a similar pattern to the events and passage of the Baird Trust Reorganisation Bill outlined above.

Membership of committee

17. Rule 9A5.2 states that a Private Bill Committee shall have at least three, but no more than five members.

¹ <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/bills/27-bairdTrust/index.htm>

18. The normal Rules (6.3.4 and 12.1.2) covering the balance of committee membership and committee convenerships apply to Private Bill Committees.
19. In addition, Rule 9A.5.3 states that a Member may not be a member of the committee if—
 - (a) his or her principal place of residence is within an area in which works are proposed to be authorised by or under the Private Bill;
 - (b) any land or buildings owned by the Member, or in which the Member has any other right or interest, is proposed to be subject to compulsory acquisition or use by or under the Private Bill;
 - (c) the area in which works are proposed to be authorised by or under the Private Bill falls in whole or in part within the constituency or region which he or she represents.
20. Rule 9A.5.3 also states that a Member may not be a member of the committee if the Bureau considers that—
 - (a) he or she represents a constituency or region which is particularly affected by the works proposed to be authorised by or under the Private Bill;
 - (b) he or she has a financial interest that directly relates to the promoter or to the subject-matter of the Private Bill; or
 - (c) he or she has any interest registered in the Register of Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament which would or would be likely to prejudice the ability of the Member to participate in proceedings of the Private Bill Committee in an impartial manner. (Any Member whose name is proposed to the Parliamentary Bureau as a prospective member of a Private Bill Committee is required to bring to the attention of the Bureau any financial interest they hold in relation to the promoter or in the subject-matter of the Private Bill (which is not registered in the Register.)
21. On the basis of the Standing Orders criteria, Annexe A lists those Members who would be eligible to sit on the Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill Committee. (Scottish Ministers, Deputy Ministers and the Presiding Officers have been excluded from this list, as have those MSPs representing the Govan or Glasgow area.)
22. Members included in this Annexe do not appear to have a relevant, registrable interest, but this should be clarified with any Member proposed for membership of this committee.
23. Given that the first phase of Consideration Stage of a Private Bill is a quasi-judicial process, involving adjudication between any competing private interests, it is important that all members of Private Bill Committees are perceived as being neutral and impartial. While recognising that membership of a cross-party group is not a registrable interest, it is usually recommended that members of cross-party groups in a related cause or subject-matter are not considered for membership of the committee, as there is a risk that they may be perceived as having pre-conceived views on the Bill. In this instance, there

are no relevant cross-party groups in the Scottish Parliament to take into account.

24. It is not considered that being a trustee of a charitable trust or body in itself would be likely to prejudice the ability of a member to participate in proceedings of the Private Bill Committee in an impartial manner.

Future commitment of the committee members

25. The Non-Executive Bills Unit (NEBU) has been advised that it is the intention of a separate promoter to introduce a private bill to the Parliament around December 2009. NEBU understands that the purpose of this Bill will be of a similar nature to the Ure Elder Transfer and Dissolution Bill and may involve a similar amount of time from potential committee members. As members of the prospective Ure Elder Transfer and Dissolution Bill Committee will have gained an insight into the private bill procedures and could be reasonably familiar with the purpose of the second private bill, the Bureau may wish to consider whether those members be asked to serve on the second private bill committee when it is established.

Conclusion

26. The Bureau is asked to consider this paper, with a view to lodging a motion in the Parliament on the establishment, membership, remit, duration and convenership of a committee to consider the Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill.

**Non Executive Bills Unit
November 2009**

ANNEXE A

MSPs eligible to be members of the Ure Elder Fund Transfer and Dissolution Bill Committee**Scottish National Party**

Brian Adam	Aberdeen North
Alasdair Allan	Western Isles
Aileen Campbell	South of Scotland
Willie Coffey	Kilmarnock and Loudoun
Angela Constance	Livingston
Nigel Don	North East Scotland
Linda Fabiani	Central Scotland
Joe FitzPatrick	Dundee West
Kenneth Gibson	Cunninghame North
Rob Gibson	Highlands and Islands
Christine Grahame	South of Scotland
Christopher Harvie	Mid Scotland and Fife
Jamie Hepburn	Central Scotland
Tricia Marwick	Central Fife
Michael Matheson	Falkirk West
Stewart Maxwell	West of Scotland
Ian McKee	Lothians
Christina McKelvie	Central Scotland
Stuart McMillan	West of Scotland
Gil Paterson	West of Scotland
Shirley-Anne Somerville	Lothians
Dave Thompson	Highlands and Islands
Maureen Watt	North East Scotland
Andrew Welsh	Angus
Bill Wilson	West of Scotland
John Wilson	Central Scotland

Scottish Labour

Wendy Alexander	Paisley North
Jackie Baillie	Dumbarton
Claire Baker	Mid Scotland and Fife
Richard Baker	North East Scotland
Sarah Boyack	Edinburgh Central
Rhona Brankin	Midlothian
Malcolm Chisholm	Edinburgh North and Leith
Cathie Craigie	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth
Helen Eadie	Dunfermline East
George Foulkes	Lothians
Karen Gillon	Clydesdale
Marlyn Glen	North East Scotland
Rhoda Grant	Highlands and Islands
Iain Gray	East Lothian
Hugh Henry	Paisley South
Cathy Jamieson	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley
Andy Kerr	East Kilbride
Marilyn Livingstone	Kirkcaldy

Lewis Macdonald	Aberdeen Central
Ken Macintosh	Eastwood
Tom McCabe	Hamilton South
Jack McConnell	Motherwell and Wishaw
Michael McMahon	Hamilton North and Bellshill
Duncan McNeil	Greenock and Inverclyde
Des McNulty	Clydebank and Milngavie
Mary Mulligan	Linlithgow
Elaine Murray	Dumfries
Irene Oldfather	Cunninghame South
John Park	Mid Scotland and Fife
Peter Peacock	Highlands and Islands
Cathy Peattie	Falkirk East
Richard Simpson	Mid Scotland and Fife
Elaine Smith	Coatbridge and Chryston
David Stewart	Highlands and Islands
Karen Whitefield	Airdrie and Shotts
David Whitton	Strathkelvin and Bearsden

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Ted Brocklebank	Mid Scotland and Fife
Gavin Brown	Lothians
Derek Brownlee	South of Scotland
Jackson Carlaw	West of Scotland
Murdo Fraser	Mid Scotland and Fife
Annabel Goldie	West of Scotland
Alex Johnstone	North East Scotland
John Lamont	Roxburgh and Berwickshire
Jamie McGrigor	Highlands and Islands
David McLetchie	Edinburgh Pentlands
Nanette Milne	North East Scotland
Margaret Mitchell	Central Scotland
Mary Scanlon	Highlands and Islands
John Scott	Ayr
Elizabeth Smith	Mid Scotland and Fife

Scottish Liberal Democrats

Ross Finnie	West of Scotland
Jim Hume	South of Scotland
Liam McArthur	Orkney
Alison McInnes	North East Scotland
John Farquhar Munro	Ross, Skye and Inverness West
Hugh O'Donnell	Central Scotland
Mike Pringle	Edinburgh South
Jeremy Purvis	Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale
Mike Rumbles	West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
Tavish Scott	Shetland
Iain Smith	North East Fife
Margaret Smith	Edinburgh West
Nicol Stephen	Aberdeen South
Jamie Stone	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross

Jim Tolson Dunfermline West

Scottish Green Party

Robin Harper Lothians

Others

Margo MacDonald Lothians

ANNEXE B

**MSPs not eligible to be a member of the Ure Elder Fund Transfer and
Dissolution Bill Committee**

Govan and Glasgow MSPs
Scottish Ministers
Deputy Ministers
Presiding and Deputy Presiding Officers

Scottish National Party

Keith Brown
Bruce Crawford
Roseanna Cunningham
Bob Doris
Fergus Ewing
Fiona Hyslop
Adam Ingram
Bill Kidd
Richard Lochhead
Kenny MacAskill
Anne McLaughlin
Jim Mather
Alasdair Morgan
Alex Neil
Shona Robison
Mike Russell
Alex Salmond
Stewart Stevenson
Nicola Sturgeon
John Swinney
Sandra White

Scottish Labour

Bill Butler
Margaret Curran
Patricia Ferguson
Trish Godman
Charlie Gordon
James Kelly
Johann Lamont
Frank McAveety
Pauline McNeill
Paul Martin

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Bill Aitken
Alex Fergusson

Scottish Liberal Democrats

Robert Brown

Scottish Green Party

Patrick Harvie

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE COMMITTEE – REQUEST TO APPOINT AN ADVISER

Proposed Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Bill

Background

1. The Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee is expected to be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the proposed Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 and, if the general principles are agreed to, at Stage 2.
2. The Bill, which is expected to be introduced in the Parliament in early 2010, is a proposed piece of Scottish Government legislation, which will seek to reform the current children’s hearings system in Scotland.
3. At its meeting on 4 November 2009, the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee considered its work programme for the period until June 2010, which included discussion of an initial approach to its likely consideration of the Bill. The committee indicated at this stage that it may wish to appoint an adviser to assist with its scrutiny of the Bill.

Appointment of adviser

4. At its meeting on 11 November 2009, the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee formally agreed to seek to appoint an adviser to assist with its likely scrutiny of the proposed Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Bill.
5. It is proposed that an adviser be appointed at the standard daily rate, not exceeding 15 days in total.

Adviser’s duties

6. The role of the adviser will be to assist the committee in all aspects of its scrutiny of the Bill. In particular, the adviser will be expected to provide expert advice on the selection of witnesses and areas of questioning and to contribute to the committee’s Stage 1 report. The adviser will be expected to attend evidence-taking sessions where possible, any informal briefings/meetings held to assist scrutiny of the bill and all meetings held to consider a draft report.

Person specification

Skills/abilities

7. The adviser will be required to have excellent analytical skills, strong written and oral communication skills and the ability to work to tight deadlines.

Experience

8. The adviser will preferably have direct experience both of the children’s hearing system itself and the legal framework within which it operates. Ideally, the

committee would wish to appoint an adviser with both academic and practical experience in this area.

Knowledge

9. The adviser should have expert knowledge of the children's hearings system in Scotland, including all legal aspects of the system. He/she should also have detailed knowledge of the political environment of both central and local government in Scotland and the policy landscape surrounding the children's hearing system. Finally, the adviser should have detailed knowledge of the other relevant agencies/organisations that are involved in the children's hearings system in Scotland.

Time commitment

10. It is envisaged that the adviser will spend the equivalent of 15 days supporting the committee. An indicative division of time is below:

- two days to advise on terms of reference/witness identification;
- four days to attend meetings of the committee;
- two days to attend informal briefings/other relevant meetings;
- four days to prepare areas of questioning;
- two days to analyse evidence/assist with drafting report;
- one day to advise on drafting any amendments which members bring forward, should the bill progress to Stage 2.

11. It is estimated that the role and workload of the adviser should be completed within 15 days during a 12-month period; the request can therefore proceed by the fast-track procedure.

Request for approval

12. In accordance with Rule 12.7, the Parliamentary Bureau is asked to give approval for the appointment of an adviser to assist the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee in its scrutiny of the proposed Children's Hearings (Scotland) Bill, subject to the Bill being referred to that committee.

**Clerk, Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee
November 2009**

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

**LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM
AND GOVERNANCE BILL**

1. The attached Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill was lodged on 16 November 2009. Under Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders, it is for the Bureau to formally refer memoranda to the appropriate lead committee.
2. It is recommended that the Legislative Consent Memorandum be referred to the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee for consideration.

**Parliamentary Business Team
November 2009**

LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM UK CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND GOVERNANCE BILL

Draft Legislative Consent Motion

1. The draft motion, which will be lodged by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, is:

“That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 20 July 2009, relating to the Civil Service and Human Rights Claims against Devolved Administrations, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.”

Background

2. This memorandum has been lodged by John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, under Rule 9.B.3.1 (a) of the Parliament's standing orders. The Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill was introduced in the House of Commons on 20 July 2009. The Bill can be found at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/constitutionalreformandgovernance.html>.

Content of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill

3. The Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill relates to (i) the Civil Service; (ii) Ratification of Treaties; (iii) The House of Lords; (iv) Public Order; (v) Time Limits for Human Rights Actions Against Devolved Administrations; (vi) Courts and Tribunals; (vii) National Audit; (viii) Transparency of Government Financial Reporting to Parliament.

Provisions Which Relate to Scotland

4. It is only certain Civil Service provisions in the Bill that alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers

5. The Civil Service in Scotland is part of the unified “Home Civil Service” operating in Great Britain. The Northern Ireland Civil Service is separate. The Bill would put the Home Civil Service on a statutory footing without altering the administrative arrangements currently established through Orders in Council. Essentially, the reform relates to the legal status rather than the nature or operation of the Home Civil Service. The Bill also contains provisions relating to the code of conduct and appointment of Special Advisers.

6. The Bill includes the following general provisions on the Civil Service:

- the establishment of the Civil Service Commission as a statutory NDPB, with responsibility for upholding core values in the context of recruitment, appointments, audit, appeals, etc;

- an obligation on UK Ministers (namely, the Prime Minister & Foreign Secretary) to publish codes upholding the core civil service values for application in the Home Civil Service and Diplomatic Service;
- a discretionary power which enables a separate code of conduct to be published for Special Advisors who serve the Scottish Government
- appointment arrangements for Special Advisers;
- a general power for UK Ministers (the Prime Minister & Foreign Secretary) to manage the Civil and Diplomatic Services on the basis of a Civil Service Management Code; and
- Civil Service recruitment and appointment arrangements.

7. The Bill introduces time limits for human rights actions against Northern Ireland Ministers and Welsh Ministers. An amendment has been tabled introducing consistent protection for Scottish Ministers.

Reasons for seeking a Legislative Consent Motion

8. There are various reasons for seeking a Legislative Consent Motion as opposed to legislation in the Scottish Parliament.

8.1 First, the Government supports the general principle of putting the Civil Service on a statutory footing; and supports that aspect of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill.

8.2 Second, the Government is committed to the establishment of a separate Scottish Civil Service; but has concluded that the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill is not the best vehicle for promoting such proposals. Substantive change in this area is a complex and long-term project, which the Government continues to pursue separately with the UK Government.

8.3 Third, the Civil Service is a reserved matter and the Bill will not alter the current practical arrangements under which the Civil Service in Scotland works for the Scottish Government under management arrangements largely delegated to the Permanent Secretary.

8.4 Fourth, the Legislative Consent Motion is required because the Bill would impose certain duties on Scottish Ministers, as detailed below; and those duties are of a routine nature.

8.5 Fifth, the Legislative Consent Motion is required because the Bill will revoke the Convention Rights Proceedings (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2009 and amend s100 of the Scotland Act.

9. As discussed in more detail at Annex A, the duties would relate to (i) certain functions of the Civil Service Commission and (ii) Special Advisers. Some of the legal judgements are finely balanced; but we think there are 6 provisions that require a Legislative Consent Motion.

10. All of these relate to the attribution of new functions to Scottish Ministers. In summary:

- The Minister for the Civil Service must consult the First Minister before publishing a separate code of conduct for civil servants who serve the Scottish Government and there is a duty on the First Minister to lay this code before the Scottish Parliament. (**Clause 5(6)**)
- The Minister for the Civil Service must consult the First Minister before publishing a separate code of conduct relating to Special Advisers who serve the Scottish Executive and there is a duty on the First Minister to lay this code before the Scottish Parliament (**Clause 8(6)**)
- A requirement that the First Minister personally selects for appointment those to be appointed as Special Advisers (the policy intention is to enable the First Minister to appoint without the need for a delegation such as exists at the moment) (**Clause 15(1) Scottish Executive part**)
- The First Minister is required to prepare an annual report on the number and costs of Special Advisers and there is a duty on the First Minister to lay this annual report before the Scottish Parliament. (**Clause 16(2)(a)&(b)**)
- Provision which enables Minister for Civil Service & The Commission to agree to the Commission carrying out additional functions in relation to the Civil Service and for any civil service management authority to provide the Commission with any information it reasonable requires. (**Clause 17(3)**)
- A duty on the First Minister to lay before Parliament a copy of the annual report of the Civil Service Commission (**Schedule 1, para 17(5)**)

11. These provisions are not contentious and, in isolation, would not merit legislation in the Scottish Parliament. The Government therefore considers that the Parliament should agree to the provisions being enacted via the UK Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill.

Consultation

12. There have been calls for some time to bring forward legislation for the Civil Service. In 2003, the House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee published a draft Civil Service Bill and, building on this, the UK Government launched a consultation “*A draft Civil Service Bill – A Consultation Document*”, (CM 6373, November 2004).

13. Against this background, *The Governance of Britain* Green Paper (CM 7170), published on 3 July 2007, proposed that the governance of the Civil Service, currently based on the royal prerogative, and the fundamental values of the Civil Service – impartiality, integrity, honesty and objectivity – should be set out in statute. That principle has won widespread support.

14. The Scottish Government has, in the context of its White Paper on Scotland’s Constitutional Future, argued that future of the Civil Service in Scotland is an area that could be devolved to the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government.

Financial Implications

15. The statutory provisions mirror administrative arrangements already in place. The Financial Memorandum for the Bill indicates that no additional financial demands are expected as a result of the civil service provisions of the Bill.

Conclusion

16. The Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill does not address the question of how best to develop the Civil Service in Scotland over time; but nor does it preclude that discussion in future. It simply puts current arrangements on a statutory footing. In that context, the Legislative Consent Motion concerns 6 relatively minor and uncontentious provisions in the Bill, which would not on their own merit separate Scottish legislation.

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November 2009

Appendix 1

UK CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND GOVERNANCE BILL (CR&GB) LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDUM

1. This annex outlines provisions in the UK Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill related to the Civil Service on which a Legislative Consent Motion (LCM) in the Scottish Parliament is required.

Background

2. There are 6 draft clauses in the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill that are relevant:

- The Minister for the Civil Service must consult the First Minister before publishing a separate code of conduct for civil servants who serve the Scottish Government and there is a duty on the First Minister to lay this code before the Scottish Parliament. **(Clause 5(6))**
- The Minister for the Civil Service must consult the First Minister before publishing a separate code of conduct for Special Advisers who serve the Scottish Executive and there is a duty on the First Minister to lay this code before the Scottish Parliament. **(Clause 8(6))**
- A requirement that the First Minister personally selects for appointment those to be appointed as Special Advisers. **(Clause 15(1) Scottish Executive part)**
- The First Minister is required to prepare an annual report on the number and costs of Special Advisers and there is a duty on the First Minister to lay this annual report before the Scottish Parliament his annual report. **(Clause 16(2)(a)&(b))**
- Provision enables Minister for Civil Service & the Commission to agree to the Commission carrying out additional functions in relation to the Civil Service and for any civil service management authority to provide the Commission with any information it reasonable requires. **(Clause 17(3))]**
- A duty on the First Minister to lay before Parliament a copy of the annual report of the Civil Service Commission **(Schedule 1, para 17(5))**

Discussion

3. There is nothing novel or contentious in these provisions.

Special Advisers

4. In relation to Special Advisers, the current arrangements for selection and annual reporting rest on administrative delegation of powers from the Prime Minister to the First Minister. These would be formalised by the Bill, including through the new provision of a code of conduct for special advisors to the Scottish Executive. In addition, the current limit of 12 advisers would be removed, and an annual report to Parliament would be

required in the interests of full transparency. These do not introduce any fundamental changes to existing arrangements. The Bill:

- provides for the appointment of Special Advisers by the First Minister (when read alongside s51 of the Scotland Act 1998);
- provides that the appointment must end no later than the time of the appointing Minister's term of office ends;
- exempts Special Advisers from the principle of selection on merit on the grounds that they are personal appointees of Ministers and takes account of the personal and temporary nature of their work;
- gives a discretionary power to the Minister for the Civil Service to publish a separate code of conduct for special advisors serving the Scottish Executive and requires the FM to lay this code before the Scottish Parliament;
- exempts Special Advisers from the provisions on impartiality and objectivity under the civil service code, recognising their political allegiance to the Government of the day ; and
- requires the First Minister to prepare an annual report about Special Advisers appointed by Scottish Ministers and to lay that report before the Scottish Parliament.

5. The Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill no longer sets an upper cap on the number of Special Adviser appointments. In part, this is because greater transparency and accountability are to be ensured through the publication of an annual report on the number and costs of Special Advisers.

Civil Service Commission

6. The Civil Service Commissioners contribute to the development of an effective and impartial Civil Service and support its core values of honesty, integrity, objectivity and Impartiality, by giving an assurance that appointments are made on merit on the basis of 'Fair and Open' competition.

7. Current arrangements already involve them in appointments to the Civil Service in Scotland, and in annual monitoring/ reporting of associated procedures and practice. What changes as a result of the Bill is the independence and perceived independence of the new Civil Service Commission from government, in line with the general principle of a statutory Civil Service.

8. Scottish interests are safeguarded in relation to the appointment of the First Civil Service Commissioner (on which the First Minister will be consulted) and via the transparency implicit in the laying of an annual report before the Scottish Parliament.

9. The Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill would not materially change the role of the Civil Service Commissioners. Where the need for a LCM arises is in relation to the requirement for Scottish ministers to provide any information it reasonably requires to carry out the additional functions the Minister for the Civil Service might require them of them (investigation of issues). This could nominally involve hitherto

unforeseen requirements for participation and provision of information by the Scottish Government. The Bill would:

- establish the Civil Service Commission (CSC) as a statutory NDPB independent of Government;
- require the CSC to publish recruitment principles;
- require the First Civil Service Commissioner to be appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of the Prime Minister following consultation with the devolved administrations and the main opposition parties;
- provide for the CSC to undertake an audit function and to report annually (with reports laid before the UK and Scottish Parliaments and the National Assembly for Wales); and
- provide for the CSC to hear complaints and appeals.

Human Rights Claims against Devolved Administrations

10. The Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill as amended at Part 5 to introduce a time limit for human rights actions against Scottish Ministers, will revoke the Convention Rights Proceedings (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2009 and invoke amendment to the Scotland Act 1998.

Conclusion

11. The duties imposed on Scottish Ministers by the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill and covered by the proposed LCM are neither contentious nor high profile, nor is the proposed amendment to Part 5 of the Bill. If anything, they protect Scottish interests, albeit at the margins of the Bill, by delivering legal formality and transparency in the context of Special Advisers and the Civil Service Commission.

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PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND A CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE OUTWITH THE UK

Nature of the Request

1. On 10 November, the Bureau considered a paper from the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee (TICC) seeking approval to send a small delegation of members to the United Nations climate change conference in Copenhagen between Sunday 13 December and Wednesday 16 December.
2. The Bureau requested that the estimated travel costs of the convener be reduced significantly and that the level of cross-party representation on the delegation be revisited.

Timing and number of participants

3. Discussions have taken place regarding the possibility of a cross-party delegation. However, the Conservative and Liberal Democrat members of the committee have elected not to participate in the visit.
4. The size of the delegation therefore remains as originally proposed, i.e. 3 members, supported by a clerk. The delegation of members will comprise Patrick Harvie MSP (Green (Convener)), Cathy Peattie (Labour (Deputy Convener)), and Shirley-Anne Somerville (SNP).
5. It should be noted that mixed travel arrangements are proposed for this visit (see paragraph 4 below). The implications of this are that the Convener (travelling by rail) would depart Scotland on Saturday 12 and return in the late evening of Thursday 17 December. The other members of the delegation (air travel) would depart on Sunday 13 and return in the early evening of Wednesday 16 December.

Travel costs

6. Further to the Bureau's previous consideration of the proposal, revised estimated costs have been drawn up and are detailed below.
7. The Bureau will also wish to note that it remains the Convener's intention to travel to Copenhagen by rail, in compliance with the parliament's policy to reduce the impact of travel and transport by encouraging the use of sustainable transport. However, in response to the views expressed by the Bureau last week, it would be the Convener's intention to claim the equivalent cost of air travel only and to personally pay the additional costs of rail travel. These additional costs amount to £439.

8. All of the associated costs will be met from the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee budget: SP 414035 (expenses) and SP 414030 (travel).
9. It should be noted that the travel and expenses costs stated below have been estimated using the most competitive prices which could apply for travel by both rail and air. This was necessary in order to comply with a condition on costs attached to the approval given by the Conveners Group i.e. that the total overall costs of the visit should be within the broad envelope of a previous estimate for direct air travel (i.e. at or below £3884). The revised estimate of costs now undercuts this amount by £502, despite the fact that the cost of air travel has increased by £30 per person in the past week.

Request for approval

10. The Bureau is asked to approve the revised proposal from the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee for a delegation of three members, accompanied by a clerk, to attend the conference in Copenhagen as outlined as above.

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Costs associated with the committee visit to Copenhagen

	£
Travel	
<u>Rail travel</u>	
Glasgow to London x 1 (return)	
Eurostar from London to Brussels x 1 (return)	
Brussels to Cologne x 1 (return)	
Cologne to Copenhagen (sleeper) x 1 (return)	(air travel equivalent) 208
<u>Air</u>	
Edinburgh to Copenhagen (via Amsterdam) x 3 (return)	624
<u>Miscellaneous travel</u>	
Taxis, tubes etc	150
Accommodation	
3 nights in Copenhagen x 4 (£120 x 12)	1440
Other expenses	
Copenhagen (3 lunches @ £20 & 3 dinners @ £30) x 4	600
Expenses incurred during rail travel (2 lunches @ £20 and 2 evening meals/breakfasts @ £40)	120
Miscellaneous expenses	240
TOTAL	3382