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Scottish Advisory Forum on Europe

It was a pleasure to present the CEEAC Committee's TCA report at a meeting of the Scottish Advisory Forum on Europe (SAFE), on a panel with Tanja Buzek, Chair of the EU's Domestic Advisory Group and chaired by Irene Oldfather.



Day of German Unity

I was delighted to attend a wonderfully uplifting celebration for the Day of German Unity. It was inspiring to join friends and colleagues to honour this significant day, celebrating unity, freedom, and the spirit of togetherness.



Luminate at the Scottish Parliament

Luminate, Scotland's Let's Sing group for people living with dementia and their carers delighted Parliament with a performance to mark United Nations International Day of Older Persons 2024.



Official Opening Of Audibility

It was an honour to officially open the Audibility Hearing Centre in Motherwell. It's wonderful to see the commitment to providing high-quality hearing care and support in the heart of our community.

25th Anniversary Of The Scottish Parliament

It was a privilege to have Mariam Tariq, CEO of Motherwell charity The Miracle Foundation, as my local hero at the The Scottish Parliament's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Mariam and her amazing team run a cherished community service which provides trauma and bereavement support for young people.



Les Hoey MBE Dreammaker Ball

What an incredible evening at the Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation SCIO annual ball, where a fantastic £62k was raised to support children across Scotland!

It was a night filled with friends, dancing, and music—all coming together for a great cause.



Community Action Network

I was thrilled to host the first meeting of the new Community Action Network (CAN) to mark the start of Challenge Poverty Week.

CAN brought together charities, civil society groups, churches, and national organisations with a shared commitment to tackling poverty and supporting people in our community.

Our Community Action Network will enable members to share their expertise, raise awareness of different issues facing their community, and work collaboratively to support people in Motherwell, Wishaw and across Scotland.



Lovelace-Hodgkin Symposium

An honour to close the Lovelace-Hodgkin Symposium on Artificial Intelligence ethics at the University of Glasgow's Advanced Research Centre.

AI brings enormous opportunity to raise global living standards and address some of the most critical issues facing humanity.

Breast Cancer Now Campaign

I was delighted to host the Breast Cancer Now Campaign in the Parliament, with an incredible show of support from MSPs across the political spectrum. The commitment and solidarity displayed were truly inspiring, as leaders came together to champion this vital cause.

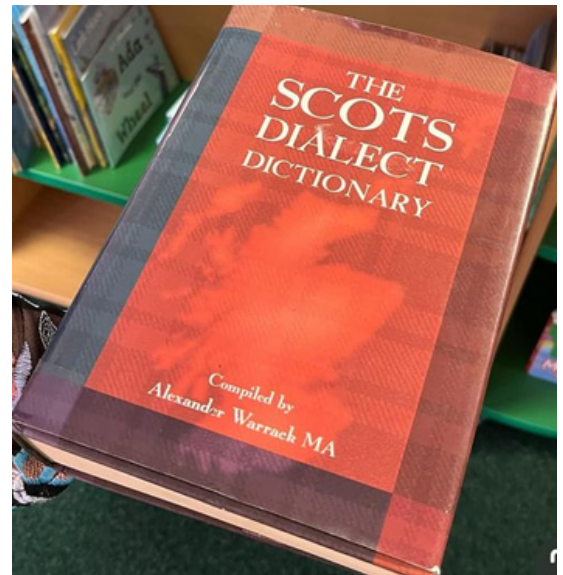
Special thoughts were with our dear friend and colleague, Christina McKelvie, whose strength continues to inspire us all.



International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and BSI UK

A pleasure hosting International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and BSI UK in The Scottish Parliament during a major international standards summit in Edinburgh.

Standards are crucial protections that we take for granted. We discussed big challenges like online marketplaces and AI regulation.



St Brendan's Primary School

It was a pleasure to attend St Brendan's Primary School in Motherwell to hear about their incredible achievements and their journey to achieve both the Gold SportsScotland & UNICEF Gold Rights Respecting Schools Awards, as well as the opening of their new library.

The outstanding talent of the pupils was on full display, from singing and dancing to gymnastics and martial arts.

The dedication of the staff is truly heart warming, and it was especially encouraging to see a Scots language corner in the library, helping to celebrate and preserve our rich linguistic heritage.

It was an inspiring day for everyone involved.



Foodbank Surgeries

As the cost of living continues to affect families in the area, my staff have been carrying out surgeries at foodbanks across Motherwell and Wishaw.

In The Hartwood

A wonderful afternoon at the Shotts Henderson Theatre for "In The Hartwood," part of the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival. This enchanting performance by Storyteller Jane Mather Magical Nature Stories, in collaboration with The Friends of Hartwood Paupers Cemetery, beautifully celebrated the lives of patients at Hartwood Psychiatric Hospital who found themselves interred within the Paupers Cemetery.

We were mesmerised by the rediscovered music of 19th-century composer Robert MacHardy, performed by soprano Monica McGhee and pianist Geoffrey Tanti.

Over a century later, Robert's work was brought back to life.

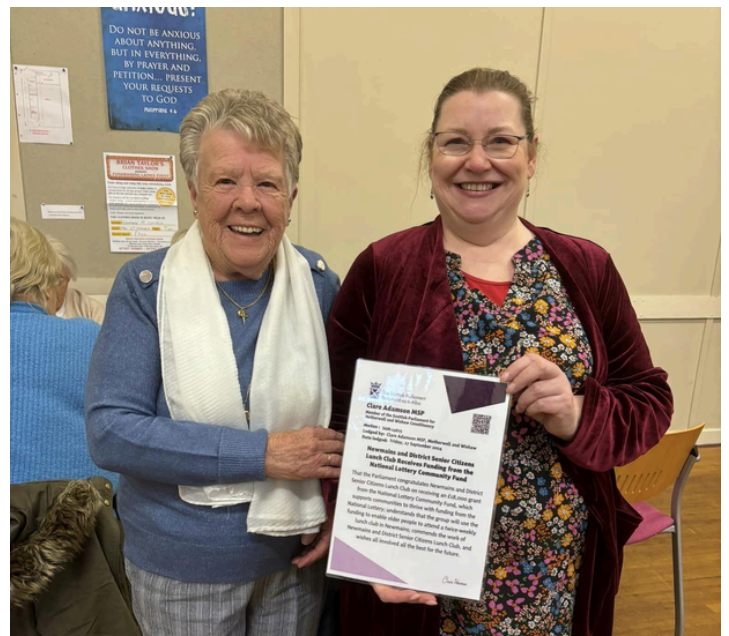
A truly memorable experience!



Official Opening Of PureGym

I was thrilled to cut the ribbon for the refurbishment of PureGym Motherwell at Motherwell Shopping Centre.

The upgraded PureGym facilities look fantastic with a focus on health and wellbeing for people across Motherwell and Wishaw.



Newmains and District Senior Citizens Lunch Club

An amazing day today, getting to spend some time with everyone at the Newmains and District Senior Citizens Lunch Club.

I had the pleasure of attending to hand over a certificate of the Motion marked in the Scottish Parliament which congratulates the group on receiving funding that will go towards helping bring people together in the community.

It was great to spend some time with such a lovely bunch of people, as well as have the chance to meet with the wonderful people behind the scenes who keep this group running.



Cherry Tree Fundraising

I enjoyed a wonderful catch-up at the Cherry Tree, celebrating their outstanding commitment to charity! The pub has been actively hosting events that bring the community together, raising funds for important causes and making a real difference.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

**Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS)
Awareness Month.
S6M-14978**

**150th Anniversary of Dalziel St Andrew's
Parish Church, Motherwell
S6M-14977**

**Oshkana Candles
S6M-14947**

**Innerleithen Family Learning Centre
Awarded National Lottery Community
Fund
S6M-14948**

**Retirement of Claire Connelly, Head
Teacher of St Aidan's
S6M-14945**

**Les Hoey MBE DreamMaker Foundation
Annual Ball
S6M-14944**

**Motherwell Athletics Club Competition
S6M-14915**

**Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and
World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024
S6M-14784**

**Newmains Community Trust Centre
Receives Funding
S6M-14774**

**MacMillian Coffee Morning Motherwell
South Parish
S6M-14773**

**Clyde Valley High School Recognised for
Tackling and Preventing Bullying
S6M-14713**

**Douglas Samson's 101.7-mile Challenge
S6M-14916**

**Merlin's Bar Shortlisted for the Scottish
Licensed Trade News Award
S6M-14917**

**Success of St Patrick's RC Church Fayre
S6M-14826**

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PARLIAMENT SPEECHES AND QUESTIONS

Portfolio Question Time

2 October 2024

I asked whether the minister agrees that the UK Government should negotiate a new deal with the EU that aligns with the wishes of the Scottish people, especially in light of concerns raised by the Association of Independent Meat Suppliers about veterinary oversight and certification processes.

Portfolio Question Time

2 October 2024

I asked the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what assessment it has made of the impact of Brexit on Scotland's food and drink sector.

Portfolio Question Time

2 October 2024

I sought clarification from the minister on the implementation of the minimum unit price increase and how it is expected to help reduce alcohol-related harm.

Challenge Poverty Week Debate

8 October 2024

During Challenge Poverty Week, I expressed my disappointment that my previous concerns about social poverty remain unaddressed due to the lack of action from the new UK Government. I highlighted that in 2019, over 6,500 families across Lanarkshire's seven Westminster constituencies were impacted by the two-child limit, affecting more than 22,300 children. In some constituencies, 16% of children are living in poverty.

Portfolio Question Time

9 October 2024

I asked whether the cabinet secretary agrees that Scotland's strong performance in attracting foreign direct investment, despite the challenges posed by Brexit and its limited diplomatic representations, reflects good value for money.

First Minister's Question Time

10 October 2024

I sought the Scottish Government's view on how the new UK law mandating employers to pass all tips to workers may impact Scotland's fair work agenda and night-time economy.

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Economic Growth Debate

30 October 2024

During the Economic Growth Debate, I raised my concern about the damage done to Scottish businesses at the expense of the UK-EU trade and co-operation agreement. Despite challenges, GDP in Scotland has continued to grow, outpacing the rest of the UK. Scotland has led UK growth, achieving record foreign investment in 2023 and five years of consecutive growth—the highest in a decade. I highlighted how Brexit has hindered worker recruitment and has limited Scotland's growth potential by ending EU free movement, reducing workforce availability.

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