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Private Members' Bill Ballot 2022 –

The winning MPs and areas of interest

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Overview

Scottish National Party MP Stuart C. McDonald has come top of the ballot to select 20 MPs that will have an opportunity to put forward a Private Members' Bill (PMB) in this parliamentary session. Labour's Dan Jarvis came in second place and Conservative Greg Smith in third.

The backbench MPs selected in the 19 May draw—government ministers are not eligible to take part-- have until 15 June to decide what their PMB will focus on. During that time, they can expect to be lobbied by their party, campaign groups, and constituents eager for them to champion a particular cause. A total of 460 lawmakers participated in the draw which took place against a backdrop of growing concerns about the sharp rise in the cost of living and war in Ukraine and followed a Queen's Speech on 10 May where the government put forward 38 bills it hopes to pass in the current session.

Ballot Bills are the type of PMB [most likely](#) to pass into law, as they receive priority for the 13 Friday sessions which are set aside for debates on non-governmental legislation. In the last parliamentary session [13 PMBs](#) were passed into law, of which only two were non-ballot bills. The first seven winning MPs on the ballot list receive guaranteed debating time for their bills, thereby giving them a greater chance of success. The remaining 13 have less chance of seeing their legislative proposal debated but can still make progress if the MPs manage to garner enough support and parliamentary time for their proposal.

This Dods Political Intelligence report lists the MPs in ballot order and aims to shed light on what they might propose by detailing their interests and experience. At the time of writing, only two Conservative MPs on the ballot had announced plans for their PMBs – a ban on employers keeping tips from staff, and universal screening and better teacher training for dyslexia.

1: Stuart C. McDonald, SNP [@Stuart_McDonald](#)

Stuart C. McDonald, SNP spokesman for Home Affairs, was elected to Parliament in 2015 as MP for Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East. McDonald. He is also a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee and several All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPG) including on Immigration Law and Policy, Immigration Detention, and Trafficked Britons in Syria. McDonald, who worked for the Immigration Advisory Service as a Human Rights Solicitor before being elected, has been elected three times and served as the SNP spokesman for various other briefs, including Asylum and Border Control, and Immigration, and the Shadow Attorney General.

McDonald has been highly critical in Westminster debates of the government's so-called New Plan for Immigration, and the recently passed Nationality and Borders Act. His recent parliamentary written questions have focused on arrangements for refugees from Ukraine and the proposed asylum accommodation center in RAF Linton-on-Ouse.

In response to a comment on Twitter that compared McDonald coming top of the ballot with record national lottery winners, the MP [tweeted](#) "I've definitely won the bigger prize!" along with an eye wink emoji.

Nobody was immediately available in McDonald's office to comment when Dods Political Intelligence reached out to enquire about his PMB plans.

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2: Dan Jarvis, Lab @DanJarvisMP

Former paratrooper Dan Jarvis, who was elected as the Labour MP for Barnsley Central in 2011, has held a range of frontbench roles, before stepping away to become Mayor of the South Yorkshire Combined Authority (2018-22). Jarvis has previously been successful in the PMB Ballot, but he was 20th on the list and his bill to establish a target for child poverty reduction failed.

He has recently been outspoken on international conflicts, raising the struggle of veterans of conflicts in Northern Ireland, Afghanistan and Ukraine. He is also Vice-chair of the APPG for Action on Conflict and Global Britain, and recently led a Westminster Hall debate on immigration requirements for non-UK armed forces personnel.

Jarvis's office told Dods Political Intelligence that a decision would be made on his PMB next week.

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3: Greg Smith, Con @gregsmith_uk

Greg Smith was elected Conservative MP for Buckingham in the 2019 general election. "Delighted to have been successful in today's Private Members Bill ballot for the new Parliamentary session, being drawn 3rd. Plenty of thinking to do to pick which idea to focus on," he said on [Twitter](#). Replies included messages from two campaign groups urging him to consider putting forward a bill on public sexual harassment.

Smith sits on the Commons Committee on Transport and the Commons European Scrutiny Committee and he is also Chair of several APPGs including Road Freight and Logistics, Motorsport and Minimally Invasive Cancer Therapies. He is also a vocal advocate for farmers and has been outspoken on the importance of considering their views in international trade deals. Before being elected he sat on Hammersmith and Fulham Council and worked in design and marketing.

Nobody was immediately available in Smith's office to comment when Dods Political Intelligence reached out to enquire about his PMB plans.

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4: Mark Hendrick, Lab/Co-op @MpHendrick

Mark Hendrick is the Labour/Co-operative MP for Preston. Before being elected in 2000, Hendrick trained as an electrical engineer and computer scientist and worked as a college lecturer in electronics and software design.

Between 1994-1999, Hendrick served as a Member of the European Parliament for Lancashire Central during which time he published two books on the European Union. He is staunchly pro-European and has served as the Vice-Chair, Deputy-Chair and Secretary of numerous country specific APPGs, including on Germany, China, and Norway.

After winning fourth place in the ballot, Hendrick tweeted, "So lightening can strike twice! Over ten years since my last Private Members Bill."

Nobody was immediately available in Hendrick's office to comment when Dods Political Intelligence reached out to enquire about his PMB plans.

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5: Liam Fox, Con @LiamFox

Veteran former Conservative minister Liam Fox, who has been the MP for North Somerset since 1992, has a background as a doctor both the civilian and military spheres. His last PMB—the [Down Syndrome Act](#)—which aims to ensure that certain health, education, and local authorities take account of the specific needs of people with Down syndrome, received royal assent in early May.

Fox, who has served as Secretary of State for International Trade and Secretary of State for Defence, has campaigned on the treatment of veterans, and serving soldiers. In the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Crimea in 2014, Fox accused European and American leaders of "dangerous complacency".

Fox was surprised to have won the spot on the ballot after successfully passing a Bill in the previous session and was considering his options, a member of his office told Dods Political Intelligence.

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6: Bob Blackman, Con @BobBlackman

Bob Blackman has represented the seat of Harrow East since 2010. He has been involved in APPGs concerned with British Jews, campaigning against anti-Semitism and holocaust denial, and fostering better relations with South-Asian countries such as Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and India.

Blackman has experience on PMBs, after putting forward a Homelessness Reduction Bill which successfully passed into law and garnered support of charities, pressure groups and experts.

His office told Dods Political Intelligence that a decision on his PMB had yet to be made but multiple ideas were on the table.

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7: Greg Clark, Con @GregClarkMP

Former minister Greg Clark was elected as the representative for Tunbridge Wells in 2005. Now the Chair of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, he has held a several cabinet posts, including Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government. However, his efforts to implement planning reforms were dropped following significant opposition from countryside campaigners.

Clarke is passionate about educational opportunity, regeneration and deprivation and has long advocated for the decentralization of power from Westminster in favour of local decision makers. Before being elected he worked for Boston Consulting Group, as the BBC's head of Commercial Policy, and was Director of Policy for the Conservative Party

Clark's office declined comment when asked by **told Dods Political Intelligence about his PMB plans.**

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8: Dean Russell, Con @dean4watford

Dean Russell, MP for Watford since 2019, said on Thursday that he planned to put forward his Tips Bill again, which seeks change employment law to ban employers from keeping tips which are intended for staff providing a direct service. "This would be in the form of an agreement for staff to keep the tips intended for them from customers, or an arrangement in place where tips are divided fairly between staff," he said in a [statement](#) on his website, adding that the legislation could help thousands of his constituents. "Many people working in the hospitality and creative industries see tips as part of their salary in a way and it has always felt inappropriate to me that businesses can retain the tips intended for people directly providing the service." Russell has already got the backing of one member of the government. Paul Scully, the minister for London and small business, congratulated Russell and said he looked forward to working with him on the bill. "Tips absolutely should be distributed fairly among staff," he said on [Twitter](#).

Russell proposed his Tip Bill in the previous session, but it did not receive a second reading. The government's draft Employment Bill included provisions to implement the same policy, but this Bill did not feature in this year's Queen's Speech.

As a member of the Health and Social Care Select Committee and Vice Chairman of the Mental Health APPG, he has confirmed that he will be pushing his Mental Health First Aid Bill separately.

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9: Yasmin Qureshi, Lab @YasminQureshiMP

Yasmin Qureshi, a former shadow international development minister, has been the MP for Bolton South East since 2010. She serves on several APPGs including on extreme poverty, street

children and global education, and has spoken widely on issues relating to race and religion, civil liberties, international development and human rights.

Qureshi has also served as shadow minister for justice and has spoken in the Commons on topics related to family justice. She also opened a Westminster Hall debate on hormone pregnancy tests in April 2019.

Qureshi [wrote an article](#) in the Guardian in April 2022 about her own experiences as an unpaid carer where she called for urgent reforms to what she described as the “broken system.” She said that the Government must look towards a home-first policy.

Nobody was immediately available in Qureshi’s office to comment when Dods Political Intelligence reached out to enquire about her PMB plans.

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10: Wendy Chamberlain, LD @wendychambLD

Wendy Chamberlain, the MP for North East Fife since 2019, is the Liberal Democrats Chief Whip and spokesperson for work and pensions. She is also deputy leader of the Scottish Lib Dems and sits on the Scottish Affairs Select Committee, and has championed Scottish industries and its brewers and distillers. She has spoken for her party on political and constitutional reform and opposed a Scottish independence referendum. She is also Vice Chair of APPGs on electoral reform and deliberative democracy .

A few hours after the PMB ballot, she [tweeted](#), “Dog smuggling is a serious **issue...We need action to prevent cruelty and suffering,**” and said she supported a campaign on the issue by dog welfare charity Dogs Trust – which replied that it was awaiting the return of the Kept Animals Bill.

Before being elected, Chamberlain had a lengthy career in business management and was also a police officer for 12 years.

Nobody was immediately available in Chamberlain’s office to comment when Dods Political Intelligence reached out to enquire about her PMB plans.

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11: Mark Jenkinson, Con @markjenkinsonmp

Although Mark Jenkinson was only elected MP for Workington in 2019, this is the second time he has made it on to the PMB ballot. He will hope to replicate the success of his first PMB-- [Education \(Careers Guidance in Schools\)](#)-- which attracted the support of the government and received Royal Assent in March 2022.

Jenkinson was appointed as a Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in February 2022, and also serves as Vice Chair of the APPGs on Nuclear Energy and Marine Energy. He is a strong advocate for nuclear energy,

following on from early work in the sector which has received government attention in recent months due to the spike in energy costs.

Jenkinson's office told Dods Political Intelligence that no decision had been taken on his PMB.

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12: Alex Cunningham Lab @ACunninghamMP

Alex Cunningham, the Labour MP for Stockton North since 2010, is the Shadow Minister for Courts and Sentencing.

Cunningham, who has also been shadow minister for work and pensions and the environment, food and rural affairs, has recently focused his parliamentary attention on policing, prison reform, and justice related issues, but previously showed an interest in housing, health.

In 2020, Cunningham put forward a PMB to ban unpaid work experience of longer than four weeks.

Cunningham's office told Dods Political Intelligence that his PMB would be related to either health or employment.

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13: Henry Smith, Con @HenrySmithUK

Businessman and former county council leader Henry Smith was elected as the Conservative MP for Crawley in 2010 and sits on the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee.

Smith's Crawley constituency is home to London Gatwick Airport, and he often raises the impact of Covid-19 on airport communities. In June 2021, he led a Westminster Hall debate on support for aviation, tourism and travel industries. Smith also chairs the APPG on the Future of Aviation, is Vice-chair of the APPG on Sustainable Aviation and is an Officer of the Business Travel APPG.

Nobody was immediately available in Smith's office to comment when Dods Political Intelligence reached out to enquire about his PMB plans.

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14: Claire Coutinho, Con @ClaireCoutinho

Claire Coutinho was a special advisor to the Treasury before becoming the Conservative MP for East Surrey in 2019. After only a few months of being an MP, she became a Principal Private Secretary to the Treasury working closely with the Chancellor. She has also been the Vice-Chair of the APPG on Sustainable Finance since 2020 and sits on the Advisory Board of the think tank

Onward and Policy Exchange's Indo-Pacific Commission. Coutinho is interested in post-Brexit reforms, local planning, and housing alongside economic issues.

Prior to her political career, Coutinho worked at Merrill Lynch, the Centre for Social Justice, the Housing and Finance Institute, and KPMG.

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15: Wera Hobhouse, LD @Wera_Hobhouse

Wera Hobhouse, who has been the MP for Bath since 2017, is the Liberal Democrat spokesperson for Climate Emergency and Energy; Justice and Women and Equalities; and Shadow Leader of the House of Commons. Before being elected she was a journalist, an artist, and taught foreign languages.

Hobhouse introduced a PMB to make "upskirting"—taking a picture under another person's clothing without their consent—a criminal offence under the Sexual Offences Act 2003. Although her Bill did not make it into law, the policy was later adopted by the government and passed into law as the [Voyeurism \(Offences\) Act 2019](#).

Hobhouse has been the Chair of the APPG on eating disorders since 2019, where she has pushed for improved treatment for those affected and has been critical of the government's decision to introduce mandatory calorie labelling on food menus. Before being elected she was a journalist, artist, and taught foreign languages.

A member of Hobhouse's office told Dods Political Intelligence that no decision had been made on the focus of her PMB.

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16: Ian Mearns, Lab @IanMearnsMP

Ian Mearns, who was elected in 2010 to represent the constituency of Gateshead, is the Chair of the Backbench Business Select Committee and a member of the Education Select Committee. He often contributes to matters relating to education, including a recent debate on the Schools White Paper.

Mearns has voted against relaxing the smoking ban and urged the government to legislate for plain packaging for tobacco products and a ban on smoking in private cars. He is also a member of the Unite and Unison trade unions and has recently contributed to debates in parliament on workers' rights, such as National Insurance contributions and the situation with P&O Ferries.

Mearns told Dods Political Intelligence that the decision on his PMB had not been made.

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17: Christina Rees, Lab/Co-op @Rees4Neath

Christina Rees, who was first elected to represent Neath in 2015, has held several roles within the shadow cabinet, most recently being the shadow secretary of state for Wales from 2017-20. She is also a member of several APPGs, including on Autism, Environment, Vegetarianism and Veganism, and Wales in the World.

Rees has an interest in the environment and animal welfare, most recently contributing to debates on greyhound racing and the future of the UK's international soft power. She also has an interest in justice, having studied to become a barrister and sat on the Justice Select Committee in 2015.

Nobody was immediately available in Rees's office to comment when Dods Political Intelligence reached out to enquire about her PMB plans.

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18: Matt Hancock, Con @MattHancock

Matt Hancock, who resigned as Former Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in mid-2021, welcomed his success in the ballot with a Tweet that said, "So we have the chance to change the law - for universal screening and better teacher training for dyslexia & other neurodiversities." The former minister, who has spoken about his own experience of being dyslexic, included a link in his message to a December 2021 parliamentary debate when he requested a Bill to require screening for dyslexia in primary schools and provision about teaching and assessment of dyslexic children.

Hancock, who has been the MP for West Suffolk since 2010, has had a diverse parliamentary career with ministerial jobs in various departments. As well as his interest in health services and work with various health charities, he is also interested in rural communities, services and levelling up, and has spoken in previous Westminster Hall debates on such themes.

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19: Sally-Ann Hart, Con @SallyAnn1066

Sally-Ann Hart, who has been the MP for Hastings and Rye since 2019, is on Speaker's Advisory Committee on Works of Art and Select Committee on Scottish Affairs, and also chairs two APPGs, the [South East](#) and [Coastal Communities](#) Group.

A member of Hart's office told Dods Political Intelligence that discussions were ongoing about the possible focus of her PMB.

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20: Stephen Metcalfe, Con @Metcalfe_SBET

Stephen Metcalfe, who has been the MP for South Basildon and East Thurrock since 2010, has been PPS to various ministers and co-chairs the APPG on Artificial Intelligence. In the last parliament he chaired the cross-party Science and Technology Committee. His website says he is particularly interested in promoting small and medium-sized businesses, science and technology, and raising educational standards. Before being elected he was a local councillor and worked for several years in his own design and printing business.

Asked about his PMB, Metcalfe told Dods Political Intelligence on Thursday that he was still “thinking about the topic at the moment”.

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