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Hello and welcome to the 18th edition of my Regular Newsletter

As always, December is a busy month, and this year has been no exception. In the Scottish Parliament, I've spoken during three debates—one on Brexit, one on immigration, and one regarding the Scottish Government's Veterans strategy. I also asked four questions in the chamber: three regarding Brexit and one on the 2019-2020 Scottish Budget which the Finance Secretary outlined this month.

Brexit has taken up a lot of Parliamentary time as of late, and while there is still much uncertainty, the Scottish Government has been getting on with the day job to ensure the people of Scotland are shielded from the negative impacts of Brexit as much as is within their power to do so.

At the start of the month I met with Health Secretary Jeane Freeman MSP to discuss a number of issues including the IRH and health issues constituents have raised with me. This was a productive meeting and I appreciated the opportunity to highlight local issues directly with the Cabinet Secretary.



Stuart with V&A's Director, Philip Long, at the public event in the Custom House Hotel

Custom House Hotel played host to V&A Dundee Director Philip Long who I invited to Inverclyde to explain Dundee's regeneration project. He discussed the journey of the V&A from idea to reality, and how it has been part of the wider regeneration of the Dundee waterfront.

As the Scottish Parliamentary Piper, I piped atop of the V&A during its construction and attended its official opening earlier this year, which is where I saw Mr Long and invited him to my constituency.

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Stuart with Rural Affairs Minister Mairi Gougeon MSP at The New Chocolate Factory, The Start-Up Drinks Lab & Nutcrafter Creamery (L-R)

I was delighted to welcome Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment, Mairi Gougeon MSP, to Port Glasgow to visit The New Chocolate Company, The Start-Up Drinks Lab, and Nutcrafter Creamery. These businesses are innovative, produce exciting products, and highlight Inverclyde’s growing food and drink offering.

It was a privilege to visit St Columba’s High School and St. Stephen’s High School this month to meet some of the pupils and find out about what the schools have been busy with this year.

I’ve also met with a number of local organisations and businesses this month to discuss the past year, and what their plans are for the year ahead. This includes meeting Ardgowan Hospice’s Chief Executive Linda McEnhill; Larkfield Housing Association’s Area Manager Lynne Griffin, and Peel Ports’ Port Director Andrew Hemphill.

I also visited EE’s Greenock offices to find out more about the business’s role in Inverclyde.



Stuart hosted RNIB’s 150th Anniversary event in Parliament & gave attendees a tour of the chamber afterwards.



Stuart and some of his staff hand delivering his 2019 Calendars in Port Glasgow.

Before heading into their busiest week of the year, I visited the Royal Mail’s Greenock Sorting Office. At no other time is the dedication of postal workers clearer than during the festive period, so it was great to personally thank them for their hard work.

It was also pleasure to visit Alzheimer Scotland’s Christmas afternoon tea in St. Joseph’s Church, Greenock. It was great to see it so busy and everyone enjoying themselves.

I’d like to finish by wishing my constituents a Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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Last Friday of every month  
(except July and December)

- 10.00 Am** Port Glasgow Library
- 13.00 Pm** Gourock Library

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