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HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE 33RD ISSUE OF MY REGULAR NEWSLETTER

PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT 2020-2021

At the start of the month, the First Minister set out her Programme for Government for the next year. The programme is clear that suppressing COVID-19 is the immediate priority — and it will remain so for some time. Some other the key commitments include:

- **£1.6bn** to transform building to ensure that **emissions from heating are eliminated by 2040**
- **£100m Green Jobs Fund** to support opportunities for green job creation across Scotland
- Incorporating the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into Scots law** by the end of this Parliament
- Introducing the **Scottish Child Payment** for children under 6 in November 2020
- Introducing **new laws to provide more protection for people at risk of domestic abuse**
- An **independent review of adult social care** by January 2021, with the view to introduce a **National Care Service**
- **£60m** to give every young person the opportunity of work, education or training
- **£25m** to provide **re-training opportunities** through a **National Transition Training programme**

**'Protecting Scotland,
Renewing Scotland'**

Scotland's Programme
for Government 2020-21



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HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

After securing cross-party support for my proposal for a National Museum for Human Rights at the Sugar Sheds, I led a Member's Debate about this in the Scottish Parliament.

This could be the foundation on which to build a regeneration project for our area. It would also be a fitting way to honour those whose lives were lost and taken by our inglorious colonial history. Such a facility would be educational, while also bringing jobs and investment to Inverclyde.

TRANSPORT

This month, Councillor Chris Curley and I renewed calls for a shuttle train service between Wemyss Bay and Port Glasgow. Capacity issues at Glasgow Central prevent an extra service being added, but a shuttle service would allow passengers to alight at Port Glasgow and aboard a Gourock service.

With the park & ride facility planned at Spango Valley and new housing planned for along the A78, this would help take pressure off our trunk roads and encourage more people to use public transport.

FLU JAB

This year's flu vaccination programme is being delivered differently this year due to COVID-19. If you normally receive the flu jab every year, you'll receive a letter about this. People aged 55-64 with no identified health risks will be given more information in November.

Other groups such as carers or those who live with someone in the shielding category and do not qualify through any other group should contact **0141 201 4180** for an appointment.

WORK IN PARLIAMENT

As well as my Member's Debate, this month I've:

- Spoke in **3 Debates**
- Asked **4 questions during FMQs**
- Asked **6 further questions** covering a range of issues including: local flooding issues, the UK Internal Market Bill, and the Scottish Budget



Stuart outside the Sugar Sheds at James Watt Dock in Greenock

2020 flu vaccination

If you are over 65 you will be invited to attend a community venue.

Instructions will be sent out in the coming weeks. You do not need to telephone your GP practice to make an appointment unless you have been invited to do so.

NHS **More information: nhsinform.scot** **Inverclyde HSCP** Health and Social Care Partnership

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Due to Covid-19, my office is closed until further notice.

Constituents can still contact me by email and telephone.

Monthly surgeries will be conducted over telephone until further notice.