Bill writes...

“With the Scottish Parliament back in session, it’s certainly been a busy time both through in Holyrood and the Glasgow Anniesland constituency.

“In my new role as Chief Whip of the Scottish National Party I’ve been given more opportunities to engage in the day to day Parliamentary process and ensure that the legislation put forward meets the needs of the Scottish people who made the SNP the majority party in government.

“I’ve also had the pleasure of hosting constituency groups in the Parliament since the beginning of the new session, and I look forward to welcoming more in the coming months.

“I was very pleased to welcome Rev Gus Macaulay of Knightswood Baptist Church in September as he was asked by the Presiding Officer to give the Time for Reflection at the opening of Parliamentary business in the Chamber. It was a great privilege to see one of my constituents given this honour and his message was very well received by all.

“If other constituents or constituency groups would like to arrange a visit to the Scottish Parliament in the coming year, please do not hesitate to get in contact with my office and my staff will do their best to facilitate this for you.”

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Disarmament

Bill continues to play an active role in promoting nuclear disarmament in Scotland and across the globe through his participation in Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), of which he was elected co-president in August at its annual conference held in Kazakhstan. He most recently represented Scotland and PNND by delivering an address at the Abolition 2000 Strategy Session on a platform at the United Nations in New York.

Bill said:

“I was honoured to speak to over 80 delegates of Abolition 2000 in New York this month who agree with me that we would all be better off in a nuclear-free world.

“The potential for Scotland to become a nuclear weapons free nation has excited global interest, and I am delighted to report I have been given a commitment from both Abolition 2000 and PNND that they will be bringing their 2013 AGM meetings to Scotland.”

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