Over the past week it has come to my attention that the Renfrew Ferry Crossing service has been temporarily closed. Whilst my office has found out that this is due to repairs taking place, we have as of yet not been told when the service will be back up and running. This is of course very disconcerting for my constituents who use this service on a daily basis. Both myself and Derek MacKay MSP have written to Clydelink to ask for answers. Once more information is found out I will circulate this on my website. Billkiddmsp.org.

This is extremely important for the constituency as it not only provides a service for those commuting, but is an important part of our history.

Nuclear Weapons Ban—International Treaty

This July I was a representative of Scotland at the United Nations, New York Headquarters, in the ‘Conference to Negotiate a Legally Binding Instrument to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons, Leading Towards their Total Elimination.’ I am extremely pleased to say that it was voted, with a large majority, to ban Nuclear Weapons on Humanitarian Grounds. 122 countries in total supported this decision, and the ban will be legally binding for all of these countries.
I was very pleased to be involved in raising awareness of the Drumchapel Food Bank and their need for extra donations. Drumchapel Food Bank serves approximately 70 clients every week providing food and essential household items for those in need. They rely on donations and due to the overwhelming generosity of the Glasgow Anniesland community I am very pleased to say that, despite concerns due to lack of stock, the foodbank has been able to continue over the high demand period of the summer holidays.

Donations are always appreciated and always welcome.

Where to donate?
Drop off items at Unit 9, 15 Ladloan Place, G15 8LB. 9-4.30pm Monday to Friday.

What to donate?
- Size 5 and 6 nappies; canned meals; female hygiene products; body wash; shampoo; conditioner; toothpaste; toothbrushes.

The Big Lottery Fund has been busy providing grants to some great charities throughout the constituency.

Have you heard of them or want to get involved? Here is a listing of a selection of charities doing great work in the area:

1. Common Wheel. Helping people with mental illnesses through meaningful activities such as bicycle maintenance. 0141 946 0777.
2. Cancer Support Scotland Tak Tent. Provides therapy and counselling for cancer patients and their families. 0800 652 4531
3. G15 Youth Project. Events for young adults throughout the year in Drumchapel. 0141 944 8868.
4. COPE Scotland— soon to provide play adaptation of I, Daniel Blake. The charity promotes mental well being and equipping of skills to overcome challenges in life. 0141 944 5490.

In June I hosted Scottish artist Hannah Rose Thomas and Interfaith Scotland at the Scottish Parliament. Here, Thompson showcased her artwork of refugees and explained how she is using art therapy to help children refugees across Europe. To find out how you can help Refugees in Glasgow you can go to the websites of the Scottish Refugee Council and Refuweegee.co.uk.