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Parliamentary Support for Historic Gainsborough

David Stewart, Highlands and Islands regional Labour MSP, has gained Parliamentary support for a call to bring a Gainsborough portrait of a famous Highland family back to the area as part of the year of Homecoming celebrations next year.

Mr Stewart raised the issue at Question Time today in the Scottish Parliament when he suggested the painting of the controversial Baillie family from Dochfour, who owned a number of Highland estates and had two generations of MPs at Westminster, could form an artistic focal point to the celebrations.

“The Year of Homecoming will provide an opportunity for people from all over the world to visit Scotland and it will provide a major boost to tourism in the Highlands and Islands.

“A formal bid has now been made to the Tate to bring the Baillie portrait to Inverness.

“I am delighted the Minister for tourism supported the proposal and I look forward to hearing if this fascinating historic Gainsborough can be brought to the area,” he said.

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