

Common Questions

Ever wondered about...?

Who does what?

How do I...?

What if I still have questions and want to find out more?



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Is the
First Minister
in charge of the
Scottish Parliament?

No,
the First Minister is the
head of the **Scottish
Government**.

Are the
Scottish Parliament
and the
Scottish Government
different?

Yes,
they're separate
organisations, with
different roles, staff and
contact details.

Can I make
or change
a **law**?

Only **MSPs** can
make laws but
you can
still **get involved**.

How?

You can **submit a petition**,
contact an MSP or
give evidence.



Who **represents me** in the Scottish Parliament?

You're represented by **1 constituency MSP** and **7 regional MSPs**.

Are my **MSPs** the same as my **MP**?

No, **MSPs and MPs deal with different issues** and represent you in different parliaments – MSPs at Holyrood and MPs at Westminster.

What's the difference between my **constituency** and **regional MSPs**?

There's no difference in terms of their status in the Parliament and you're free to contact any of the 8 MSPs who represent you.

So, **what can an MSP help me with?**

MSPs can help you on issues such as **education, health, housing and law and order**.

How can I find out **what's happening in the Parliament?**

You can look on our **website**, follow us on **social media** or sign up for a **free eBulletin**.

Is the Scottish Parliament just about party politics?

No, you can get involved in discussions on issues in various ways, for example, by joining an interest group on a topic you care about.

How do I sign up for the **eBulletin**?

Sign up at **www.scottish.parliament.uk/ebulletin** or contact us.

What else could I do if I visit?

You could **watch MSPs** in action, take a **free guided tour** or just enjoy our **award-winning architecture**. We also regularly host events and exhibitions on a range of subjects.

