Scottish Parliament Fact sheet
Parliamentary Appointments: Session 4

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MSPs: Current Series

This fact sheet contains information on parliamentary appointments during Session 4 (11 May 2011 to date). It provides information about membership details for the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and the Parliamentary Bureau.

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Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

The **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body** (SPCB) is chaired by the Presiding Officer and is made up of at least four members elected by Parliament from its MSPs. It is responsible for ensuring that the Scottish Parliament is provided with the property, staff and services it requires. The SPCB considers and makes decisions on a wide range of issues concerning the running of the Parliament including the financing of the Parliament and allocation of the budget, the staffing of the Parliament, accommodation and the use and the security of parliamentary facilities.

The Presiding Officer continues to serve in post during dissolution and until the election of the next Presiding Officer in a new session.

Members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body continue to serve in post during dissolution and until the election of replacement members in a new session. This is the case unless an MSP resigns from the SPCB, ceases to be an MSP (other than by dissolution of the Parliament), or the MSP is removed from the SPCB by a resolution of the Parliament.

**Current Membership:**

**Presiding Officer**
Tricia Marwick (NPA) (11 May 2011 – to date)

**Appointed Members**
Linda Fabiani (SNP) (25 May 2011 – to date)
Liam McArthur (LD) (25 May 2011 – to date)
Liz Smith (Con) (19 March 2014 – to date)
David Stewart (Lab) (25 May 2011 – to date)

**Former Members:**
Mary Scanlon (Con) (25 May 2011 – 14 March 2014)
Parliamentary Bureau

The Parliamentary Bureau consists of the Presiding Officer and representatives of each political party or group in the Parliament which has five or more members. The representatives are nominated by the leader of each party. The main functions of the Parliamentary Bureau are:

- To propose the business programme.
- To propose alterations to the Daily Business List in the Business Bulletin if there should be changes in the advance programme.
- To propose the establishment, remit, membership and duration of any committee or sub-committee.
- To determine any question regarding the competence of a committee to deal with a matter, and, if two or more committees are competent to deal with a matter, to determine which of those committees is to be the lead committee responsible for that matter.

Standing Orders allow Parliamentary Bureau members to arrange for another member to take their place at Bureau meetings by notifying the Presiding Officer in writing in advance.

A deputy Presiding Officer may attend any meeting of the Parliamentary Bureau and may participate in the proceedings but may not vote unless he or she is chairing the meeting in place of the Presiding Officer, when he or she shall have a casting vote.

Members of the Parliamentary Bureau do not continue to serve during dissolution.

Current Membership:

Presiding Officer
Tricia Marwick (NPA) (11 May 2011 – to date)

Nominated Members
Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) (11 September 2012 – to date)
John Finnie (Ind) (2 June 2014 – to date)
John Lamont (Con) (10 November 2011 – to date)
Paul Martin (Lab) (13 May 2011 – to date)
Alison McInnes (LD) (13 May 2011 – to date)

Former Members:
Bruce Crawford (SNP) (13 May 2011 – 11 September 2012)
John Finnie (Ind) (8 March 2013 – 4 April 2014)
Margo MacDonald (Ind) (22 November 2012 – 8 March 2013)
David McLetchie (Con) (13 May 2011 – 10 November 2011)
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