



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Session 1

### Proposals for Members' Bills - Session 1

Note: Proposals are listed in order of lodging. "Date successful" means the date on which the proposal acquired its 11th supporter.

Proposal and proposer	Proposal	Date lodged	Date successful	No of supporters 1 month from date lodged	Introduced
Debtors (Amendment) Tommy Sheridan	To amend the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 to remove the rights of a creditor (or an officer of court on his behalf) to apply for, and of a sheriff to grant, authority for poindings or warrant sales.	19 August 1999	31 August 1999	26	No  Superseded by proposal lodged on 10 September 1999

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Protection of Wild Mammals Mike Watson	To make it an offence to hunt a wild mammal with a dog or to facilitate hunting in certain ways. The Bill would provide exceptions for certain activities directed at pest control and conservation of species, and would allow the Executive to license such activities. It would also provide exceptions, in certain cases, for the retrieval or rescue of animals. It would enable courts of summary jurisdiction to disqualify, by order, persons convicted of an offence from keeping a dog, and make breach of	1 September 1999	2 September 1999	35	Yes

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	such an order an offence				
Leasehold Casualties Adam Ingram	To provide for the extinction of leasehold casualties, to provide compensation in certain cases, and to make void 'irritancy provisions' in certain leases of land.	7 September 1999	16 September 1999	15	Yes
Public Appointments (Confirmation) Alex Neil	To require or enable, as the case may be, Scottish Ministers to submit nominations for specified public appointments to the Scottish Parliament for confirmation.	9 September 1999	15 September 1999	23	Yes As the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) (Scotland) Bill
Abolition of Poindings and	To abolish poindings and warrant sales	10 September 1999	15 September 1999	24	Yes

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Warrant Sales Tommy Sheridan	both in common law and under the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987.				
Family Homes and Homelessness Robert Brown	To amend the law, including the Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970 and the Housing (Scotland) Acts 1987 and 1988, to help prevent avoidable homelessness by (a) enabling courts to consider personal and financial circumstances and the need to prevent homelessness before granting mortgage and tenancy repossession orders; (b) imposing a requirement on	15 September 1999	30 September 1999	15	Yes As Family Homes and Homelessness (Scotland) Bill

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	<p>housing authorities to provide permanent and suitable, rather than temporary, accommodation to homeless persons in priority need, and providing a right of appeal to the sheriff from homelessness decisions; and (c) imposing a duty on all registered social landlords to co-operate with local authorities in preventing homelessness.</p>				
Mortgage Rights Cathie Craigie	<p>To enable a court to suspend certain rights of a mortgage lender in relation to the property of the borrower where the borrower is in default if such</p>	24 September 1999	30 September 1999	21	Yes

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	suspension would be reasonable in the circumstances of the case; to make provision about the rights of a tenant of such a borrower; and to enable the courts to adjourn proceedings to enforce those rights.				
Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) (Amendment) Tavish Scott	To amend section 7(4) of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 to permit Scottish Ministers to authorise the use by fishermen of non-damaging types of fishing gear such as creels in areas covered by Several Fisheries Orders.	16 December 1999	13 January 2000	11	Yes
Tuition Fees	To ensure that students at higher	22 December 1999	22 December 1999	17	No

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Brian Monteith	education institutions in Scotland normally resident elsewhere in the UK are not required to pay tuition fees for a fourth year of study; and that any student normally resident in Scotland who qualifies or is accepted for any UK higher education course is granted a scholarship equal in value to the tuition fee for that course, payable for at least four years.				
Meat Labelling Alex Johnstone	To require all meat sold in Scotland to carry a label stating the country or countries in which the animal from which it is derived	27 January 2000	28 January 2000	19	No

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	was reared, and to require all meat products sold in Scotland to carry label stating, in addition, the country or countries in which they were processed.				
Organic Food and Farming Targets Robin Harper	To require the Scottish Executive (a) to establish targets for the proportion of land that is certified organic, and for the proportion of food produced and marketed that is similarly certified, by a specified date; and (b) to take steps to ensure those targets are met.	10 February 2000	15 February 2000	38	No
Alzheimer's and	To ensure that the	29 February	10 March 2000	19	No



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Dementia Care Bill Christine Grahame	criteria for meeting the costs of long-term personal care is the same for those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or dementia as it is for those suffering from other debilitating illnesses	2000			
Civil Marriages Euan Robson	To permit civil marriages to be solemnised at locations other than registration offices; and to authorise local authorities to license locations for that purpose and to charge fees to meet related costs and for connected purposes	24 March 2000	7 April 2000	13	No
Bank Arrestment Alex Neil	To provide safeguards for debtors with bank	26 April 2000	8 May 2000	15	No

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	accounts by restricting the extent to which an arrestment attaches to monies in bank accounts; and by providing a new sheriff court procedure, to be known as an arrestment restriction order, whereby a debtor may apply to the sheriff for an order releasing monies from arrestment				
Registration of Scotland's Land Fergus Ewing	To amend the Land Registration (Scotland) Act 1979 to make the registration of title to land compulsory in the circumstances set out in section 2 of that Act; to make the registration of	23 May 2000	9 June 2000	15	No

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	title to land in other circumstances compulsory according to a timescale or timescales to be specified by order; and to require information regarding beneficial ownership of land to be displayed on the title sheet.				
Dog Fouling Keith Harding	To amend the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to extend the offence of dog fouling so it applies to any person in charge of a dog who allows it to deposit excrement in any public place or fails to dispose appropriately of that excrement; and to	14 June 2000	20 June 2000	17	No  Superseded by proposal lodged on 4 January 2001

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	give power to impose a fixed on-the-spot penalty for such an offence to specified persons such as traffic wardens, as well as police constables, without the requirement for a corroborating witness.				
Special Advisers etc Bill Aitken	To limit the number and remit of special advisers appointed by the Scottish Ministers; and to require the Scottish Ministers, when announcing spending plans, to make clear whether provision has already been made for the funds in question to be paid out of the Scottish	28 June 2000	6 July 2000	11	No

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	Consolidated Fund and whether the plans have been announced on a previous occasion.				
Gaelic Language Mike Russell	To establish the principle of equal validity for Gaelic and English in Scotland; to create certain rights and duties in law with regard to the use of Gaelic including a right to Gaelic-medium education; to place a duty on certain specified public bodies to prepare and implement Gaelic policies; to guarantee the right to use Gaelic in courts and tribunals and before other judicial and quasi-	6 July 2000	4 August 2000	19	No  Superseded by proposal lodged on 29 August 2001

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	judicial bodies and the right to use Gaelic names and descriptions; and to ensure the monitoring and enforcement of these rights and duties.				
Planning Permission for Genetically Modified Crops Dr Winnie Ewing	Proposal for a Bill to provide that farming genetically modified crops instead of non-genetically modified crops will be a material change of use under planning legislation thus requiring local authority planning permission	19 September 2000	Not successful	9	No
GM Crop Trials Planning Permission	Proposal for a Bill to amend planning legislation to require the applicant for GM	19 September 2000	Not successful	3	No

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Mr John Munro	crop trials to seek planning consent for that trial.				
Scottish Forests Linda Fabiani	Proposal for a Bill to transfer certain rights, interests and functions of the Forestry Commission and the Scottish Ministers to local authorities, planning authorities or other local bodies in order to establish local management of Scottish forests, particularly in relation to economic, social and environmental development; and to establish a mechanism for co-ordination between local authorities.	20 November 2000	20 November 2000	11	No

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Abolition of NHS Prescription Charges Mr Lloyd Quinan	Proposal for a Bill to abolish all prescription charges on the NHS	19 December 2000	not successful	7	No
Dog Fouling Bill Keith Harding	Proposal for a Bill to amend the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to extend the offence of dog fouling so that it applies to any person in charge of a dog who allows it to deposit excrement in any public place and fails to dispose appropriately of that excrement; and to give power to impose a fixed on-the-spot penalty for such an offence to specified local authority	4 January 2001	4 January 2001	32	Yes  As the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Bill



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	employees, without the requirement for a corroborating witness.				
Residential Fire Sprinklers Bill Michael Matheson Consultation Document (pdf)	Proposal for a Bill to require the phased installation of residential fire sprinkler systems in residential properties; with particular priority being given to those residences occupied by categories of person at greatest risk from domestic fires.	20 March 2001	3 April 2001	13	No
Protection from Sectarianism Bill Donald Gorrie	Proposal for a Bill to make sectarian behaviour an aggravation of a criminal offence and to create a code of conduct on tackling	12 June 2001	13 June 2001	16	No

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	sectarian behaviour.				
School Meals (Scotland) Bill Tommy Sheridan	Proposal for a Bill to provide universally free and nutritious school meals for every child attending a local authority managed secondary, primary or special needs school.	21 June 2001	26 June 2001	12	Yes
Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill Nicola Sturgeon	Proposal for a Bill to control the advertising and promotion of tobacco products.	26 June 2001	26 June 2001	20	Yes
Regulation of Smoking Mr Kenneth Gibson	Proposal for a Bill to regulate smoking in enclosed premises open to the public where food is sold and consumed.	4 July 2001	4 July 2001	31	No

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Secure Status for Gaelic Mike Russell	Proposal for a Bill to establish the principle of equal validity for Gaelic and English in Scotland and to require public bodies and others including local authorities to publish and implement plans to use and encourage the use of Gaelic.	29 August 2001	18 September 2001	17	No Superseded by proposal of 18 June 2002
Litter (Scotland) Bill Bruce Crawford	Proposal for a Bill in relation to littering, covering the land affected, the requirements on and the enforcement powers of local authorities, including in relation to occupiers and owners of land.	4 September 2001	4 September 2001	22	No

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Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill Robin Harper	Proposal for a Bill to require the Scottish Executive (a) to establish targets to increase the proportion of land that is certified organic, by a specified date; and (b) to take steps including the preparation of an action plan to ensure those targets are met.	1 November 2001	1 November 2001	24	Yes As the Organic Farming Targets (Scotland) Bill
University of St Andrews Medical Postgraduate Qualification Bill Iain Smith	Proposal for a Bill to amend the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966 to allow the University of St Andrews to introduce a postgraduate research degree for qualified medical practitioners.	1 November 2001	1 November 2001	16	Yes As the University of St Andrews (Postgraduate Medical Degrees) Bill

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Proportional Representation for Local Government Tricia Marwick	Proposal for a Bill to introduce proportional representation for Local Government elections based on the Single Transferable Vote System.	21 November 2001	29 November 2001	17	Yes As the Proportional Representation (Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Bill
Prostitute Tolerance Zones (Scotland) Bill Margo MacDonald	Proposal for a Bill to enable Local Authorities to designate areas within their boundaries inside which it would be legal to solicit.	26 November 2001	6 December 2001	13	Yes As the Prostitution Tolerance Zones (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Health Boards Requirement to Consult Bill Paul Martin	Proposal for a Bill to require Health Boards to consult in circumstances where any changes of use of health service premises	7 January 2002	9 January 2002	27	No

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	are proposed, whether those changes are on a new or existing site, and with a local right of appeal.				
Child Witness Prevention of Delays John McAllion	Proposal for a Bill requiring that any criminal trial in which a child is to be cited as a witness must commence within a timescale equivalent to the maximum period of time in which an accused person could be detained in custody.	6 February 02	6 February 02	16	No
Home Education in Scotland Brian Monteith	Proposal for a Bill to allow parents to withdraw a child from school by providing written notification to the	8 February 2002	8 February 2002	12	No

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	relevant local authority indicating they will be providing an education for them suitable to their age, ability and aptitude by other means.				
High Hedges (Scotland) Scott Barrie	Proposal for a Bill to provide local authorities with the power to deal with complaints regarding high hedges.	21 May 2002	21 May 2002	41	No
Council of the Law Society of Scotland Bill David McLetchie	Proposal for a Bill to amend the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 to permit the Council of the Law Society of Scotland to delegate its functions; to allow Council committees to appoint sub-	29 May 2002	13 June 2002	16	Yes As the Council of the Law Society of Scotland Bill

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	committees; and to allow non-solicitors to be members of committees and sub-committees.				
Breastfeeding (Scotland) Bill Elaine Smith <a href="#">Consultation Document</a>	Proposal for a Bill to make it an offence to prevent a mother from breastfeeding her baby in any public place, or licensed premises, where children are otherwise permitted and to make provision for criminal penalties.	07 June 2002	14 June 2002	16	No
Home Safety Officers (Scotland) Bill Kenneth Gibson	Proposal for a Bill to ensure local authority provision of dedicated home safety officers.	11 June 2002	20 June 2002	15	No
Gaelic Language	A Bill to establish a basis of equality	18 June 2002	18 June 2002	13	Yes As Gaelic



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Bill Michael W Russell Supercedes proposal of 29 August 2001	between the Gaelic and English languages in Scotland and to require public bodies and others including local authorities to prepare, publish and implement Gaelic Language Plans				Language (Scotland) Bill
Bus Re-regulation (Scotland) Bill Kenny MacAskill	A Bill to ensure the regulated provision of bus services in Scotland	12 July 2002	8 August 2002	11	No
Licensing Scheme for Retailers of Fireworks (Scotland) Bill Shona Robison	A Bill to amend the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to extend the licensing provisions of the Act to include the retailers of fireworks	10 October 2002	10 October 2002	27	No
Third Party	A Bill to provide third	7 November	7 November	21	No

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Planning Rights of Appeal (Scotland) Bill Sandra White	parties with a right of appeal against decisions made in planning applications under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.	2002	2002		
Proposed Direct Elections to National Health Service Boards (Scotland) Bill Bill Butler	Proposal for a Bill to require direct elections, for the public, to the majority of places on National Health Service Boards in Scotland	19 December 2002	19 December 2002	20	No

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