Stages in the passage of a Private Bill

**PRELIMINARY STAGE**
- Committee considers general principles / whether Bill should proceed as Private Bill
- Preliminary consideration of objections (committee)
- Preliminary Stage report
- If Motion agreed to?
  - Debate on passing Bill (Parliament)
  - Bill fails
  - Committee considers objections
- If Motion to pass Bill agreed to?
  - Debate on passing Bill (Parliament)
  - Bill fails
  - Amendments
  - Parliament considers amendments
- Royal Assent
- Act of the Scottish Parliament

**CONSIDERATION STAGE**
- Committee considers objections
- Committee considers amendments
- Amendments
- Motion to pass Bill agreed to?
- Opportunity for statutory challenge to the Bill

**FINAL STAGE**
- Did you know...
  - Each private bill is considered by a committee of 3, 4 or 5 MSPs that has been established specifically for that purpose.
  - Objections to private bills are lodged during a 60-day ‘objection period’, which begins on the day after the introduction of the bill.
  - The shortest private bill passed consisted of 1 page.
  - Around 7% of bills passed by the Scottish Parliament are private bills.