Scottish Parliament Fact sheet
Parliamentary Appointments:
Session 4

11 September 2012
MSPs: Current Series

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

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Presiding Officers
The **Presiding Officer** is elected by other Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and is in charge of ensuring that the business of the Parliament is conducted effectively, on time, fairly, and within the rules and in an orderly manner. The Presiding Officer has no party allegiance whilst in the chair. There are also two **Deputy Presiding Officers** who must also act impartially when they are chairing parliamentary meetings; when they are not chairing parliamentary meetings they can play a full part in parliamentary business.

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

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

**Deputy Presiding Officers**
John Scott (Con) (11 May 2011 – to date)
Elaine Smith (Lab) (11 May 2011 – to date)

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)
Mary Scanlon (Con) (25 May 2011 – to date)
David Stewart (Lab) (25 May 2011 – to date)
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 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)
David McLetchie (Con) (13 May 2011 – 10 November 2011)
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