Parliamentary Bureau – Committee Membership and committee substitutes

Committee membership

1. The Scottish National Party is seeking to make the following changes to committee memberships—

Committee	Membership Change(s)
Education, Children and Young People Committee	Paul McLennan to replace Joe FitzPatrick
Public Audit Committee	Joe FitzPatrick to replace Stuart McMillan

2. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party is seeking to make the following changes to committee memberships—

Committee	Membership Change(s)
Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee	Jamie Halcro Johnston to replace Alexander Stewart
Economy and Fair Work Committee	Stephen Kerr to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston
Social Justice and Social Security Committee.	Alexander Stewart to replace Liz Smith

3. The Bureau has previously discussed the matter of gender balance on committees. These changes would result in the following changes to the gender balance of the relevant committees—

Committee	Total	Before changes				After changes				Change
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
CEEACC	8	7	1	88%	12%	7	1	88%	12%	No change
EFCW	9	7	2	78	22	7	2	78	22	No change
ECYPC	10	8	2	80%	20%	8	2	80%	20%	No change
PAC	5	5	0	100%	0%	5	0	100%	0%	No Change
SJSSC	8	4	4	50%	50%	3	5	37%	63%	-1 female + 1 male

Committee substitutes

4. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party is also seeking to make the following changes to committee Substitutes—

Committee	Substitute Change(s)
Criminal Justice Committee	Brian Whittle to replace Stephen Kerr
Rural Affairs and Islands Committee	Jamie Halcro Johnston to replace Brian Whittle

Decision

5. The Bureau is invited to agree to lodge motions proposing these changes which will be taken at Decision Time on Thursday 26 June, to take effect from that point forward

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