Parliamentary Bureau – Committee Membership and Committee Substitutes

Committee membership

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

Committee	Membership Change(s)
Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee	Davy Russell to replace Foysol Choudhury
Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee	Rhoda Grant to replace Paul O'Kane
Social Justice and Social Security Committee	Michael Marra to replace Paul O'Kane
Social Justice and Social Security Committee	Carol Mochan to replace Mark Griffin

2. The Scottish Green Party is seeking to make the following changes to committee membership—

Committee	Membership Change(s)
Rural Affairs and Islands Committee	Ariane Burgess to replace Mark Ruskell

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	
CPPC	5	5	0	100%	0%	4	1	80%	20%	M-1; F+1
EHRCJC	7	2	5	29%	71%	1	6	14%	86%	M-1; F+1
SJSSC	8	5	3	63%	37%	4	4	50%	50%	M-1; F+1
RAIC	9	4	5	44%	56%	3	6	33%	76%	M-1; F+1

Committee substitutes

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

Committee	Substitute Change(s)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee	Foysol Choudhury to replace Rhoda Grant
Public Audit Committee	Michael Marra to be appointed
Rural Affairs and Islands Committee	Foysol Choudhury to replace Daniel Johnson
Social Justice and Social Security Committee	Mark Griffin to replace Carol Mochan
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments	Rhoda Grant to be appointed

5. The Scottish Green Party is also seeking to make the following changes to committee Substitutes—

Committee	Substitute Change(s)
Rural Affairs and Islands Committee	Mark Ruskell to replace Ariane Burgess

Decision

6. The Bureau is invited to agree to lodge motions proposing these changes which will be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 2 September, to take effect from that point forward.

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