

These documents relate to the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 61) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 2 December 2019

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill

Statements on Legislative Competence

As required under Rule 9.3.1 and 1A of the Parliament's Standing Orders, these statements on legislative competence are published to accompany the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 2 December 2019. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 61–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 61–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 61–PM).
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Presiding Officer's Statement on Legislative Competence

On 2 December 2019, the Presiding Officer (Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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Scottish Government Statement on Legislative Competence

On 2 December 2019, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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