

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REFORM (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 Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 2 June 2025. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 72–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 72–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 72–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 72–DPM).
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PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 30 May 2025, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

MEMBER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 29 May 2025, the Member in Charge of the Bill (Katy Clark MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

This document relates to the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 72) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 2 June 2025

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