

# **POST OFFICE (HORIZON SYSTEM) OFFENCES (SCOTLAND) BILL**

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## **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 Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 14 May 2024. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 47–FM);
  - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 47–EN);
  - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 47–PM);
  - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 47–DPM).
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## **PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

On 14 May 2024, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill, would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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## **SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE**

On 14 May 2024, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

*This document relates to the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 47)  
as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 14 May 2024*

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