Damages (Scotland) Bill

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- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 3–FM);
- Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 3–EN);
- a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 3–PM);
- a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 3–DPM).

Presiding Officer's statement on legislative competence

On 20 November 2026, the Presiding Officer (Kenneth Gibson MSP) made the following statement:

> "In my view, the provisions of the Damages (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament."

Scottish Government statement on legislative competence

On 26 November 2026, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Neil Gray MSP) made the following statement:

> "In my view, the provisions of the Damages (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament."

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