

# Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)

11 June 2026 (Session 7)

## SPCB decisions taken by correspondence during the pre-election period and dissolution

### Executive summary

1. SPCB Members remain as members of the SPCB with the same responsibilities until a new SPCB is appointed by the next Parliament following the Scottish parliamentary election.
2. During the pre-election period and dissolution (referred to as the “campaign” period), which covered the period 26 March to 7 May 2026, the Session 6 SPCB continued to fulfil its responsibilities and dealt with several items by correspondence.
3. This paper provides a summary of decisions taken by the Session 6 SPCB during the campaign period to the incoming SPCB for its information and awareness.

### Decisions taken by correspondence

4. The following items were dealt with by correspondence by the Session 6 SPCB between 26 March and 8 April 2026.
  - **SPCB (2026) Paper 32 – Officeholders – Ethical Standards Commissioner (Annexe A):** The SPCB approved a request from the Ethical Standards Commissioner, as set out in the paper.
  - **SPCB (2026) Paper 33 – Officeholders – Scottish Information Commissioner (Annexe B):** The SPCB agreed to take no further action.
  - **SPCB (2026) Paper 34 – Officeholders – Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Principles and Charter (Annexe C):** The SPCB noted the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland’s Principles and Charter.
  - **SPCB (2026) Paper 35 – Reimbursement of Members Expenses’ Scheme – Late claims appeal (Annexe D):** The SPCB considered and agreed not to reimburse multiple late claims from a Member through the Members’ Expenses Scheme.
  - **SPCB (2026) Paper 36 – Use of Parliamentary Resources – Members parliamentary funded communications policy (Annexe E):** The SPCB agreed that the Member be reminded of the rules on the use of parliamentary resources during an election campaign period and asked to repay the costs of an advert that was issued after the start of the campaign period.

## Reference: SPCB (2026) - Paper 38

- **SPCB (2026) Paper 37 – Officeholders – Scottish Public Services Ombudsman contingency request (Annexe F):** The SPCB considered a contingency request from the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and agreed to the recommended option, as set out in the paper. The Session 7 SPCB will give further consideration to the contingency request as part of the 2027-28 budget process.

## Governance

5. SPCB Members are required to fulfil their statutory responsibilities until a new SPCB is appointed by the next Parliament following the Scottish parliamentary election.

## Resource implications

6. The majority of decisions taken by the SPCB during the campaign period have no resource implications. SPCB Members may wish to note the following:
  - Paper 36: The resource implications only relate to the cost of the advert, which will be refunded to the Members' Expense Scheme.
  - Paper 37: There were sufficient funds to meet the contingency request agreed. The Session 7 SPCB will give further consideration to the contingency request as part of the 2027-28 budget process.

## Publication Scheme

7. The paper can be published in line with the SPCB publication policy.

## Next steps

8. This paper is for information only. There are no further steps required by the SPCB or parliamentary officials.

## Conclusion

9. The SPCB is invited to note the decisions taken by correspondence by the previous SPCB during the campaign period, in line with its statutory duties.

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