

SPICe Fact Sheet

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Scottish Parliament committees: cumulative list of committees, remits and membership, Session 6

This Fact Sheet provides a list of committees in the Scottish Parliament from the beginning of Session 6. It is arranged alphabetically by the name of the committee and includes the committee type, remit, convenership and membership.

It also lists the membership of the Conveners' Group. The Conveners' Group provides an informal forum where committee Conveners can meet to discuss matters of mutual interest and to facilitate liaison between the committees, the Parliamentary Bureau and the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

Committees play a central part in the work of the Parliament – taking evidence from witnesses, scrutinising legislation and conducting inquiries. Most committees meet weekly or fortnightly, usually on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings. Each committee has a Convener and a Deputy Convener. Conveners convene and chair meetings but are not required to be impartial. Deputy Conveners can also chair meetings and cover for the Convener.

Under Rule 6.3A of the Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, a political party represented by five or more Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) may nominate a member of that party to be a substitute (referred to as a "committee substitute") for the members of that party on a particular committee. These committee substitutes must be approved by the Parliament on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau.

You can find out more about the work of committees at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/committees.aspx>

| Committee type | Abbreviation |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Mandatory committee | M |
| Subject committee | S |

| Party | Abbreviation |
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| Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party | Con |
| Scottish Green Party | Green |
| Scottish Labour | Lab |
| Scottish Liberal Democrats | LD |
| Scottish National Party | SNP |

Conveners' Group

Remit: The Group handles a range of matters, for example:

- (a) approval of travel by committees or committee members
- (b) approval of meetings of committees outside Edinburgh
- (c) consideration of the biannual programme of committee meetings
- (d) endorsement of funding for civic participation events and external research
- (e) making recommendations to the Bureau on committee business to be scheduled in the Chamber.

Convener: Liam McArthur (LD) (29 September 2021 – to date)
Alison Johnstone (NPA) (13 May 2021 – 29 September 2021)

Members:

Clare Adamson (SNP) (23 June 2021 – to date)
 Claire Baker (Lab) (23 June 2021 – to date)
 Siobhian Brown (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 30 March 2023)
 Ariane Burgess (Green) (22 June 2021 – to date)
 Jackson Carlaw (Con) (23 June 2021 – to date)
 Finlay Carson (Con) (22 June 2021 – to date)
 Natalie Don (SNP) (10 November 2022 – 11 April 2023)
 Jim Fairlie (SNP) (20 April 2023 – to date)
 Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
 Kenneth Gibson (SNP) (22 June 2021 – 15 May 2023)
 Neil Gray (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 25 January 2022)
 Clare Haughey (SNP) (25 April 2023 – to date)
 Stephen Kerr (Con) (23 June 2021 – 25 May 2022)
 Richard Leonard (Lab) (23 June 2021 – to date)
 Dean Lockhart (Con) (22 June 2021 – 5 September 2022)
 Gillian Martin (SNP) (22 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
 John Mason (SNP) (23 May 2023 – to date)
 Stuart McMillan (SNP) (22 June 2021 – to date)
 Edward Mountain (Con) (20 September 2022 – to date)

Audrey Nicoll (SNP) (22 June 2021 – to date)
Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Collette Stevenson (SNP) (27 April 2023 – to date)
Sue Webber (Con) (1 June 2022 – to date)
Martin Whitfield (Lab) (22 June 2021 – to date)
Elena Whitham (SNP) (27 January 2022 – 3 November 2022)

List of committees

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee (M)

Remit: To consider public petitions addressed to the Parliament in accordance with these Rules (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A) and, in particular, to—

- (a) decide in a case of dispute whether a petition is admissible;
- (b) decide what action should be taken upon an admissible public petition;
- (c) keep under review the operation of the petitions system; and
- (d) to consider and report on public policy or undertake post-legislative scrutiny through the use of deliberative democracy, Citizen’s Assemblies or other forms of participative engagement.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Jackson Carlaw (Con) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: David Torrance (SNP) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Jackson Carlaw (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Foyso Choudhury (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Fergus Ewing (SNP) (31 March 2022 – to date)
Bill Kidd (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 11 January 2022)
Ruth Maguire (SNP) (18 January 2022 – 31 March 2022)
Carol Mochan (Lab) (19 January 2023 – 25 April 2023)
Alexander Stewart (Con) (23 September 2021 – to date)
Paul Sweeney (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 19 January 2023)
David Torrance (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Tess White (Con) (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021)

Substitute members:

Sharon Dowe (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Marie McNair (SNP) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Carol Mochan (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 19 January 2023)
Rhoda Grant (Lab) (19 January 2023 – 31 January 2023)
Paul Sweeney (Lab) (31 January 2023 – to date)

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee (M)

Remit: To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) the Scottish Government’s EU and external affairs policy;
- (b) policy in relation to the UK’s exit from the EU;
- (c) the international activities of the Scottish Administration, including international development; and
- (d) any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and any matter relating to inter-governmental relations within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Clare Adamson (SNP) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Donald Cameron (Con) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Clare Adamson (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Alasdair Allan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Neil Bibby (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Sarah Boyack (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Donald Cameron (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Maurice Golden (Con) (23 September 2021 – to date)
Patrick Harvie (Green) (17 June 2021 – 30 August 2021)
Ben Macpherson (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Jenni Minto (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2023)
Mark Ruskell (Green) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Sue Webber (Con) (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021)

Substitute members:

Claire Baker (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Foysoyl Choudhury (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Graeme Dey (SNP) (31 March 2022 – 31 March 2023)
Fergus Ewing (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)
Audrey Nicoll (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Graham Simpson (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)

COVID-19 Recovery Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to COVID-19 falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery and other Scottish Ministers where relevant, including—

- (a) Cross government coordination of COVID-19 recovery policies and strategic review;
- (b) the operation of powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19;
- (c) any secondary legislation arising from the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act; and

(d) and any other legislation or policy in relation to the response to COVID-19.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Siobhian Brown (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 30 March 2023)
Jim Fairlie (SNP) (20 April 2023 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Murdo Fraser (Con) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Siobhian Brown (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2023)
Jim Fairlie (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Murdo Fraser (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
John Mason (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Stuart McMillan (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Alex Rowley (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Brian Whittle (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)

Substitute members:

Jackie Baillie (Lab) (22 September 2021 – to date)
James Dornan (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)
Sandesh Gulhane (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Stuart McMillan (SNP) (31 March 2022 – 18 April 2023)
Ash Regan (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)

Criminal Justice Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Audrey Nicoll (SNP) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Russell Findlay (Con) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Katy Clark (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Russell Findlay (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Jamie Greene (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Fulton MacGregor (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Rona Mackay (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Pauline McNeill (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Audrey Nicoll (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Collette Stevenson (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)

Substitute members:

Neil Bibby (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Donald Cameron (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Jackie Dunbar (SNP) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Daniel Johnson (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (M)

Remit: To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) any—
 - (i) subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament or requiring the consent of the Parliament under section 9 of the Public Bodies Act 2011;
 - (ii) [deleted]
 - (iii) pension or grants motion as described in Rule 8.11A.1; and, in particular, to determine whether the attention of the Parliament should be drawn to any of the matters mentioned in Rule 10.3.1;
- (b) proposed powers to make subordinate legislation in particular Bills or other proposed legislation;
- (c) general questions relating to powers to make subordinate legislation;
- (d) whether any proposed delegated powers in particular Bills or other legislation should be expressed as a power to make subordinate legislation;
- (e) any failure to lay an instrument in accordance with section 28(2), 30(2) or 31 of the 2010 Act;
- (f) proposed changes to the procedure to which subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament is subject;
- (g) any Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A.1;
- (h) any draft proposal for a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in that Rule; and
- (i) any Consolidation Bill as defined in Rule 9.18.1 referred to it in accordance with Rule 9.18.3.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Stuart McMillan (SNP) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Bill Kidd (SNP) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Jeremy Balfour (Con) (25 May 2022 – to date)
Craig Hoy (Con) (17 June 2021 – 25 May 2022)
Bill Kidd (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Stuart McMillan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Carol Mochan (Lab) (19 January 2023 – 25 April 2023)
Oliver Mundell (Con) (22 September 2022 – to date)
Graham Simpson (Con) (17 June 2021 – 22 September 2022)
Paul Sweeney (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 19 January 2023)
Mercedes Villalba (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)

Substitute members:

Maurice Golden (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Rhoda Grant (Lab) (22 September 2021 – to date)
Rona Mackay (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Jenni Minto (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2023)

Economy and Fair Work Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the economy falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

Convener: Claire Baker (Lab) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Colin Beattie (SNP) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Claire Baker (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Colin Beattie (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Alexander Burnett (Con) (17 June 2021 – 22 September 2022)
Maggie Chapman (Green) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Fiona Hyslop (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Gordon Macdonald (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Graham Simpson (Con) (22 September 2022 – to date)
Lorna Slater (Green) (17 June 2021 – 8 September 2021)
Colin Smyth (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Michelle Thomson (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)

Substitute members:

Daniel Johnson (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
John Mason (SNP) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Liz Smith (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Paul Sweeney (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)

Education, Children and Young People Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Stephen Kerr (Con) (23 June 2021 – 25 May 2022)
Sue Webber (Con) (1 June 2022 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 18 April 2023)

Members:

Stephanie Callaghan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Graeme Dey (SNP) (31 March 2022 – 31 March 2023)
Bob Doris (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
James Dornan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)
Fergus Ewing (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Ross Greer (Green) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Stephen Kerr (Con) (17 June 2021 – 25 May 2022) (22 September 2022 – to date)
Bill Kidd (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Ben Macpherson (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Ruth Maguire (SNP) (31 March 2022 – to date)
Michael Marra (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Oliver Mundell (Con) (17 June 2021 – 22 September 2022)
Willie Rennie (LD) (31 August 2021 – to date)
Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 18 April 2023)
Sue Webber (Con) (25 May 2022 – to date)
Beatrice Wishart (LD) (17 June 2021 – 31 August 2021)

Substitute members:

Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD) (6 October 2021 – to date)
Natalie Don (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 11 April 2023)
Meghan Gallacher (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Ivan McKee (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Martin Whitfield (Lab) (22 September 2021 – to date)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee (M)

Remit: To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) matters relating to equal opportunities, and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament;
- (b) matters relating to human rights; and
- (c) matters relating to civil justice within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (25 April 2023 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Maggie Chapman (Green) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Karen Adam (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)

Maggie Chapman (Green) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
Pam Gosal (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Rachael Hamilton (Con) (25 May 2022 – to date)
Fulton MacGregor (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Paul O’Kane (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Alexander Stewart (Con) (17 June 2021 – 25 May 2022)
Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)

Substitute members:

Jeremy Balfour (Con) (8 September 2021 – 25 May 2022)
Sarah Boyack (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Craig Hoy (Con) (25 May 2022 – to date)
Ben Macpherson (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Paul O’Kane (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 18 April 2023)

Finance and Public Administration Committee (M)

Remit: To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) any report or other document containing proposals for, or budgets of, public revenue or expenditure or proposals for the making of a Scottish rate resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them;
- (b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public revenue or expenditure;
- (c) Budget Bills;
- (d) any other matter relating to or affecting the revenue or expenditure of the Scottish Administration or other monies payable into or expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund; and
- (e) matters relating to public service reform and the National Performance Framework within the responsibilities of the Deputy First Minister and public administration.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: John Mason (SNP) (23 May 2023 – to date)
Kenneth Gibson (SNP) (22 June 2021 – 15 May 2023)

Deputy Convener: Daniel Johnson (Lab) (22 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Michael Marra (Lab) (2 May 2023 – to date)

Members:

Keith Brown (SNP) (17 May 2023 – to date)

Kenneth Gibson (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 15 May 2023)
Ross Greer (Green) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Patrick Harvie (Green) (17 June 2021 – 30 August 2021)
Daniel Johnson (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Douglas Lumsden (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Michael Marra (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
John Mason (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Liz Smith (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Michelle Thomson (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)

Substitute members:

Alasdair Allan (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)
Keith Brown (SNP) (3 May 2023 – 17 May 2023)
Fergus Ewing (SNP) (31 March 2022 – 27 April 2023)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con) (22 September 2021 – to date)
Daniel Johnson (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Colin Smyth (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Tess White (Con) (8 September 2021 – 22 September 2021)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs policy. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Gillian Martin (SNP) (22 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
Clare Haughey (SNP) (25 April 2023 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Paul O'Kane (Lab) (22 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Paul Sweeney (Lab) (2 May 2023 – to date)

Members:

Stephanie Callaghan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Sandesh Gulhane (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Emma Harper (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Clare Haughey (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Gillian Mackay (Green) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Gillian Martin (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
Carol Mochan (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 19 January 2023) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Paul O'Kane (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Paul Sweeney (Lab) (19 January 2023 – to date)
David Torrance (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Evelyn Tweed (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Sue Webber (Con) (23 September 2021 – 25 May 2022)
Annie Wells (Con) (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021)
Tess White (Con) (25 May 2022 – to date)

Substitute members:

Jackie Baillie (Lab) (22 September 2021 – to date)
James Dornan (SNP) (21 September 2022 – to date)
Russell Findlay (Con) (22 September 2021 – 8 September 2022)
Marie McNair (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 21 September 2022)
Sue Webber (Con) (8 September 2021 – 22 September 2021) (8 September 2022 – to date)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government, housing and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Ariane Burgess (Green) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Willie Coffey (SNP) (1 February 2022 – to date)
Elena Whitham (SNP) (22 June 2021 – 24 January 2022)

Members:

Miles Briggs (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Ariane Burgess (Green) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Willie Coffey (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Graeme Dey (SNP) (25 January 2022 – 31 March 2023)
Meghan Gallacher (Con) (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)
Mark Griffin (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Ivan McKee (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Paul McLennan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
Marie McNair (SNP) (31 March 2022 – to date)
Annie Wells (Con) (31 March 2022 – to date)
Elena Whitham (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 24 January 2022)

Substitute members:

Sarah Boyack (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Murdo Fraser (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Ruth Maguire (SNP) (31 March 2022 – to date)
Emma Roddick (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)
Alex Rowley (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, with the exception of matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare.
(As agreed by Parliament on 31 January 2023, motion S6M-07746)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Dean Lockhart (Con) (22 June 2021 – 5 September 2022)
Edward Mountain (Con) (20 September 2022 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Fiona Hyslop (SNP) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Natalie Don (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 4 November 2022)
Jackie Dunbar (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Fiona Hyslop (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Liam Kerr (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Monica Lennon (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Dean Lockhart (Con) (17 June 2021 – 5 September 2022)
Edward Mountain (Con) (8 September 2022 – to date)
Ash Regan (SNP) (9 November 2022 – to date)
Mark Ruskell (Green) (17 June 2021 – to date)

Substitute members:

Sarah Boyack (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Bob Doris (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Collette Stevenson (SNP) (31 August 2021 – 18 April 2023)
Mercedes Villalba (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Brian Whittle (Con) (8 September 2021 – to date)

Public Audit Committee (M)

Remit: To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) any accounts laid before the Parliament;
- (b) any report laid before or made to the Parliament by the Auditor General for Scotland; and
- (c) any other document laid before the Parliament, or referred to it by the Parliamentary Bureau or by the Auditor General for Scotland, concerning financial control, accounting and auditing in relation to public expenditure.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Richard Leonard (Lab) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Sharon Dowey (Con) (23 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Colin Beattie (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Willie Coffey (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Sharon Dowey (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Craig Hoy (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Richard Leonard (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)

Substitute members:

Alexander Burnett (Con) (8 September 2021 – 22 September 2022)
Katy Clark (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Bill Kidd (SNP) (8 September 2021 – to date)
Roz McCall (22 September 2022 – to date)
Colin Smyth (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee (S)

Name changed from Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee to Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 1 February 2023.

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: 22 June 2021 – 1 February 2023

Convener: Finlay Carson (Con) (22 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)

Deputy Convener: Beatrice Wishart (LD) (1 September 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Liam McArthur (LD) (22 June 2021 – 26 August 2021)

Members:

Karen Adam (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Alasdair Allan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Ariane Burgess (Green) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Finlay Carson (Con) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Jim Fairlie (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Rachael Hamilton (Con) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Liam McArthur (LD) (17 June 2021 – 26 August 2021)
Jenni Minto (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Mercedes Villalba (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Beatrice Wishart (LD) (31 August 2021 – 1 February 2023)

Substitute members:

Emma Harper (SNP) (8 September 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Liam McArthur (LD) (6 October 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Edward Mountain (Con) (8 September 2021 – 1 February 2023)
Colin Smyth (Lab) (29 September 2021 – 1 February 2023)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands; and on matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

(As agreed by Parliament on 1 February 2023 – motion S6M-07746)

Duration: 1 February 2023 – to date

Convener: Finlay Carson (Con) (1 February 2023 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Beatrice Wishart (LD) (1 February 2023 – to date)

Members:

Karen Adam (SNP) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Alasdair Allan (SNP) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Ariane Burgess (Green) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Finlay Carson (Con) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Jim Fairlie (SNP) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Christine Grahame (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Rhoda Grant (Lab) (25 April 2023- to date)
Rachael Hamilton (Con) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Jenni Minto (SNP) (1 February 2023 – 31 March 2023)
Mercedes Villalba (Lab) (1 February 2023 – 25 April 2023)
Beatrice Wishart (LD) (1 February 2023 – to date)

Substitute members:

Emma Harper (SNP) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Liam McArthur (LD) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Edward Mountain (Con) (1 February 2023 – to date)
Colin Smyth (Lab) (1 February 2023 – 25 April 2023)
Mercedes Villalba (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, excluding matters relating to local government, housing and planning.

(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Collette Stevenson (SNP) (27 April 2023 – to date)
Natalie Don (SNP) (10 November 2022 – 11 April 2023)
Elena Whitham (SNP) (27 January 2022 – 3 November 2022)
Neil Gray (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 25 January 2022)

Deputy Convener: Gordon MacDonald (SNP) (27 April 2023 – to date)
Emma Roddick (SNP) (10 November 2022 – 31 March 2023)

Natalie Don (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 10 November 2022)

Members:

Jeremy Balfour (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Miles Briggs (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
Foyso Choudhury (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Katy Clark (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Natalie Don (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 11 April 2023)
James Dornan (SNP) (9 November 2022 – to date)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (Lab) (17 June 2021 – 25 April 2023)
Neil Gray (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 25 January 2022)
Gordon MacDonald (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Paul McLennan (SNP) (31 March 2022 – 11 April 2023)
Marie McNair (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Paul O’Kane (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)
Emma Roddick (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2023)
Collette Stevenson (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Elena Whitham (SNP) (25 January 2022 – 27 January 2022)

Substitute members:

Stephanie Callaghan (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
Mark Griffin (Lab) (22 September 2021 – to date)
Rachael Hamilton (Con) (8 September 2021 – 25 May 2022)
Evelyn Tweed (SNP) (31 August 2021 – 18 April 2023)
Tess White (Con) (25 May 2022 – to date)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (M)

Remit: To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business;
- (b) whether a member’s conduct is in accordance with these Rules and any Code of Conduct for members, matters relating to members interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their Parliamentary duties;
- (c) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members;
- (d) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland;
- (e) matters relating to the regulation of lobbying; and
- (f) matters relating to local government elections, Scottish general elections, implementation of the Referendums (Scotland Act) 2020 and Freedom of Information and open government falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Convener: Martin Whitfield (Lab) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Deputy Convener: Bob Doris (SNP) (22 June 2021 – to date)

Members:

Bob Doris (SNP) (17 June 2021 – to date)
 Emma Harper (SNP) (18 April 2023 – to date)
 Paul McLennan (SNP) (17 June 2021 – 25 November 2021)
 Edward Mountain (Con) (17 June 2021 – to date)
 Collette Stevenson (SNP) (25 January 2022 – 18 April 2023)
 Alexander Stewart (Con) (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021) (25 May 2022 – to date)
 Tess White (Con) (23 September 2021 – 25 May 2022)
 Martin Whitfield (Lab) (17 June 2021 – to date)
 Elena Whitham (SNP) (1 December 2021 – 24 January 2022)

Substitute members:

Maurice Golden (Con) (8 September 2021 – 22 September 2021)
 Rhoda Grant (Lab) (22 September 2021 – 25 April 2023)
 Rona Mackay (SNP) (8 September 2021 – to date)
 Sue Webber (Con) (22 September 2021 – 22 June 2022)
 Stephen Kerr (Con) (22 June 2022 – to date)
 Colin Smyth (Lab) (25 April 2023 – to date)

Cumulative number of Scottish Parliament committees: Session 6

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| Mandatory | 7 |
| Subject | 9 |
| Total | 16 |

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