

# SPICe Fact Sheet

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### **Scottish Parliament committees: current committees, remits and membership**

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This Fact Sheet lists the remit and membership of all current committees in the Scottish Parliament. 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.

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Committee type	Abbreviation
Mandatory committee	M
Subject committee	S

Party	Abbreviation
Reform UK	Reform
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	Con
Scottish Green Party	Green
Scottish Labour	Lab
Scottish Liberal Democrats	LD
Scottish National Party	SNP
No Party Affiliation	NPA

## 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.

Under Rule 6A.3.1 of the [Standing Orders](#) the Presiding Officer convenes and chairs meetings of the Conveners Group. The Presiding Officer can delegate their functions to convene and chair the Conveners Group to a Deputy Presiding Officer under Rule 3.1.5.

**Remit:** The functions of the Conveners Group shall be—

- (a) to consider and make recommendations in connection with the operation of committees;
- (b) to report to and be consulted by the Parliamentary Bureau on questions regarding competence under Rule 6.13;
- (c) to report to and be consulted by the Parliamentary Bureau on any decision on joint consideration by committees under Rule 6.14;
- (d) to decide with the Parliamentary Bureau on the approval of the place in Scotland of a committee meeting in accordance with Rule 12.3.2;
- (e) to decide with the Parliamentary Bureau on the approval of travel by a committee member outwith the United Kingdom in accordance with Rule 12.10; and
- (f) to refer matters to the Parliamentary Bureau, a committee or the Parliamentary corporation where it considers it appropriate to do so.

**Convener:** Kenneth Gibson (NPA)

### Members:

Karen Adam (SNP)  
Neil Bibby (Lab)  
Bob Doris (SNP)  
Katie Hagmann (SNP)  
Patrick Harvie (Green)  
Claire Haughey (SNP)  
Craig Hoy (Con)  
Calum Kerr (SNP)

Duncan Massey (Reform)  
Helen McDade (Reform)  
Stuart McMillan (SNP)  
Jenny Minto (SNP)  
Willie Rennie (LD)  
Mark Ruskell (Green)  
Alyn Smith (SNP)  
Paul Sweeney (Lab)

## List of Committees

### Climate Action Committee (S)

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, with the exception of rural affairs.

**Convenor:** Stuart McMillan (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Green)

#### Members:

Ariane Burgess (Green)  
David Barrett (SNP)  
Martyn Day (SNP)  
Claire Baker (Lab)  
Sanna Dijkstra-Downie (Reform)

#### Substitute members:

### 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 functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

**Convenor:** Alyn Smith (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** David Linden (SNP)

#### Members:

Marie McNair (SNP)  
Maggie Chapman (Green)  
Pauline McNeill (Lab)  
Amanda Bland (Reform)  
Stephen Kerr (Con)

#### Substitute members:

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (M)

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following —

- (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.

**Convenor:** Calum Kerr (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** Q Manivannan (Green)

### Members:

Colm Merrick (SNP)  
Amanda Lindsay (Reform)  
Paul Sweeney (Lab)

### Substitute members:

## Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee (S)

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport, with the exception of transport, on matters relating to public infrastructure, civil contingencies and resilience, and on matters relating to energy and energy consents.

**Convener:** Duncan Massey (Reform)

**Deputy Convener:** Daniel Johnson (Lab)

### Members:

Kate Campbell (SNP)  
Gary Bouse (SNP)  
Martyn Day (SNP)

Kristopher Leask (Green)  
Rachael Hamilton (Con)

**Substitute members:**

## **Education and Gaelic Committee (S)**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic, with the exception of culture, and on matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry, redress and languages.

**Convenor:** Karen Adam (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** Katherine Sangster (Lab)

**Members:**

George Adam (SNP)  
Patricia Gibson (SNP)  
Duncan Dunlop (LD)  
Angela Ross (Reform)  
Laura Moodie (Green)

**Substitute members:**

## **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee (M)**

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following —

(a) matters relating to equal opportunities, and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament; and

(b) matters relating to human rights.

(c) matters relating to civil justice within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.

**Convenor:** Katie Hagmann (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** (Con)

**Members:**

Meghan Gallacher (Con)  
Collette Stevenson (SNP)  
Fulton MacGregor (SNP)  
Holly Bruce (Green)  
Amanda Lindsay (Reform)  
Carol Mochan (Lab)

**Substitute members:**

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

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following —

- (a) proposals for European Union legislation;
- (b) the implementation of European Communities and European Union legislation;
- (c) any European Communities or European Union issue;
- (d) the development and implementation of the Scottish Administration's links with countries and territories outside Scotland, the European Union (and its institutions) and other international organisations; and
- (e) co-ordination of the international activities of the Scottish Administration.

**Convenor:** Patrick Harvie (Green)

**Deputy Convener:** Senga Beresford (Reform)

**Members:**

Senga Beresford (Reform)  
Colin Beattie (SNP)  
Keith Brown (SNP)  
Pauline Stafford (SNP)  
Jenny Young (Lab)  
David Green (LD)

**Substitute members:**

## Finance and Public Administration Committee (M)

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following —

- (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; and
- (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.
- (e) any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Scottish Administration relating to the National Performance Framework, public inquiries, and public administration; and proposals for the formation and budgets of officeholders established by the Parliament.

**Convenor:** Claire Haughey (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** Alan Brown (SNP)

**Members:**

Pauline Stafford (SNP)  
Michael Marra (Lab)  
Kim Schmulian (Reform)  
Liam Kerr (Con)  
Liam McArthur (LD)

**Substitute members:**

## Health, Care and Sport Committee (S)

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, and on matters relating to sport.

**Convenor:** Helen McDade (Reform)

**Deputy Convener:** Jack Middleton (SNP)

**Members:**

Paul McLennan (SNP)  
Heather Anderson (SNP)  
Joe Long (Lab)  
Adam Harley (LD)  
Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill (Green)

**Substitute members:**

## Public Audit Committee (M)

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following —

- (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.
- (d) matters relating to the performance of officeholders established by the Parliament.

**Convenor:** Neil Bibby (Lab)

**Deputy Convener:** (SNP)

**Members:**

Dawn Black (SNP)  
Alan Brown (SNP)  
Miles Briggs (Con)  
David Kirkwood (Reform)

**Substitute members:**

## **Public Petitions Committee (M)**

**Remit:** To consider public petitions addressed to the Parliament in accordance with these Rules 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; and
- (c) keep under review the operation of the petitions system.

**Convenor:** Paul Sweeney (Lab)

**Deputy Convenor:** (SNP)

**Members:**

David Torrance (SNP)  
Marie McNair (SNP)  
Julie MacDougall (Reform)  
Cara McKee (Green)

**Substitute members:**

## **Public Service Reform Committee (S)**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform.

**Convenor:** Bob Doris (SNP)

**Deputy Convenor:** Michelle Campbell (SNP)

**Members:**

Alex Kerr (SNP)  
Max Bannerman (Reform)  
Lorna Slater (Green)  
Joe Fagan (Lab)  
Murdo Fraser (Con)

**Substitute members:**

## **Rural Affairs Committee (S)**

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, with the exception of climate action.

**Convenor:** Mark Ruskell (Green)

**Deputy Convenor:** Andrew Baxter (LD)

### **Members:**

Laura Mitchell (SNP)  
Emma Roddick (SNP)  
Dawn Black (SNP)  
Jamie Langan (Reform)  
Finlay Carson (Con)

### **Substitute members:**

## **Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee (S)**

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

**Convenor:** Craig Hoy (Con)

**Deputy Convener:** Thomas Kerr (Reform)

### **Members:**

Steven Bonnar (SNP)  
Kate Campbell (SNP)  
Gary Bouse (SNP)  
Mark Griffin (Lab)  
Morven-May MacCallum (LD)

### **Substitute members:**

## **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (M)**

**Remit:** to consider and report on the following —

- (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; and
- (e) matters relating to the regulation of lobbying.
- (f) matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans.

**Convenor:** Jenny Minto (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** (Con)

### **Members:**

Tim Eagle (Con)  
David Linden (SNP)  
Mark Simpson (Reform)  
Jackie Baillie (Lab)

**Substitute members:**

## Transport Committee (S)

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to transport within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport.

**Convenor:** Willie Rennie (LD)

**Deputy Convenor:** Lloyd Melville (SNP)

**Members:**

Zen Ghani (SNP)  
Collette Stevenson (SNP)  
Iris Duane (Green)  
Donald MacKinnon (Lab)  
Graham Simpson (Reform)

**Substitute members:**

## Current number of Scottish Parliament committees

Committee type	Number
Mandatory	7
Subject	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

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