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Scottish Parliament committees: current committees, remits and membership

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
Alba Party	Alba
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	Con
Scottish Green Party	Green
Scottish Labour	Lab
Scottish Liberal Democrats	LD
Scottish National Party	SNP
Independent	Ind

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 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)

Members:

Karen Adam (SNP)
 Clare Adamson (SNP)
 Ariane Burgess (Green)
 Jackson Carlaw (Con)
 Finlay Carson (Con)
 Kenneth Gibson (SNP)
 Clare Haughey (SNP)
 Richard Leonard (Lab)
 Ben Macpherson (SNP)
 Stuart McMillan (SNP)
 Edward Mountain (Con)
 Audrey Nicoll (SNP)

Douglas Ross (Con)
Colin Smyth (Lab)
Collette Stevenson (SNP)
Martin Whitfield (Lab)

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.

Convener: Jackson Carlaw (Con)

Deputy Convener: David Torrance (SNP)

Members:

Foysol Choudhury (Lab)
Fergus Ewing (Ind)
Maurice Golden (Con)

Substitute members:

Marie McNair (SNP)
Oliver Mundell (Con)
Paul Sweeney (Lab)

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 intergovernmental relations within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Convener: Clare Adamson (SNP)

Deputy Convener: vacant

Members:

George Adam (SNP)
Neil Bibby (Lab)
Keith Brown (SNP)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con)
Patrick Harvie (Green)
Stephen Kerr (Con)

Substitute members:

Foyso Choudhury (Lab)
Jackie Dunbar (SNP)
Meghan Gallacher (Con)
Gillian Mackay (Green)

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

Convener: Audrey Nicoll (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Liam Kerr (Con)

Members:

Katy Clark (Lab)
Sharon Dowey (Con)
Fulton MacGregor (SNP)
Ben Macpherson (SNP)
Rona Mackay (SNP)
Pauline McNeill (Lab)

Substitute members:

Neil Bibby (Lab)
Michael Matheson (SNP)
Brian Whittle (Con)

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.

Convener: Stuart McMillan (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Bill Kidd (SNP)

Members:

Jeremy Balfour (Con)

Katy Clark (Lab)

Roz McCall (Con)

Substitute members:

Rhoda Grant (Lab)

Rona Mackay (SNP)

Oliver Mundell (Con)

Economy and Fair Work Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, with the exception of Gaelic; and on matters relating to just transition.

Convener: Colin Smyth (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Michelle Thomson (SNP)

Members:

Willie Coffey (SNP)

Murdo Fraser (Con)

Daniel Johnson (Lab)

Stephen Kerr (Con)

Gordon Macdonald (SNP)

Lorna Slater (Green)

Kevin Stewart (SNP)

Substitute members:

Claire Baker (Lab)
Maggie Chapman (Green)
Bob Doris (SNP)
Pam Gosal (Con)

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, redress and languages falling within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Convener: Douglas Ross (Con)

Deputy Convener: Jackie Dunbar (SNP)

Members:

George Adam (SNP)
Miles Briggs (Con)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (Lab)
Ross Greer (Green)
Bill Kidd (SNP)
John Mason (Ind)
Paul McLennan (SNP)
Willie Rennie (LD)

Substitute members:

Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD)
Clare Haughey (SNP)
Roz McCall (Con)
Mark Ruskell (Green)
Martin Whitfield (Lab)

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; and
- b. matters relating to human rights.
- c. matters relating to civil justice within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs.

2. In these Rules

(a) “equal opportunities” includes the prevention, elimination or regulation of discrimination between persons on grounds of sex or marital status, on racial

grounds or on grounds of disability, age, sexual orientation, language or social origin or of other personal attributes, including beliefs or opinions such as religious beliefs or political opinions; and

(b) “human rights” includes Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other human rights as for example contained in any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom.

Convener: Karen Adam (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Maggie Chapman (Green)

Members:

Pam Gosal (Con)

Paul McLennan (SNP)

Marie McNair (SNP)

Paul O’Kane (Lab)

Tess White (Con)

Substitute members:

Clare Adamson (SNP)

Sarah Boyack (Lab)

Rachael Hamilton (Con)

Lorna Slater (Green)

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; 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) matters relating to the National Performance Framework within the responsibilities of the Deputy First Minister, public service reform within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, and public administration.

Convener: Kenneth Gibson (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Michael Marra (Lab)

Members:

Ross Greer (Green)
Craig Hoy (Con)
John Mason (Ind)
Liz Smith (Con)
Michelle Thomson (SNP)

Substitute members:

Murdo Fraser (Con)
Patrick Harvie (Green)
Daniel Johnson (Lab)
Audrey Nicoll (SNP)

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.

Convener: Clare Haughey (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Paul Sweeney (Lab)

Members:

Joe FitzPatrick (SNP)
Sandesh Gulhane (Con)
Emma Harper (SNP)
Patrick Harvie (Green)
Carol Mochan (Lab)
David Torrance (SNP)
Elena Whitham (SNP)
Brian Whittle (Con)

Substitute members:

Jackie Baillie (Lab)
Stephanie Callaghan (SNP)
Ross Greer (Green)
Annie Wells (Con)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, matters relating to housing and tenants' rights within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, and matters relating to local government boundaries, local governance review and democratic renewal.

Convener: Ariane Burgess (Green)

Deputy Convener: Willie Coffey (SNP)

Members:

Meghan Gallacher (Con)
Mark Griffin (Lab)
Fulton MacGregor (SNP)
Alexander Stewart (Con)
Evelyn Tweed (SNP)

Substitute members:

Graham Simpson (Con)
Lorna Slater (Green)
Collette Stevenson (SNP)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

Convener: Edward Mountain (Con)

Deputy Convener: Michael Matheson (SNP)

Members:

Bob Doris (SNP)
Monica Lennon (Lab)
Douglas Lumsden (Con)
Mark Ruskell (Green)
Kevin Stewart (SNP)

Substitute members:

Sarah Boyack (Lab)
Patrick Harvie (Green)
Ben Macpherson (SNP)
Sue Webber (Con)

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.

Convener: Richard Leonard (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Jamie Greene (LD)

Members:

Colin Beattie (SNP)

Joe FitzPatrick (SNP)

Graham Simpson (Con)

Substitute members:

Stephanie Callaghan (SNP)

Craig Hoy (Con)

Colin Smyth (Lab)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, with the exception of matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden.

Convener: Finlay Carson (Con)

Deputy Convener: Beatrice Wishart (LD)

Members:

Alasdair Allan (SNP)

Tim Eagle (Con)

Rhoda Grant (Lab)

Emma Harper (SNP)

Emma Roddick (SNP)

Mark Ruskell (Green)

Evelyn Tweed (SNP)

Substitute members:

Ariane Burgess (Green)

Christine Grahame (SNP)

Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con)

Daniel Johnson (Lab)

Liam McArthur (LD)

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 excluding matters relating to housing and tenants' rights.

Convener: Collette Stevenson (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Bob Doris (SNP)

Members:

Jeremy Balfour (Con)
Mark Griffin (Lab)
Marie McNair (SNP)
Paul O’Kane (Lab)
Alexander Stewart (Con)
Elena Whitham (SNP)

Substitute members:

Roz McCall (Con)
Carol Mochan (Lab)
David Torrance (SNP)

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee (S)

Remit: To consider, review and report on the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) supported bodies landscape in accordance with the Parliament’s resolution of 31 October 2024 and develop a clear strategic framework to underpin and provide coherence and structure to the SPCB supported bodies landscape by the end of June 2025, including—

- (a) creating effective accountability and scrutiny mechanisms;
- (b) formalising strengthened criteria for creating new supported bodies; and
- (c) identifying and addressing any barriers to sharing services and offices.

Duration: Until 30 September 2025

Convener: Ben Macpherson (SNP)

Members:

Murdo Fraser (Con)
Richard Leonard (Lab)
Ash Regan (Alba)
Lorna Slater (Green)

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 falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

2. Where the Committee considers it appropriate, it may by motion recommend that a member's rights and privileges be withdrawn to such extent and for such period as are specified in the motion.

Convener: Martin Whitfield (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Ruth Maguire (SNP)

Members:

Emma Roddick (SNP)

Sue Webber (Con)

Annie Wells (Con)

Substitute members:

Rona Mackay (SNP)

Edward Mountain (Con)

Colin Smyth (Lab)

Current number of Scottish Parliament committees

Committee type	Number
Mandatory	7
Subject	9
Total	16

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