Scottish Parliament Fact sheet
Scottish Parliament Committees: Current List of Members

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Parliamentary Business: Current Series

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. 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. The Group is chaired by one of the Deputy Presiding Officers.

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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 Tuesdays or on Wednesday mornings, in one of the Scottish Parliament's committee rooms – or in locations around Scotland. 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:
http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/1569.aspx

**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.

The members of this group are Committee Conveners of the mandatory and subject committees.

**Convener:** Ken Macintosh (NPA)

**Members:**
Clare Adamson (SNP) Ruth Maguire (SNP)
Bruce Crawford (SNP) Jenny Marra (Lab)
Bob Doris (SNP) Gillian Martin (SNP)
James Dornan (SNP) Joan McAlpine (SNP)
Bill Kidd (SNP) Margaret Mitchell (Con)
Johann Lamont (Lab) Edward Mountain (Con)
Gordon Lindhurst (Con) Graham Simpson (Con)
Lewis Macdonald (Lab)
List of Committees

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

Remit: To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—
(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.
(f) culture and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

Name changed from Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee to Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee on 6 September 2018.

Convener: Joan McAlpine (SNP)
Deputy Convener: Claire Baker (Lab)

Members:
Annabelle Ewing (SNP)                      Stuart McMillan (SNP)
Kenneth Gibson (SNP)                       Tavish Scott (LD)
Jamie Greene (Con)                         Alexander Stewart (Con)
Ross Greer (Green)                         

Committee Substitutes:
Neil Findlay (Lab)                         Dean Lockhart (Con)
Emma Harper (SNP)                          Mike Rumbles (LD)
Patrick Harvie (Green)
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: Graham Simpson (Con)
Deputy Convener: Stuart McMillan (SNP)

Members:
Tom Arthur (SNP)  
Alison Harris (Con)
Mary Fee (Lab)

Committee Substitutes:
Neil Bibby (Lab)  
Alex Neil (SNP)
Bill Bowman (Con)
Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on economy and fair work matters falling within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work; matters relating to the digital economy within the responsibilities of the Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, and matters relating to energy falling within the responsibilities of the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 6 September 2018)

Name changed from Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee to Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee on 6 September 2018.

Convener: Gordon Lindhurst (Con)
Deputy Convener: John Mason (SNP)

Members:
Jackie Baillie (Lab)  Dean Lockhart (Con)
Colin Beattie (SNP)  Gordon MacDonald (SNP)
Angela Constance (SNP)  Andy Wightman (Green)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con)

Committee Substitutes:
Willie Coffey (SNP)  Pauline McNeill (Lab)
Tom Mason (Con)  Mark Ruskell (Green)
Education and Skills Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)

Convener: Clare Adamson (SNP)
Deputy Convener: Johann Lamont (Lab)

Members:
Alasdair Allan (SNP) Rona Mackay (SNP)
Jenny Gilruth (SNP) Oliver Mundell (Con)
Iain Gray (Lab) Tavish Scott (LD)
Ross Greer (Green) Liz Smith (Con)
Gordon MacDonald (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:
Kezia Dugdale (Lab) Liam McArthur (LD)
Alison Harris (Con) Gil Paterson (SNP)
Alison Johnstone (Green)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)

Convener: Gillian Martin (SNP)
Deputy Convener: John Scott (Con)

Members:
Claudia Beamish (Lab) Mark Ruskell (Green)
Finlay Carson (Con) Stewart Stevenson (SNP)
Angus MacDonald (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:
Maurice Golden (Con) Colin Smyth (Lab)
Richard Lyle (SNP) Andy Wightman (Green)
Equalities and Human Rights Committee (M)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to equal opportunities and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A).
In these Rules, “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.
Human rights, including Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other human rights contained in any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom.

Name changed from Equal Opportunities Committee to Equalities and Human Rights Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Ruth Maguire (SNP)
Deputy Convener: Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD)

Members:
Mary Fee (Lab)                     Gail Ross (SNP)
Fulton MacGregor (SNP)             Annie Wells (Con)
Oliver Mundell (Con)

Committee Substitutes:
Linda Fabiani (SNP)                Alison Harris (Con)
Rhoda Grant (Lab)                  Willie Rennie (LD)
Finance and Constitution 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 laid before the Parliament by members of the Scottish Government 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 to them 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) constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations.

Name changed from Finance Committee to Finance and Constitution Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Bruce Crawford (SNP)
Deputy Convener: Adam Tomkins (Con)

Members:
Tom Arthur (SNP) Murdo Fraser (Con)
Neil Bibby (Lab) Emma Harper (SNP)
Alexander Burnett (Con) Patrick Harvie (Green)
Willie Coffey (SNP) James Kelly (Lab)
Angela Constance (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:
George Adam (SNP) Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con)
John Finnie (Green) Elaine Smith (Lab)
Health and Sport Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)

Convener: Lewis Macdonald (Lab)
Deputy Convener: Emma Harper (SNP)

Members:
George Adam (SNP)  David Torrance (SNP)
Miles Briggs (Con)  Sandra White (SNP)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD)  Brian Whittle (Con)
David Stewart (Lab)

Committee Substitutes:
Bob Doris (SNP)  Anas Sarwar (Lab)
Ross Greer (Green)  Annie Wells (Con)
Willie Rennie (LD)

Hutchesons’ Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee (B)

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Hutchesons’ Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill.
Duration: Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 12 September 2018)

Convener: Kezia Dugdale (Lab)
Deputy Convener: Stewart Stevenson (SNP)

Members:
Maurice Corry (Con)  Ruth Maguire (SNP)
Justice Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters 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.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 6 September 2018)

Convener: Margaret Mitchell (Con)  
Deputy Convener: Rona Mackay (SNP)

Members:  
John Finnie (Green)  
Jenny Gilruth (SNP)  
Daniel Johnson (Lab)  
Liam Kerr (Con)  
Fulton MacGregor (SNP)  
Liam McArthur (LD)  
Shona Robison (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:  
George Adam (SNP)  
Maurice Corry (Con)  
Mary Fee (Lab)  
Tavish Scott (LD)  
Andy Wightman (Green)

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing (S)

Remit: To consider and report on the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to policing.
Duration: Until the end of the Parliamentary session.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 6 October 2016)

Convener: John Finnie (Green)  
Deputy Convener: Margaret Mitchell (Con)

Members:  
Daniel Johnson (Lab)  
Fulton MacGregor (SNP)  
Rona Mackay (SNP)  
Liam McArthur (LD)  
Stewart Stevenson (SNP)
Local Government and Communities Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, measures against poverty, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 6 September 2018)

**Convener:** James Dornan (SNP)
**Deputy Convener:** Alex Rowley (Lab)

**Members:**
- Annabelle Ewing (SNP)
- Kenneth Gibson (SNP)
- Graham Simpson (Con)
- Alexander Stewart (Con)
- Andy Wightman (Green)

**Committee Substitutes:**
- Patrick Harvie (Green)
- Pauline McNeill (Lab)
- Tom Mason (Con)
- David Torrance (SNP)

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny 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.
(d) post-legislative scrutiny

Name changed from Public Audit Committee to Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee on 29 September 2016.

**Convener:** Jenny Marra (Lab)
**Deputy Convener:** Liam Kerr (Con)

**Members:**
- Colin Beattie (SNP)
- Bill Bowman (Con)
- Willie Coffey (SNP)
- Alex Neil (SNP)
- Anas Sarwar (Lab)

**Committee Substitutes:**
- Finlay Carson (Con)
- Angela Constance (SNP)
- David Stewart (Lab)
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; and
(c) keep under review the operation of the petitions system.

Convener: Johann Lamont (Lab)
Deputy Convener: Angus MacDonald (SNP)

Members:
Rachael Hamilton (Con)                Brian Whittle (Con)
David Torrance (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:
Maurice Corry (Con)                Alex Rowley (Lab)
Rona Mackay (SNP)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee (S)

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Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and the matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 6 September 2018)

Convener: Edward Mountain (Con)
Deputy Convener: Gail Ross (SNP)

Members:
Peter Chapman (Con)       Mike Rumbles (LD)
John Finnie (Green)       Colin Smyth (Lab)
Jamie Greene (Con)        Stewart Stevenson (SNP)
Richard Lyle (SNP)        Maureen Watt (SNP)
John Mason (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:
Neil Bibby (Lab)        Mark Ruskell (Green)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD)       John Scott (Con)
Christine Grahame (SNP)
Social Security Committee (S)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to social security (including the delivery and payment of benefits that help address poverty) falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 6 September 2018)

Convener: Bob Doris (SNP)
Deputy Convener: Pauline McNeill (Lab)

Members:
Alasdair Allan (SNP)        Mark Griffin (Lab)
Jeremy Balfour (Con)       Alison Johnstone (Green)
Michelle Ballantyne (Con)  Shona Robison (SNP)
Keith Brown (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:
Jenny Gilruth (SNP)        Monica Lennon (Lab)
Ross Greer (Green)         Gordon Lindhurst (Con)

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 Scottish general elections falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations.

Convener: Bill Kidd (SNP)
Deputy Convener: Mark Ruskell (Green)

Members:
Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con)  Elaine Smith (Lab)
Tom Mason (Con)              Maureen Watt (SNP)
Gil Paterson (SNP)

Committee Substitutes:
John Finnie (Green)          Gordon MacDonald (SNP)
Rhoda Grant (Lab)            John Scott (Con)
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