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Dear Requester

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2022-682191

We acknowledge your request for the following information:

I request the following information regarding voting records and comments by the Scottish Members of Parliament (SMP):

- 1. The voting record, with name of individual SMPs, who voted for and against the CORONA VIRUS Recovery and Reform (Scotland) 2002 Act, that became an Act on 10 August 2022.*
- 2. Written record of comments made by SMPs regarding the proposed bill, from the time of its original reading until the final vote on the bill made 28 June 2022.*

Your request was received on 29 November and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

We have interpreted your request to be for information relating to voting records and comments by Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs). We have replied to each part of your request in turn below.

- 1. The voting record, with name of individual SMPs, who voted for and against the CORONA VIRUS Recovery and Reform (Scotland) 2002 Act, that became an Act on 10 August 2022.*

A record of how MSPs voted in the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill at each stage is publicly available on the Scottish Parliament's website. For the Stage 1 and 3 proceedings which took place in the debating chamber, you can view how individual MSPs voted by clicking "read more" next to the vote results for each party at the following links:

- Stage 1 - vote on the general principles of the Bill: [S6M-04310 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)
- Stage 3 – final vote on the Bill: [S6M-05217 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

The proceedings at Stage 2 were split between the Covid-19 Recovery Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee.

The Criminal Justice Committee considered the Stage 2 proceedings on 8 June 2022. The [Stage 2 minutes](#) alongside the [Official Report](#) will give you the record of how members voted.

The Covid-19 Recovery Committee considered the Stage 2 proceedings on 9 June 2022. The [Stage 2 minutes](#) alongside the [Official Report](#) will give you the record of how members voted.

2. *Written record of comments made by SMPs regarding the proposed bill, from the time of its original reading until the final vote on the bill made 28 June 2022.*

The following page of the Scottish Parliament's website provides detailed information on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: [Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Bill – Bills \(proposed laws\) – Scottish Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

We have interpreted this part of your request to be for information on what was said about the Bill by MSPs during meetings of the Scottish Parliament and committees. The Official Report provides a written record of what was said in Parliament and is published on the Scottish Parliament website.

The consideration of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill was split between four committees at Stage 1 (Covid-19 Recovery Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee; and Education, Children and Young People Committee) in addition to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and Finance and Public Administration Committee. At Stage 2, the Bill was split between two committees (Covid-19 Recovery Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee).

You can view details of each stage on the pages below. To access the Official Report relating to the Bill from the lead committees and debates in parliament, first click on the “+” symbol, and then “Official Report”. For other committees which considered the Bill, a link to the Official Report is provided under the committee name:

[Stage 1 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

[Stage 2 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

[Stage 3 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

As the information requested is publicly available, we have provided a section 25 notice advising where this information is located on the Scottish Parliament's website.

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Yours sincerely

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