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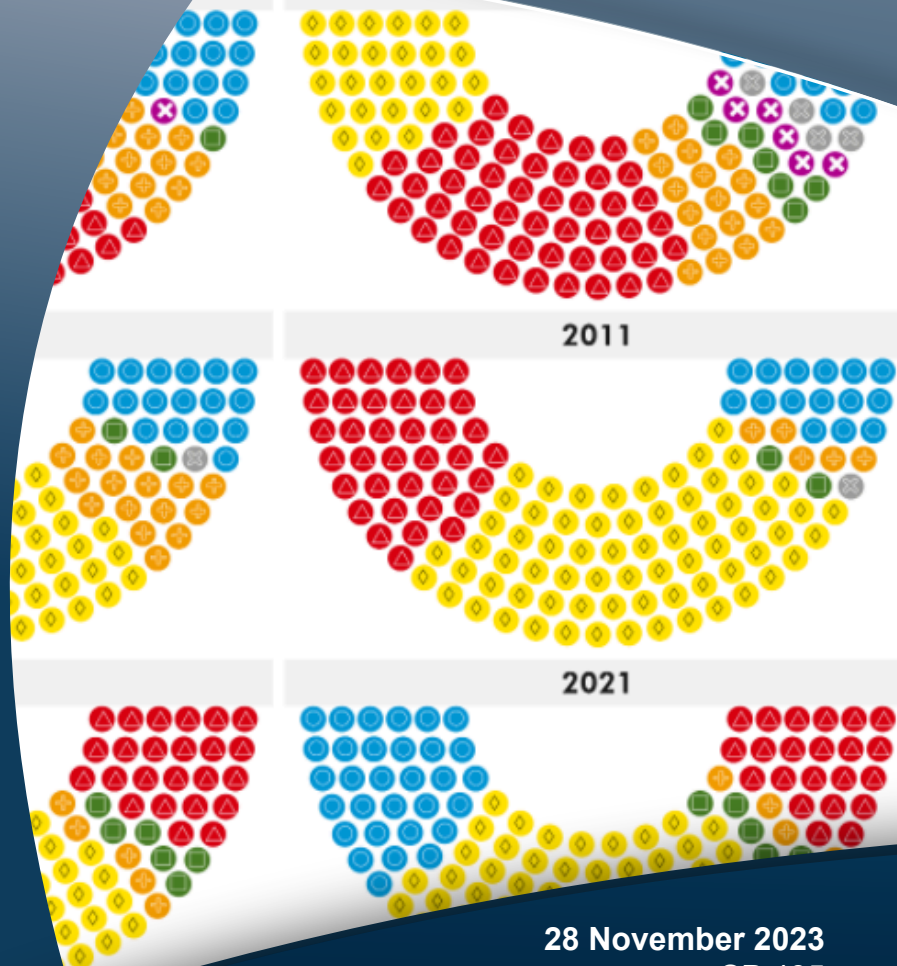
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Introduction

The statistics in this volume cover the first parliamentary year of Session 6, 13 May 2021 – 12 May 2022.

The parliamentary year started on 13 May 2021 after the Scottish Parliament Election which took place on 6 May 2021. The Scottish National Party (SNP) were the largest political party in the May 2021 election, winning more than double the seats of the second placed party, the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party. The SNP won 62 of their total seats in the constituency vote, and the Liberal Democrats won all four of their seats in constituencies. The Scottish Labour Party and the Scottish Conservative Party won most of their seats via the regional list, and the Scottish Green Party won all eight of their seats via the regional list vote. Please see the [SPICe Election Briefing](#) for more information.

Alison Johnstone MSP was elected as the sixth Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament. Ms Johnstone was also the first Green MSP to be elected to the role.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on how the parliament conducted business during this parliamentary year. Hybrid arrangements for MSPs conducting parliamentary business in committees and the Chamber remained, and remote voting continued.

The easing of public health restrictions relating to the pandemic meant more staff were able to return to the Scottish Parliament building towards the end of 2021 after all areas of Scotland were moved to “Level 0” on 19 July 2021. Public access to the building reopened on 21st March 2022.

Since the start of the pandemic, the number of MSPs attending business in-person had been restricted due to social distancing. Full capacity was reintroduced in the Chamber and committee rooms on 19 April 2022.

The Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Parliamentary Party entered into a ‘cooperation agreement’ during this parliamentary year. The cooperation agreement, which was agreed to on 28 August 2021, was the first of its type since devolution in Scotland. This was also the first time that the Scottish Green Party entered government, and co-leaders Patrick Harvie MSP and Lorna Slater MSP became Scotland’s (and the UK’s) first Green Party Ministers.

While the agreement contained significant areas of co-operation across a wide range of government portfolios and policies, it stopped short of being equivalent to the coalition governments in place during Sessions 1 and 2.

The Kirking of the Sixth Session of the Scottish Parliament took place on 1 October 2021 in St Giles’ Cathedral in Edinburgh. The Opening Ceremony took place the following day, formally marking the beginning of the sixth Session of the Parliament. Her Majesty The Queen addressed MSPs in the Chamber and was accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Rothesay.

In February 2022, the Presiding Officer launched an audit to review the representation and participation of women in the Scottish Parliament. This was based on work developed by both the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Throughout this publication, changes to the usual ways of working, as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, have been highlighted and explained.

Note

A number of changes have been made to the layout in this volume.

The following new sections have been added:

- 1.3.1 MSPs elected on 6 May 2021
- 1.3.2 MSPs not returned from Session 5
- 1.3.3 MSPs serving since 1999
- 6.4 Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Trustees
- 6.5 Scottish Commission for Public Audit

The following sections have been incorporated into a different chapter within the publication:

- 6.1 Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament was previously 1.6
- 6.6 Membership of Other Bodies was previously 9.3
- 8.5 Official Inward Visits and Outward Delegations was previously 9.1
- 8.6 Official Gifts was previously 9.2

Abbreviations

AGS - Auditor General for Scotland

asp - Act of Scottish Parliament

BIPA - British Irish Parliamentary Assembly

CALRE - Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies

CEEAC - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs Committee

CJ - Criminal Justice Committee

CLRAE - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

Con - Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

COSLA - Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

CPA - Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

CPPP - Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

CVDR - COVID-19 Recovery Committee

DPLR - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

E - Emergency Bill

ECYP - Education, Children and Young People Committee

EFW - Economy and Fair Work Committee

EHRCJ - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

EU - European Union

F - Female

FE - Further Education

FMQs - First Minister's Questions

FOI - Freedom of Information

FPA - Finance and Public Administration Committee

G - Government Bill

Green - Scottish Green Party

HL - House of Lords, i.e. a House of Lords Bill

h:mins - hours and minutes

Hrs - Hours

HSCS - Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Ind - Independent Member, i.e. a Member of the Scottish Parliament not functioning within a political party

IRO - International Relations Office

Lab - Scottish Labour Party

LCM - Legislative Consent Memorandum

LD - Scottish Liberal Democrats

LGBTI+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex +

LGHP - Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

M - Male

M - Member's Bill

Mins - Minutes

MP - Member of the UK Parliament

MS - Multiple Sclerosis

MSP - Member of the Scottish Parliament

n/a - not applicable, or not available

No. - Number

NPA - No Party Affiliation

NZET - Net Zero Energy and Transport Committee

P - Private Bill

PA - Public Audit Committee

PBACM - Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum

PE - Petition

PY - Parliamentary year (13 May 2021–12 May 2022)

RAINE - Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Ref. - Reference

S - Substitute Committee Member

S6 - Sixth Session of Parliament

S6M - Session 6 Motion

SCPA - Scottish Commission for Public Audit

SI - Statutory Instrument

SJSS - Social Justice and Social Security Committee

SNP - Scottish National Party

SP - Scottish Parliament

SPCB - Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

SPICe - Scottish Parliament Information Centre

SPPA - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

SPSO - Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

SSI - Scottish Statutory Instrument

UK - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

US - United States of America

WASPI - Women Against State Pension Inequality

% - Percentage

1. Members

1.1. Elections

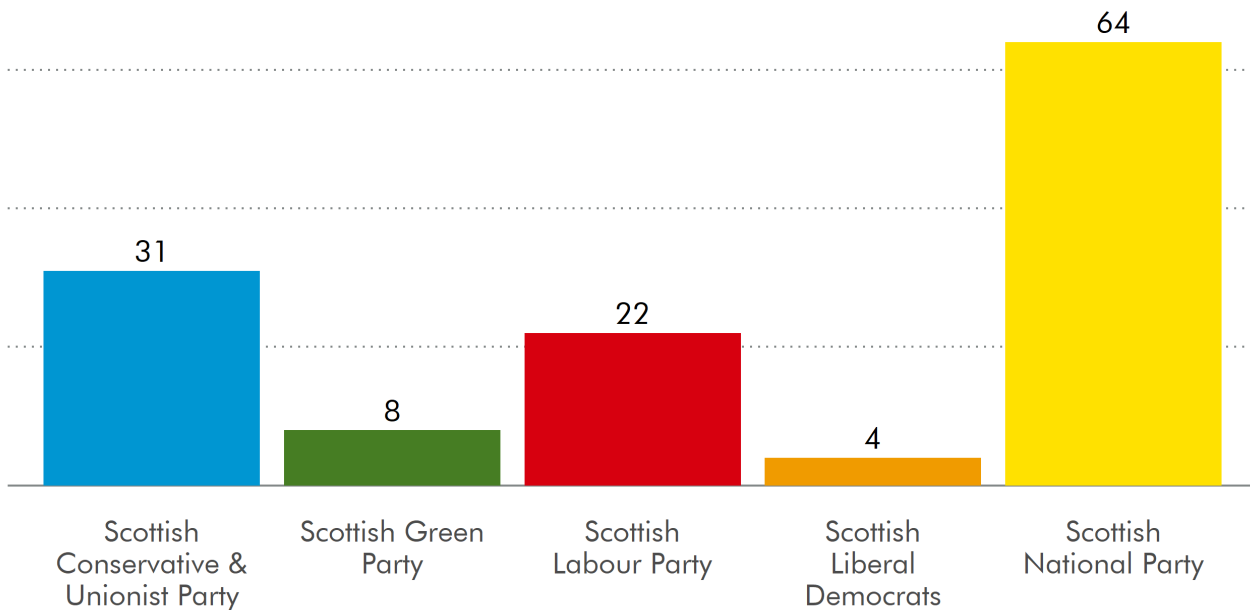
There are two methods of electing Members to the Scottish Parliament. There are 73 constituency Members, based on the UK Parliament constituencies in existence prior to 2004, elected by the first past the post system. A further 56 regional Members, 7 for each of the 8 regions used in the European Parliament elections, prior to 1999, were elected using the Additional Member System. This is a form of proportional representation using party lists, which ensures that each party’s representation in the Parliament reflects its overall share of the vote.

1.1.1. Scottish Parliament Election Results, 6 May 2021

In addition to the results below, SPICe has produced a detailed 2021 [Election Results Briefing](#)

Election result

The 2021 election result by party



Constituency votes by Party

% share may not add to 100% due to rounding

Party	Votes	Share of valid Votes	Seats	Change from 2016
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	592,526	21.9%	5	-2
Scottish Green Party	34,990	1.3%	0	-
Scottish Labour Party	584,392	21.6%	2	-1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	187,816	6.9%	4	-
Scottish National Party	1,291,204	47.7%	62	+3
Others	15,833	0.6%	0	-
Total	2,706,761	100.0%	73	

Regional Votes by Party

% share may not add to 100% due to rounding

Party	Votes	Share of Valid Votes	Seats	Change from 2016
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	637,131	23.5%	26	+2
Scottish Green Party	220,324	8.1%	8	+2
Scottish Labour Party	485,819	17.9%	20	-1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	137,152	5.1%	0	-1
Scottish National Party	1,094,374	40.3%	2	-2
Others	137,984	5.1%	0	-
Total	2,712,784	100.0%	56	-

Source: [2021 Election Results](#) 2021 Election Results

1.1.2. Scottish Parliament By-Elections

There were no by-elections in the first parliamentary year of Session 6.

1.2. State of the Parties

At 6 May 2021, following the Scottish Parliament election

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	62	2	64
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	5	26	31
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	8	8
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	4
Total	73	56	129

At 13 May 2021, following the election of the Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	62*	2	64
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	5	26	31
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4*	0	4
Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1
Total	73	56	129

* Includes one Deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair

1.3. Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)

1.3.1. MSPs elected on 6 May 2021

Of the 129 MSPs elected on 6 May 2021 **86** were returning MSPs, who were serving at the end of Parliamentary Session 5, and **43** were either new MSPs or were returning to the Parliament following a break in service.

These tables provide a list of MSPs elected on 6 May 2021. They are listed alphabetically by party and then by surname, with a note of the constituency or region that they were elected to. The tables also indicate if they are a returning or a new MSP.

Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)	Returning (R) or New (N)
Jeremy Balfour	Lothian (R)	R
Miles Briggs	Lothian (R)	R
Alexander Burnett	Aberdeenshire West (C)	R
Donald Cameron	Highlands and Islands (R)	R
Jackson Carlaw	Eastwood (C)	R
Finlay Carson	Galloway and West Dumfries (C)	R
Sharon Dowey	South Scotland (R)	N
Russell Findlay	West Scotland (R)	N
Murdo Fraser	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)	R
Meghan Gallacher	Central Scotland (R)	N
Maurice Golden	North East Scotland (R)	R
Pam Gosal	West Scotland (R)	N
Jamie Greene	West Scotland (R)	R
Sandesh Gulhane	Glasgow (R)	N
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Highlands and Islands (R)	R
Rachael Hamilton	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire (C)	R
Craig Hoy	South Scotland (R)	N
Liam Kerr	North East Scotland (R)	R
Stephen Kerr	Central Scotland (R)	N
Dean Lockhart	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)	R
Douglas Lumsden	North East Scotland (R)	N
Edward Mountain	Highlands and Islands (R)	R
Oliver Mundell	Dumfriesshire (C)	R
Douglas Ross	Highlands and Islands (R)	N
Graham Simpson	Central Scotland (R)	R
Liz Smith	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)	R
Alexander Stewart	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)	R
Sue Webber	Lothian (R)	N
Annie Wells	Glasgow (R)	R
Tess White	North East Scotland (R)	N
Brian Whittle	South Scotland (R)	R

Scottish Green Party

MSP	Constituency or Region	Returning (R) or New (N)
Ariane Burgess	Highlands and Islands (R)	N
Maggie Chapman	North East Scotland (R)	N
Ross Greer	West Scotland (R)	R
Patrick Harvie	Glasgow (R)	R
Alison Johnstone*	Lothian (R)	R
Gillian Mackay	Central Scotland (R)	N
Mark Ruskell	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)	R
Lorna Slater	Lothian (R)	N

*Alison Johnstone was elected as a member of the Scottish Green Party. She took voluntary suspension from the Scottish Green Party following her election to the post of Presiding Officer on 13 May 2021

Scottish Labour

MSP	Constituency or Region	Returning (R) or New (N)
Jackie Baillie	Dumbarton (C)	R
Claire Baker	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)	R
Neil Bibby	West Scotland (R)	R
Sarah Boyack	Lothian (R)	R
Foyso Choudhury	Lothian (R)	N
Katy Clark	West Scotland (R)	N
Pam Duncan-Glancy	Glasgow (R)	N
Rhoda Grant	Highlands and Islands (R)	R
Mark Griffin	Central Scotland (R)	R
Daniel Johnson	Edinburgh Southern (C)	R
Monica Lennon	Central Scotland (R)	R
Richard Leonard	Central Scotland (R)	R
Michael Marra	North East Scotland (R)	N
Pauline McNeill	Glasgow (R)	R
Carol Mochan	South Scotland (R)	N
Paul O'Kane	West Scotland (R)	N
Alex Rowley	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)	R
Anas Sarwar	Glasgow (R)	R
Colin Smyth	South Scotland (R)	R
Paul Sweeney	Glasgow (R)	N
Mercedes Villalba	North East Scotland (R)	N
Martin Whitfield	South Scotland (R)	N

Scottish Liberal Democrats

MSP	Constituency or Region	Returning (R) or New (N)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	Edinburgh Western (C)	R
Liam McArthur	Orkney Islands (C)	R
Willie Rennie	North East Fife (C)	R
Beatrice Wishart	Shetland Islands (C)	R

Scottish National Party

MSPs	Constituency or Region	Returning (R) or New (N)
George Adam	Paisley (C)	R
Karen Adam	Banffshire and Buchan Coast (C)	N
Clare Adamson	Motherwell and Wishaw (C)	R
Alasdair Allan	Na h-Eileanan an Iar (C)	R
Tom Arthur	Renfrewshire South (C)	R
Colin Beattie	Midlothian North and Musselburgh (C)	R
Keith Brown	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane (C)	R
Siobhian Brown	Ayr (C)	N
Stephanie Callaghan	Uddingston and Bellshill (C)	N
Willie Coffey	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley (C)	R
Angela Constance	Almond Valley (C)	R
Graeme Dey	Angus South (C)	R
Natalie Don	Renfrewshire North and West (C)	N
Bob Doris	Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn (C)	R
James Dornan	Glasgow Cathcart (C)	R
Jackie Dunbar	Aberdeen Donside (C)	N
Annabelle Ewing	Cowdenbeath (C)	R
Fergus Ewing	Inverness and Nairn (C)	R
Jim Fairlie	Perthshire South and Kinross-shire (C)	N
Joe FitzPatrick	Dundee City West (C)	R
Kate Forbes	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch (C)	R
Kenneth Gibson	Cunninghame North (C)	R
Jenny Gilruth	Mid Fife and Glenrothes (C)	R
Mairi Gougeon	Angus North and Mearns (C)	R
Christine Grahame	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale (C)	R
Neil Gray	Airdrie and Shotts (C)	N
Emma Harper	South Scotland (R)	R
Clare Haughey	Rutherglen (C)	R
Jamie Hepburn	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth (C)	R
Fiona Hyslop	Linlithgow (C)	R
Bill Kidd	Glasgow Anniesland (C)	R
Richard Lochhead	Moray (C)	R
Gordon MacDonald	Edinburgh Pentlands (C)	R
Fulton MacGregor	Coatbridge and Chryston (C)	R
Rona Mackay	Strathkelvin and Bearsden (C)	R
Ben Macpherson	Edinburgh Northern and Leith (C)	R
Ruth Maguire	Cunninghame South (C)	R
Gillian Martin	Aberdeenshire East (C)	R
John Mason	Glasgow Shettleston (C)	R
Michael Matheson	Falkirk West (C)	R
Màiri McAllan	Clydesdale (C)	N
Ivan McKee	Glasgow Provan (C)	R
Christina McKelvie	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse (C)	R
Paul McLennan	East Lothian (C)	N
Stuart McMillan	Greenock and Inverclyde (C)	R
Marie McNair	Clydebank and Milngavie (C)	N

MSPs	Constituency or Region	Returning (R) or New (N)
Jenni Minto	Argyll and Bute (C)	N
Audrey Nicoll	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine (C)	N
Ash Regan	Edinburgh Eastern (C)	R
Angus Robertson	Edinburgh Central (C)	N
Shona Robison	Dundee City East (C)	R
Emma Roddick	Highlands and Islands (R)	N
Shirley-Anne Somerville	Dunfermline (C)	R
Collette Stevenson	East Kilbride (C)	N
Kaukab Stewart	Glasgow Kelvin (C)	N
Kevin Stewart	Aberdeen Central (C)	R
Nicola Sturgeon	Glasgow Southside (C)	R
John Swinney	Perthshire North (C)	R
Michelle Thomson	Falkirk East (C)	N
Maree Todd	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross (C)	R
David Torrance	Kirkcaldy (C)	R
Evelyn Tweed	Stirling (C)	N
Elena Whitham	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (C)	N
Humza Yousaf	Glasgow Pollok (C)	R

1.3.2. MSPs not returned from Session 5

34 MSPs, who were serving at the end of Parliamentary Session 5, chose not to stand for re-election in 2021.

MSPs who did not re-stand for election

Name	Party	Constituency or Region
Bill Bowman	Con	North East Scotland
Aileen Campbell	SNP	Clydesdale
Peter Chapman	Con	North East Scotland
Bruce Crawford	SNP	Stirling
Roseanna Cunningham	SNP	Perthshire South and Kinross-shire
Ruth Davidson	Con	Edinburgh Central
Linda Fabiani	SNP	East Kilbride
Mary Fee	Lab	West Scotland
Neil Findlay	Lab	Lothian
John Finnie	Green	Highlands and Islands
Jeane Freeman	SNP	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley
Iain Gray	Lab	East Lothian
Alison Harris	Con	Central Scotland
Johann Lamont	Lab	Glasgow
Richard Lyle	SNP	Uddingston and Bellshill
Angus MacDonald	SNP	Falkirk East
Lewis Macdonald	Lab	North East Scotland
Ken Macintosh	NPA	West Scotland
Derek Mackay	Ind	Renfrewshire North and West
Jenny Marra	Lab	North East Scotland
Tom Mason	Con	North East Scotland
Mark McDonald	Ind	Aberdeen Donside
Margaret Mitchell	Con	Central Scotland
Alex Neil	SNP	Airdrie and Shotts
Gil Paterson	SNP	Clydebank and Milngavie
Gail Ross	SNP	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
Mike Rumbles	LD	North East Scotland
Michael Russell	SNP	Argyll and Bute
Elaine Smith	Lab	Central Scotland
Stewart Stevenson	SNP	Banffshire and Buchan Coast
David Stewart	Lab	Highlands and Islands
Adam Tomkins	Con	Glasgow
Maureen Watt	SNP	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine
Sandra White	SNP	Glasgow Kelvin

9 MSPs, serving at the end of Parliamentary Session 5, lost their seat in the Scottish Parliament at the 2021 election.

MSPs who lost their seats at the 2021 election

Name	Party	Constituency or Region
Claudia Beamish	Lab	South Scotland
Michelle Ballantyne	Reform	South Scotland
Maurice Corry	Con	West Scotland
James Kelly	Lab	Glasgow
Gordon Lindhurst	Con	Lothian
Joan McAlpine	SNP	South Scotland
John Scott	Con	Ayr
Paul Wheelhouse	SNP	South Scotland
Andy Wightman	Ind	Highlands and Islands

1.3.3. MSPs serving since 1999

8 Members have served continuously since 1999. In addition, a further two Members have served during previous sessions but not continuously.

Class of 1999

Name	Party	Constituency or Region
Jackie Baillie	Lab	Dumbarton
Fergus Ewing	SNP	Inverness and Nairn
Christine Grahame	SNP	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale
Fiona Hyslop	SNP	Linlithgow
Michael Matheson	SNP	Falkirk West
Shona Robison	SNP	Dundee City East
Nicola Sturgeon	SNP	Glasgow Southside
John Swinney	SNP	Perthshire North

1.3.4. Dual Mandate MSPs

Members of Scottish Parliament and members of other Parliaments or local councils

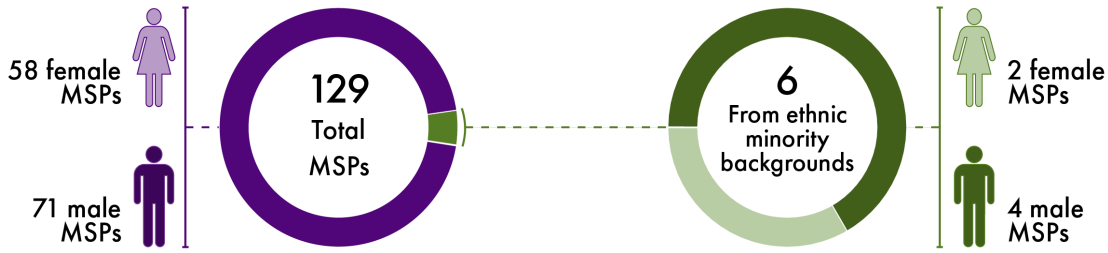
	MPs	Peers	Councillors
May 2021	1	1	18
May 2022	0	0	0

1.3.5. MSPs by gender and ethnic minority background

Total number of MSPs by gender on 6 May 2021

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSPs	129	71	58	55	45

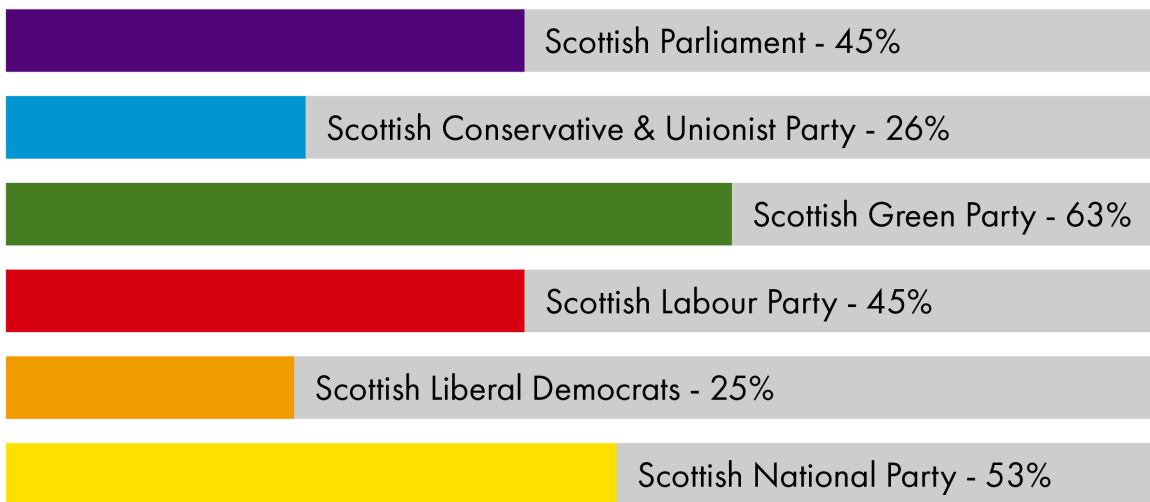
Total number of MSPs in the Parliament from ethnic minority backgrounds following the election on 6 May



1.3.6. Female MSPs by Party

The 2021 election saw a record number of **58** female MSPs returned (45%). The previous highest proportion of female MSPs was in 2003, when the figure was **51** (40%).

Female MSPs by Party following the election on 6 May 2021



Constituency and Regional breakdown of Female MSPs by Party following the election on 6 May 2021

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	32	2	34	53%	26%
Scottish Labour Party	1	9	10	45%	8%
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	1	7	8	26%	6%
Scottish Green Party	0	5	5	71%	4%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	25%	1%
Total	35	23	58		45%

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

Female MSPs by Party on 13 May 2021, following the election of the Presiding Officer

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	32	2	34	53%	26%
Scottish Labour Party	1	9	10	45%	8%
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	1	7	8	26%	6%
Scottish Green Party	0	4	4	67%	3%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	25%	1%
Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1	100%	1%
Total	35	23	58		45%

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

1.3.7. MSP Age Profile

Average ages of MSPs following the election on 6 May 2021

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	51
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	49
Scottish Labour Party	47
Scottish Green Party	44
Scottish Liberal Democrats	54
By Gender	
Females - all parties	49
Males - all parties	49
All MSPs	49

Average ages of MSPs on 13 May 2021, following the election of the Presiding Officer

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	51
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	49
Scottish Labour Party	47
Scottish Green Party	42
Scottish Liberal Democrats	54
No Party Affiliation	55
By Gender	
Females - all parties	49
Males - all parties	49
All MSPs	49

Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation. Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties

Average ages of MSPs on 12 May 2022, at the end of the parliamentary year

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	52
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	50
Scottish Labour Party	48
Scottish Green Party	43
Scottish Liberal Democrats	55
No Party Affiliation	55
By Gender	
Females- all parties	50
Males- all parties	50
All MSPs	50

Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation. Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties

1.4. Officers of the Parliament

1.4.1. Presiding Officers

The Presiding Officer is elected by other Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and is in charge of ensuring that the business of the Parliament is conducted effectively, on time, fairly, and within the rules and in an orderly manner. The Presiding Officer has no party allegiance whilst in the chair. There are also two Deputy Presiding Officers who must also act impartially when they are chairing parliamentary meetings; when they are not chairing parliamentary meetings they can play a full part in parliamentary business.

The Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers continue to serve in post during dissolution and until the election of the next Presiding Officer in a new session.

On 17 March 2020 the Parliament agreed to move motions S5M-21383 to S5M-21386 on the suspension and variation of Standing Orders to allow the election of an additional Deputy Presiding Officer. This was in response to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and continued in place until the end of Session 5. At the start of Session 6 the Parliament returned to having two Deputy Presiding Officers.

Presiding Officer

- Alison Johnstone (NPA) from 13 May 2021

Deputy Presiding Officers

- Annabelle Ewing (SNP) from 14 May 2021
- Liam McArthur (LD) from 14 May 2021

1.4.2. Scottish Parliament Corporate Body

The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) is chaired by the Presiding Officer and

is made up of four members elected by Parliament from its MSPs. It is responsible for ensuring that the Scottish Parliament is provided with the property, staff and services it requires. The SPCB considers and makes decisions on a wide range of issues concerning the running of the Parliament including the financing of the Parliament and allocation of the budget, the staffing of the Parliament, accommodation and the use and the security of parliamentary facilities.

The Presiding Officer and other members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body continue to serve in post during dissolution and until the election of replacement members in a new session. This is the case unless an MSP resigns from the SPCB, ceases to be an MSP (other than by dissolution of the Parliament), or the MSP is removed from the SPCB by a resolution of the Parliament.

Membership of the SPCB

- Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone) from 20 May 2021
- Claire Baker (Lab) from 20 May 2021
- Jackson Carlaw (Con) from 20 May 2021
- Maggie Chapman (Green) from 20 May 2021
- Christine Grahame (SNP) from 20 May 2021

Number of SPCB meetings attended, 20 May 2021 to 12 May 2022

SPCB Member	Meetings attended (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone)	20(21)
Claire Baker	21(21)
Jackson Carlaw	21(21)
Maggie Chapman	20(21)
Christine Grahame	18(21)

1.4.3. Parliamentary Bureau

The Parliamentary Bureau consists of the Presiding Officer and representatives of each political party or group in the Parliament which has five or more Members. The representatives are nominated by the leader of each party. The main functions of the Parliamentary Bureau are:

- To propose the business programme.
- To propose alterations to the Daily Business List in the Business Bulletin if there should be changes in the advance programme.
- To propose the establishment, remit, membership and duration of any committee or sub-committee.
- To determine any question regarding the competence of a committee to deal with a matter and, if two or more committees are competent to deal with a matter, to determine which of those committees is to be the lead committee responsible for that

matter.

Standing Orders allow Parliamentary Bureau members to arrange for another member to take their place at Bureau meetings by notifying the Presiding Officer in writing in advance.

A Deputy Presiding Officer may attend any meeting of the Parliamentary Bureau and may participate in the proceedings but may not vote unless he or she is chairing the meeting in place of the Presiding Officer, when he or she shall have a casting vote.

Members of the Parliamentary Bureau do not continue to serve during dissolution.

Membership of the Parliamentary Bureau

- Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone) (NPA) from 18 May 2021
- George Adam (SNP) from 20 May 2021
- Neil Bibby (Lab) from 18 May 2021
- Patrick Harvie (Green) from 18 May 2021 - 5 July 2021
- Stephen Kerr (Con) from 18 May 2021
- Gillian Mackay (Green) from 5 July 2021

1.5. Oaths and Affirmations

Oath and affirmations by gender, cumulative total for Session 6

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	46	25	71
Female	22	36	58
Total	68	61	129

Oath and affirmations by party, cumulative total for Session 6

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Scottish National Party	30	34	64
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	29	2	31
Scottish Labour Party	12	10	22
Scottish Green Party	1	7	8
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	2	4
Total	74	55	129

When taking the oath or affirmation, MSPs are able to repeat the oath or affirmation in a second language of their choice.

21 MSPs chose to repeat the oath or affirmation in a second language in Session 6.

Languages used by MSPs when repeating the oath or affirmation

	Scottish National Party	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	Scottish Labour Party	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Liberal Democrats	Total
Gaelic	5	1	1	1	0	8
Doric	4	0	0	0	0	4
Scots	1	0	0	1	0	2
BSL	1	0	0	0	0	1
Canadian French	1	0	0	0	0	1
German	1	0	0	0	0	1
Orcadian	1	0	0	0	0	1
Urdu	1	0	0	0	0	1
Welsh	0	1	0	0	0	1
Zimbabwean Shona	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	15	2	1	3	0	21

2. Plenary Meetings

2.1. Calendar

May 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Thursday 13 May 2021	09:00	09:26	10:09	10:31	2	20
	11:15	11:36	12:17	12:42		
	14:15	15:01				
Friday 14 May 2021	10:31	11:09	11:19	12:05	4	22
	12:14	12:49	13:46	14:24		
	14:30	15:00	15:10	15:39		
	16:01	16:47				
Tuesday 18 May 2021	14:00	14:16	14:24	14:37	1	30
	14:45	15:46				
Thursday 20 May 2021	14:00	14:36	14:41	14:45	1	05
	14:49	15:14				
Wednesday 26 May 2021	14:00	15:31			1	31
Thursday 27 May 2021	12:00	12:47	14:00	16:43	3	30
Total from 13 May 2021					14	18

June 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 June 2021	14:01	16:45	16:46	17:01	3	08
	17:07	17:16				
Wednesday 2 June 2021	14:00	17:05	17:10	17:26	3	21
Thursday 3 June 2021	12:00	12:51	14:00	17:01	4	11
	17:05	17:24				
Tuesday 8 June 2021	14:00	17:05	17:12	18:33	4	21
Wednesday 9 June 2021	14:00	17:36	17:41	18:53	4	48
Thursday 10 June 2021	12:00	12:47	14:00	17:04	4	01
	17:09	17:19				
Tuesday 15 June 2021	14:01	17:42	17:47	18:31	4	25
Wednesday 16 June 2021	14:00	17:36	17:40	18:41	4	37
Thursday 17 June 2021	12:00	12:49	14:00	17:34	4	38
	17:37	17:52				
Tuesday 22 June 2021	14:00	14:11	14:18	15:55	5	38
	15:56	19:01	19:04	19:49		
Wednesday 23 June 2021	14:00	16:06	16:17	17:38	5	29
	17:49	18:56	18:57	19:52		
Thursday 24 June 2021	12:00	12:56	14:00	15:41	4	07
	15:48	17:13	17:18	17:19		
	17:22	17:26				
Total June 2021					52	44

July 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 13 July 2021	14:00	16:07			2	07
Total July 2021					2	07

August 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 August 2021	14:00	17:01			3	01
Tuesday 31 August 2021	14:00	15:40	15:47	18:02	4	50
	18:08	19:03				
Total August 2021					7	51

September 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 September 2021	14:00	15:54	15:56	18:04	4	58
	18:08	19:04				
Thursday 2 September 2021	11:40	13:28	14:30	16:59	4	26
	17:03	17:12				
Tuesday 7 September 2021	14:00	18:08			4	08
Wednesday 8 September 2021	14:00	17:33	17:38	18:19	4	14
Thursday 9 September 2021	11:40	13:34	14:00	17:35	5	41
	17:40	17:52				
Tuesday 14 September 2021	14:00	15:20	15:22	17:13	4	07
	17:18	18:14				
Wednesday 15 September 2021	14:00	17:50	17:54	18:44	4	40
Thursday 16 September 2021	11:41	13:17	14:00	17:02	4	51
	17:07	17:20				
Tuesday 21 September 2021	14:00	17:31	17:37	18:26	4	20
Wednesday 22 September 2021	14:00	17:51	17:55	18:53	4	49
Thursday 23 September 2021	11:40	13:28	14:30	17:01	4	20
Tuesday 28 September 2021	14:00	17:03	17:11	18:00	3	52
Wednesday 29 September 2021	14:00	17:30	17:35	18:22	4	17
Thursday 30 September 2021	11:40	13:22	14:30	17:18	4	40
	17:23	17:33				
Total September 2021					63	23

October 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 5 October 2021	14:00	15:15	15:17	15:50	4	01
	15:52	17:05	17:11	18:11		
Wednesday 6 October 2021	14:00	15:28	15:29	17:10	4	04
	17:15	18:10				
Thursday 7 October 2021	11:40	13:35	14:30	15:51	4	38
	16:00	17:29	17:33	17:36		
Tuesday 26 October 2021	14:00	18:18	18:25	19:11	5	04
Wednesday 27 October 2021	14:00	17:15	17:21	18:42	4	36
Thursday 28 October 2021	11:40	13:40	14:30	17:05	4	43
	17:11	17:19				
Total October 2021					27	06

November 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 2 November 2021	14:00	17:52			3	52
Wednesday 3 November 2021	14:00	17:51			3	51
Thursday 4 November 2021	11:40	13:45	14:30	17:00	4	35
Tuesday 9 November 2021	14:00	17:10	17:14	18:07	4	03
Wednesday 10 November 2021	14:00	17:37			3	37
Thursday 11 November 2021	11:40	13:19	14:30	16:52	4	01
Tuesday 16 November 2021	14:00	17:20	17:25	18:18	4	13
Wednesday 17 November 2021	14:00	17:45	17:50	19:09	5	04
Thursday 18 November 2021	11:40	13:18	14:15	17:04	4	38
	17:08	17:19				
Tuesday 23 November 2021	14:00	18:03			4	03
Wednesday 24 November 2021	14:00	17:26			3	26
Thursday 25 November 2021	11:40	14:02	14:30	17:01	4	53
Tuesday 30 November 2021	14:00	18:15	18:21	19:01	4	55
Total November 2021					55	11

December 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 December 2021	14:00	17:13	17:17	18:15	4	11
Thursday 2 December 2021	11:40	13:56	14:30	17:04	4	50
Tuesday 7 December 2021	14:00	15:20	15:21	17:13	4	34
	17:17	18:39				
Wednesday 8 December 2021	14:00	17:14	17:20	18:11	4	05
Thursday 9 December 2021	11:40	13:32	14:30	17:00	4	22
Tuesday 14 December 2021	14:00	19:00			5	00
Wednesday 15 December 2021	14:00	15:43	15:53	18:48	4	38
Thursday 16 December 2021	11:40	13:44	14:30	17:08	4	56
	17:12	17:26				
Tuesday 21 December 2021	14:00	17:07	17:11	18:10	4	06
Wednesday 22 December 2021	14:00	17:19			3	19
Thursday 23 December 2021	11:40	12:46			1	06
Wednesday 29 December 2021	14:00	15:31			1	31
Total December 2021					46	38

January 2022	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 5 January 2022	14:00	15:36			1	36
Tuesday 11 January 2022	14:00	17:06	17:08	18:12	4	10
Wednesday 12 January 2022	14:00	17:06	17:09	18:00	3	57
Thursday 13 January 2022	11:40	13:30	14:00	17:01	4	59
	17:04	17:12				
Tuesday 18 January 2022	14:00	18:59			4	59
Wednesday 19 January 2022	14:00	18:03	18:08	19:06	5	01
Thursday 20 January 2022	11:40	13:28	14:30	16:59	4	17
Tuesday 25 January 2022	14:00	15:45	15:56	17:02	3	28
	17:05	17:42				
Wednesday 26 January 2022	14:00	17:34			3	34
Thursday 27 January 2022	11:40	14:04	14:30	16:57	5	47
	17:05	18:01				
Total January 2022					41	48

February 2022	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 February 2022	14:00	17:03	17:08	18:35	4	30
Wednesday 2 February 2022	14:00	17:12	17:18	18:22	4	16
Thursday 3 February 2022	11:40	13:28	14:15	17:04	4	51
	17:09	17:23				
Tuesday 8 February 2022	14:00	16:55	17:01	18:13	4	07
Wednesday 9 February 2022	14:00	16:58	17:03	17:59	3	54
Thursday 10 February 2022	11:40	13:41	14:00	17:01	5	07
	17:04	17:09				
Tuesday 22 February 2022	14:00	17:17	17:22	18:07	4	02
Wednesday 23 February 2022	14:00	17:26	17:30	18:48	4	44
Thursday 24 February 2022	11:40	13:39	14:30	17:01	4	32
	17:07	17:09				
Total February 2022					40	03

March 2022	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 March 2022	14:00	17:10	17:14	18:13	4	09
Wednesday 2 March 2022	14:00	18:19	18:23	19:07	5	03
Thursday 3 March 2022	11:40	13:45	14:30	17:13	4	55
	17:19	17:26				
Tuesday 8 March 2022	14:00	17:50			3	50
Wednesday 9 March 2022	14:00	18:48	18:53	19:49	5	44
Thursday 10 March 2022	11:40	13:28	14:30	17:07	4	25
Tuesday 15 March 2022	14:00	18:40	18:44	19:32	5	28
Wednesday 16 March 2022	14:00	17:13	17:17	18:09	4	05
Thursday 17 March 2022	11:40	13:32	14:30	17:02	4	34
	17:05	17:15				
Tuesday 22 March 2022	14:00	17:16	17:22	18:18	4	12
Wednesday 23 March 2022	14:00	17:48	17:52	18:37	4	33
Thursday 24 March 2022	11:40	13:15	14:00	17:32	5	07
Tuesday 29 March 2022	14:00	17:06	17:09	18:02	3	59
Wednesday 30 March 2022	14:00	17:31	17:34	18:18	4	15
Thursday 31 March 2022	11:40	13:42	14:00	17:02	5	06
	17:08	17:10				
Total March 2022					69	25

19 April 2022	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 19 April 2022	14:00	17:16	17:20	17:58	3	54
Wednesday 20 April 2022	14:00	17:46	17:49	18:52	4	49
Thursday 21 April 2022	11:40	13:48	14:30	16:57	4	35
Tuesday 26 April 2022	14:00	17:01	17:05	18:05	4	01
Wednesday 27 April 2022	14:00	17:09	17:13	17:58	3	54
Thursday 28 April 2022	11:40	13:38	14:30	16:50	4	18
Total April 2022					25	31

May 2022	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 May 2022	14:00	16:57	17:01	17:45	3	41
Wednesday 4 May 2022	14:00	14:20	14:36	17:40	4	10
	17:44	18:30				
Tuesday 10 May 2022	14:00	17:49			3	49
Wednesday 11 May 2022	14:00	17:28	17:34	18:26	4	20
Thursday 12 May 2022	11:40	13:34	14:00	17:07	5	59
	17:12	18:10				
Total to 12 May 2022					21	59

Parliamentary year total: 468:04

2.2. Recess Dates

Start	End
26 June 2021	29 August 2021
9 October 2021	24 October 2021
24 December 2021	9 January 2022
12 February 2022	20 February 2022
2 April 2022	17 April 2022

2.3. Place of Meeting

The Scottish Parliament met in the Chamber throughout the parliamentary year however, in response to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, it also conducted hybrid meetings.

3. Plenary Business

3.1. Division of Time on Parliamentary Business

During the parliamentary year 13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022, the total time spent on parliamentary business was **468 hours 04 mins**

Government Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	10	16	43
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	4	4	08
Business Motions	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	5	0	03
Motion to pass	2	1	43
Total time spent on Government Bills		22	38

Emergency Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	1	2	30
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	1	2	56
Stage 3	1	1	16
Business Motions	1	0	11
Financial Resolutions	1	0	1
Motion to pass	1	1	03
Total time spent on Emergency Bills		7	57

Members' Bills

No time was spent on Members' Bills

Committee Bills

No time was spent on Committee Bills

Hybrid Bills

No time was spent on Hybrid Bills

Private Bills

No time was spent on Private Bills

Statutory Instruments

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Motion to approve (affirmative)	22	1	30
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
Withdrawal of Scottish Statutory Instruments	1	0	02
Total time spent on Statutory Instruments		1	32

Other Motions relating to Legislation

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Legislative Consent Motions	14	3	01
Public Body Consent Motions	0	0	00
Total time spent on other Motions		3	01

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Business motions (not including Bills)	65	2	47
Committee establishment and membership	7	0	09
Designation of lead committee	11	0	08
Decision Time	95	13	09
Variations of Standing Orders	2	0	01
Amendment to Standing Orders	3	0	06
Suspension of Standing Orders	6	0	05
Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions		16	25

Motions for Debate

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	49	88	27
Labour	4	9	18
Conservative	8	19	01
Liberal Democrats	1	2	14
Green	0	0	00
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	8	13	11
Members' Business	93	70	49
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	2	0	17
Total time spent on Motions		203	17

Debates without Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	8	13	39
Labour	0	0	00
Conservative	0	0	00
Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Green	0	0	00
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	4	6	28
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	0	0	00
Total time spent on Motions		20	07

Oral Questions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
General	30	9	53
Topical	34	10	07
Portfolio	63	42	44
First Minister	35	29	08
Urgent	15	3	52
Urgent Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	1	0	08
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	1	0	25
Total time spent on questions		96	17

Statements

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	76	81	45
Urgent	0	0	00
Presiding Officer	3	0	05
Total time spent on statements		81	50

Other Matters

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Points of order	58	3	01
Committee announcement	6	0	14
Time for Reflection	34	2	11
Motion without notice	31	0	21
Remembering David Hill	1	0	06
Tribute to Sir David Amess MP	1	0	16
Environmental Standards Scotland (Chief Executive)	1	0	01
Election of First Minister	1	0	56
Elections/ Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	3	1	19
Election of Law officers	1	0	25
Elections/ Appointment of Presiding Officer/ Deputy Presiding Officers	2	4	22
Election to SPCB	1	0	05
Standing Order rule changes	1	0	02
Oaths and Affirmations	1	1	34
Election to SPSO, Standards Commissioner, Commissioner for Children and Young people	1	0	01
Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund (Trustees)	1	0	01
Scottish Commission for Public Audit	1	0	01
Appointment of the chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission.	1	0	02
Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners	1	0	02
Scottish Fiscal Commission Appointment	1	0	01
Total time spent on other matters		15	01

3.2. Time for Reflection

Time for Reflection is the first item of business at a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday where a person, on the invitation of the Parliament, addresses it (and the Scottish people) for up to 4 minutes. The pattern of speakers reflects the balance of beliefs in Scotland.

Time for Reflection may have more than one speaker, therefore, the total number of speakers may exceed the total number of Time for Reflections.

Time for Reflection

Organisation	Male Speakers	Female Speakers	Number of Time for Reflections
Buddhist	0	1	1
Christian	0	1	1
Church of Scotland	9	5	14
Episcopal	2	2	4
Humanist	0	2	2
Interfaith	0	1	1
Mormon	1	0	1
Non-Faith	6	3	8
Roman Catholic	2	0	2
Total	20	15	34

3.3. Parliamentary Questions

The Co-operation Agreement reached between the SNP and the Scottish Greens over the summer of 2021 and confirmed on Saturday 28 August 2021 had an impact on some aspects of parliamentary business, including parliamentary questions.

In relation to First Ministers Questions (FMQs), at the start of this parliamentary year, parties of five or more MSPs were all allocated leaders' questions at FMQs. The cycle for FMQs at the start of this parliamentary year gave the Scottish Green Party a leader's question at question three in four weeks out of six and a backbench question on one of the other weeks.

The Co-operation Agreement, which was agreed to in August 2021, resulted in the two Scottish Green Party co-leaders being appointed as Junior Scottish Ministers. This removed their entitlement to a leader's question at FMQs. Instead, the Scottish Green Party were allocated a backbench question in three weeks out of six, and further, to call them at question three in two of those six weeks.

In relation to the Co-operation Agreement's impact on other parliamentary questions, Scottish Green Party backbench MSPs remained entitled to submit their names to the draws for Portfolio and General questions, and to request Topical, Urgent and SPCB questions.

Ministers from the Scottish Green Party could submit questions only on matters where they were not bound by collective responsibility or on topics not subject to the Agreement. Ministers from the Scottish Green Party were no longer able to submit General questions to avoid a situation where a Minister could be asking and answering questions at the same

item of business.

3.3.1. Oral Questions

3.3.1.(a) General questions

The total number of General questions selected during the parliamentary year was **242**.

This does not include General questions which were either not lodged or withdrawn.

General questions (including questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	19	9	17	14	15	12	17	5	7	108
Con	0	0	0	0	14	4	9	7	7	7	10	6	5	66
Lab	0	0	0	0	9	4	7	12	3	2	9	2	3	48
Green	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	11
LD	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	9
Totals	0	0	0	0	48	19	36	36	28	23	38	14	15	242

3.3.1.(b) First Minister's questions

The total number of First Minister's questions selected during the parliamentary year was **223**.

First Minister's questions (including questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	1	4	0	0	7	2	6	4	4	3	6	3	2	42
Con	2	8	0	0	11	4	7	10	7	6	12	5	4	76
Lab	2	8	0	0	10	4	11	8	5	7	9	3	4	71
Green	1	4	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	0	1	18
LD	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	16
Totals	7	26	0	0	32	13	26	27	18	19	31	12	12	223

Normally the Presiding Officer selects up to 8 questions for answer at First Minister's Question Time. These questions are numbered in the Official Report and counted in table 3.3.1.(c). In addition to questions selected in advance, the Presiding Officer may also call other Members to ask a question at First Minister's Question Time. These supplementary questions are asked by additional MSPs on different subjects, usually constituency matters. These supplementary questions are not numbered and not counted in the table 3.3.1.(b).

3.3.1.(c) Portfolio questions

Portfolio oral questions were answered in a running rota of themes. The rotation repeats:

Week 1: Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

Week 2: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice

Week 3: Finance and the Economy; Education and Skills

Week 4: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural affairs and Islands

The Parliament continued the pilot allowing the Presiding Officer to group Portfolio questions on the same subject matter, so that these questions could be called consecutively.

The total number of Portfolio questions answered during the parliamentary year was **735**. This does not include Portfolio questions which were either not lodged or withdrawn.

Portfolio questions

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	0	18	0	0	45	21	34	41	29	28	35	13	21	285
Con	0	23	0	0	38	12	23	28	18	17	40	16	15	230
Lab	0	13	0	0	24	9	23	13	18	18	22	11	7	159
Green	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	2	1	3	4	5	3	28
LD	0	6	0	0	4	1	7	2	4	3	5	1	0	32
Totals	0	62	0	0	114	46	89	86	70	69	106	46	45	734

3.3.1.(d) Topical questions

The total number of Topical questions selected during the parliamentary year was **76**.

Topical questions (including questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	11
Con	1	4	0	1	4	0	4	3	1	3	4	2	2	29
Lab	0	3	0	0	1	1	4	3	1	3	3	2	2	23
Green	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
LD	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	10
Totals	3	9	0	2	9	3	10	7	6	6	11	4	6	76

3.3.1.(e) Urgent questions

The total number of Urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was **20**.

Questions of an urgent or local nature can also be asked as supplementary questions during First Minister's Questions.

Urgent questions

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Con	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Lab	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
Green	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	9	2	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	20

3.3.1.(f) SPCB questions

The total number of SPCB questions answered during the parliamentary year was **20**

Total number of SPCB oral questions which were withdrawn during the parliamentary year was **2**.

SPCB oral questions

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	11
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	6
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	8	0	0	20

3.3.1.(g) Urgent SPCB questions

Motion S5M-24366, agreed on 17 March 2021, amended the Standing Orders to introduce urgent SPCB questions from 12 May 2021. The changes to Standing Orders were set out in Annexe A of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 8th Report 2021 (Session 5), Standing Order Rule Changes — Urgent Questions to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The total number of Urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was 1.

Urgent SPCB questions

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

3.3.2. Written Questions

3.3.2.(a) Written questions to the Scottish Government

The total number of Written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **7999**. This does not include **21** Written questions that were withdrawn.

Written questions to the Scottish Government (including Government initiated questions)

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	16	59	37	28	43	37	35	34	45	46	116	40	19	553
Con	92	294	406	267	438	180	325	280	219	341	277	255	82	3440
Lab	110	323	339	193	241	280	207	266	249	349	246	214	83	3072
Green	32	40	30	11	22	9	39	17	28	21	22	8	19	288
LD	32	44	32	23	27	67	50	29	57	85	92	41	19	594
Totals	282	760	844	522	771	573	656	626	598	842	753	558	214	7999

3.3.2.(b) Written questions to the SPCB

The total number of SPCB Written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **21**.

Party	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
SNP	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lab	0	2	0	0	4	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	13
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	0	3	0	0	4	0	10	0	0	2	2	0	0	21

3.4. Motions

3.4.1. Motions by Party

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **4235**. This does not include **5** motions that were withdrawn.

Motions by Party, 13 May 2021 - 12 May 2022

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD
From 13 May 21	62	50	30	3	10
Jun 21	180	103	63	9	18
Jul 21	102	42	38	10	11
Aug 21	106	34	26	9	5
Sep 21	201	122	45	12	11
Oct 21	146	125	44	17	20
Nov 21	182	165	68	21	11
Dec 21	196	86	34	21	7
Jan 22	122	95	23	5	10
Feb 22	154	97	33	23	8
Mar 22	246	125	50	18	12
Apr 22	155	121	31	13	9
To 12 May 22	83	45	18	4	3
Totals	1935	1210	503	165	135

Motions on behalf of bodies by Party Members, 13 May 2021 - 12 May 2022

	Committee	Parliamentary Bureau	SPCB	Lord Advocate	Solicitor General
From 13 May 21	0	6	0	0	0
Jun 21	0	19	1	0	0
Jul 21	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 21	0	7	0	0	0
Sep 21	0	42	0	0	0
Oct 21	0	23	0	0	0
Nov 21	0	44	0	0	0
Dec 21	0	24	0	0	0
Jan 22	0	22	0	0	0
Feb 22	0	29	0	0	0
Mar 22	0	48	0	0	0
Apr 22	0	14	0	0	0
To 12 May 22	0	8	0	0	0
Totals	0	286	1	0	0

Committee motions are lodged on behalf of the Committee by the Convener.

Parliamentary Bureau motions are lodged on behalf of the Bureau by the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

SPCB motions are lodged on behalf of the Corporate Body by a member of the SPCB.

3.4.2. Motions without Notice

Reason for motion	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
to extend the time for debate	19	0	19
to change decision time	11	0	11
to extend business	1	0	1
the decisions due to be taken on [15 December 2021] be deferred to a future meeting.	1	0	1
Total	32	0	32

3.4.3. Motions to Suspend Standing Orders

The following motions to suspend Standing Orders were agreed during the parliamentary year:

- Motion S6M-00350 on a variation of Standing Orders was agreed to on 10 June 2021.
- Motion S6M-01242 on suspension and variation of standing orders was agreed to on 15 September 2021.
- Motion S6M-02150 on the suspension and variation of the standing orders was agreed to on 16 November 2021.
- Motion S6M-02351 on the suspension and variation of standing orders was agreed to on 1 December 2021.
- Motions S6M-02651, S6M-02652 and S6M-02653, on suspension and variation of standing orders were agreed on 21 December 2021.
- Motion S6M-03154 on the suspension and variation of standing orders was agreed to on 9 February 2022.
- Motion S6M-03410 on suspension of standing orders was agreed to on 1 March 2022.
- Motion S6M-03519 on the suspension of standing orders was agreed to on 8 March 2022.
- Motion S6M-03905 on the suspension of standing orders was agreed to on 31 March 2022.
- Motion S6M-04208 on the suspension of standing orders was agreed to on 27 April 2022.

3.4.4. Members' Business Motions

The total number of Members' Business debates during the parliamentary year was **96**.

Members' Business

Members' Business motions were discussed at the initiative of MSPs from the following parties

Party	Female	Male	Total
Scottish National Party	30	20	50
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	20	23
Scottish Labour Party	10	5	15
Scottish Green Party	4	2	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	2	2
Total	47	49	96

3.4.5. Legislative Consent Memorandums and Motions

During the parliamentary year there were:

- 17 Legislative Consent Memorandums published
- 8 Supplementary memorandums published
- 18 Legislative Consent Motions lodged
- 18 Legislative Consent Motions passed

3.4.6. Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandums and Motions

There were no Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandums or Motions lodged during this parliamentary year.

3.5. Ministerial Statements

Ministerial Statements by Cabinet Secretary, Minister and Law Officer

Cabinet Secretary /Minister /Law Officer making the statement	2021-2022
First Minister	34
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery	8
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	7
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care	8
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy	4
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans	3
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands	1
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	1
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport	6
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government	5
Minister for Drugs Policy	3
Minister for Parliamentary Business	1
Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise	3
Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth	4
Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport	2
Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care	1
Minister for Environment and Land Reform	3
Minister for Transport	4
Minister for Community Safety	1
Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development	2
Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine	1
Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights	1
Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity	2
Lord Advocate	1
Total number of ministerial statements	106

During the COVID-19 pandemic Scottish Government Ministers gave a weekly COVID-19 update in Chamber. The total number of ministerial statements includes **31** COVID-19 updates

3.6. Committee Announcements

Committee announcements were introduced in 2018 at the recommendation of the Commission on Parliamentary Reform. They allow committees to make significant or urgent announcements and set out the findings from recently published committee reports during chamber meetings.

Committee announcements

Committee	Number of announcements
Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee	0
Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee	1
COVID-19 Recovery Committee	1
Criminal Justice Committee	0
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee	2
Economy and Fair Work Committee	1
Education, Children and Young People Committee	0
Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee	0
Finance and Public Administration Committee	1
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee	0
Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee	0
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee	0
Public Audit Committee	0
Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee	0
Social Justice and Social Security Committee	0
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee	0
Total	6

3.7. Presiding Officer's Rulings

Presiding Officer's rulings and statements

From 13 May 2021	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 2022	Total
0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3

3.8. Votes

3.8.1. Electronic Votes

The total number of electronic votes during the parliamentary year was **260**

This table shows figures for all electronic votes taken in the Chamber, including all votes on amendments.

Electronic Votes

From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22
1	47	0	5	44	21	13	20	21	27	36	17	8

3.8.2. Presiding Officer's Exercise of a Casting Vote

There were no uses of the Presiding Officer's casting vote in the first parliamentary year of

Session 6.

4. Committees

Standing Orders were changed to allow committees and the Chamber to meet remotely, with the first formal hybrid meetings of Parliament taking place in May 2020. Hybrid meetings involve some MSPs or witnesses ‘dialling in’ while some are present in the committee room.

Committee Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Committee name
CPPP	Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee
CEEAC	Constitution, Europe, External Affairs Committee
CVDR	COVID-19 Recovery Committee
CJ	Criminal Justice Committee
DPLR	Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
EFW	Economy and Fair Work Committee
ECYP	Education, Children and Young People Committee
EHRCJ	Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee
FPA	Finance and Public Administration Committee
HSCS	Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
LGHP	Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee
NZET	Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee
PA	Public Audit Committee
RAINE	Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee
SJSS	Social Justice and Social Security Committee
SPPA	Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

4.1. Committee Membership

The following table lists the MSPs and those committees of which they were members during the parliamentary year. Dates of service are given under each individual committee in section 4.3.

A committee usually has between five and fifteen MSPs as members. Committee members are selected having regard to the balance of political parties in the Parliament. Membership of committees is proposed by the Parliamentary Bureau. The whole Parliament approves suggestions as to which MSPs are to be members of what committee.

Each political party which has two or more MSPs may nominate one of its members to be the party’s substitute on each committee. The main role of the committee substitute is to stand in for a committee member of the same party if that member is unavailable for a committee meeting or is unable to act as a committee member at any other time because of illness, family circumstances, adverse travel conditions beyond the member’s control, a requirement to attend to other Parliamentary business or urgent constituency business. Substitute members (S) are therefore not full time members of committees.

4.1.1. Individuals’ Membership of Committees

This table lists the committees that each MSP was a member, or substitute member, of

during the parliamentary year. It only includes MSPs that have been a member of a committee. It does not list members of the Conveners Group.

Individuals' Membership of Committees

(S) refers to a substitute member

MSP	Committee
Karen Adam	EHRCJ, RAINE
Clare Adamson	CEEAC
Alasdair Allan	CEEAC, FPA, RAINE
Jackie Baillie	CVDR(S), HSCS(S)
Claire Baker	EFW, CEEAC(S)
Jeremy Balfour	SJSS, EHRCJ(S)
Colin Beattie	EFW, PA
Sarah Boyack	CEEAC, LGHP(S)
Miles Briggs	LGHP, SJSS
Siobhian Brown	CVDR
Ariane Burgess	LGHP, RAINE
Alexander Burnett	EFW, PA(S)
Stephanie Callaghan	ECYP, HSCS
Donald Cameron	CEEAC, CJ(S)
Jackson Carlaw	CPPP
Finlay Carson	RAINE
Maggie Chapman	EFW, EHRCJ
Foysol Choudhury	SJSS
Katy Clark	CJ, PA(S)
Willie Coffey	LGHP, PA
Alex Cole-Hamilton	ECYP(S)
Graeme Dey	ECYP, LGHP, CEEAC(S)
Natalie Don	NZET, SJSS, ECYP(S)
Bob Doris	ECYP, SPPA
James Dornan	ECYP, CVDR(S)
Sharon Dowey	PA, CPPP(S)
Jackie Dunbar	NZET, CJ(S)
Pam Duncan-Glancy	EHRCJ, SJSS
Fergus Ewing	CPPP, ECYP, CEEAC(S), FPA(S)
Jim Fairlie	CVDR, RAINE
Russell Findlay	CJ, HSCS(S)
Joe FitzPatrick	EHRCJ
Murdo Fraser	CVDR, LGHP(S)
Meghan Gallacher	LGHP, ECYP(S)
Kenneth Gibson	FPA
Maurice Golden	CEEAC, DPLR(S), SPPA(S)
Pam Gosal	EHRCJ
Rhoda Grant	DPLR(S), SPPA(S)
Neil Gray	SJSS
Jamie Greene	CJ
Ross Greer	ECYP, FPA
Mark Griffin	LGHP, SJSS(S)
Dr. Sandesh Gulhane	HSCS, CVDR(S)
Jamie Halcro Johnston	EFW, FPA(S)
Rachael Hamilton	RAINE, SJSS(S)

MSP	Committee
Emma Harper	HSCS, RAINE(S)
Patrick Harvie	CEEA, FPA
Craig Hoy	DPLR, PA
Fiona Hyslop	EFW, NZET
Daniel Johnson	FPA, CJ(S)
Liam Kerr	NZET
Stephen Kerr	ECYP, SPPA
Bill Kidd	CPPP, DPLR, PA(S)
Monica Lennon	NZET
Richard Leonard	PA
Dean Lockhart	NZET
Douglas Lumsden	FPA
Gordon MacDonald	EFW
Fulton MacGregor	CJ, EHRCJ
Gillian Mackay	HSCS
Rona Mackay	CJ, SPPA(S)
Ruth Maguire	CPPP, ECYP, LGHP(S)
Michael Marra	ECYP
Gillian Martin	HSCS
John Mason	CVDR, FPA, EFW(S)
Liam McArthur	RAINE, RAINE(S)
Paul McLennan	LGHP, SJSS, SPPA
Stuart McMillan	CVDR, DPLR
Marie McNair	LGHP, SJSS, CPPP(S), HSCS(S)
Pauline McNeill	CJ
Jenni Minto	CEEAC, RAINE, DPLR(S)
Carol Mochan	HSCS, CPPP(S)
Edward Mountain	SPPA, RAINE(S)
Oliver Mundell	ECYP
Audrey Nicoll	CJ
Paul O'Kane	HSCS, EHRCJ(S)
Willie Rennie	ECYP
Emma Roddick	SJSS, LGHP(S)
Alex Rowley	CVDR
Mark Ruskell	CEEAC, NZET
Graham Simpson	DPLR, CEEAC(S),
Lorna Slater	EFW
Liz Smith	FPA, EFW(S)
Colin Smyth	EFW, FPA(S), RAINE(S)
Collette Stevenson	CJ, SPPA, NZET(S)
Alexander Stewart	CPPP, EHRCJ, SPPA
Kaukab Stewart	ECYP, EHRCJ(S)
Paul Sweeney	CPPP, DPLR, EFW
Michelle Thomson	EFW, FPA
David Torrance	CPPP, HSCS
Evelyn Tweed	HSCS, SJSS(S)
Mercedes Villalba	RAINE, NZET(S)
Sue Webber	CEEAC, HSCS, HSCS(S), SPPA(S)

MSP	Committee
Annie Wells	HSCS, LGHP
Tess White	CPPP, SPPA, FPA(S)
Martin Whitfield	SPPA, ECYP(S)
Elena Whitham	SJSS, SPPA, LGHP
Brian Whittle	CVDR, NZET(S)
Beatrice Wishart	ECYP, RAINE

[List of abbreviations](#)

Simultaneous membership of committees

This table shows how many committees MSPs sat on at any one time

	Number of MSPs
Member of only 1 Committee	73
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	29
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	39
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	3
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	6
Substitute Member of only 1 Committee	3
Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	3

4.1.2. Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners

The members of a committee must choose a Convener from a particular political party decided by Parliament. The Parliament makes this decision following a recommendation by the Parliamentary Bureau. In addition, each committee normally has a Deputy Convener who will chair meetings in the Convener's absence. Deputy Conveners are chosen in the same way as conveners. The Standing Orders also include provision for the appointment of an Acting Convener in circumstances where a Committee Convener is absent for an extended period of parental leave, allowing the committee to appoint an Acting Convener on a temporary basis.

The Conveners Group is made up of all the conveners. It is chaired by the Presiding Officer or a Deputy Presiding Officer. The rules about how the Conveners Group works are set out in Chapter 6A of the Standing Orders.

4.1.2.(a) 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) (from 29 September 2021)
- Alison Johnstone (NPA) (13 May 2021 – 29 September 2021)

Members:

- Clare Adamson (SNP) (from 23 June 2021)
- Claire Baker (Lab) (from 23 June 2021)
- Siobhian Brown (SNP) (from 23 June 2021)
- Ariane Burgess (Green) (from 22 June 2021)
- Jackson Carlaw (Con) (from 23 June 2021)
- Finlay Carson (Con) (from 22 June 2021)
- Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) (from 23 June 2021)
- Kenneth Gibson (SNP) (from 22 June 2021)
- Neil Gray (SNP) (23 June 2021 – 25 January 2022)
- Stephen Kerr (Con) (from 23 June 2021)
- Richard Leonard (Lab) (from 23 June 2021)
- Dean Lockhart (Con) (from 22 June 2021)
- Gillian Martin (SNP) (from 22 June 2021)
- Stuart McMillan (SNP) (from 22 June 2021)
- Audrey Nicoll (SNP) (from 22 June 2021)
- Martin Whitfield (Lab) (from 22 June 2021)
- Elena Whitham (SNP) (from 27 January 2022)

4.1.2.(b) Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by gender

These tables are running totals for the parliamentary year.

Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by gender

	Male	Female
Conveners	10	7
Acting Conveners	0	0
Deputy Conveners	11	7

4.1.2.(c) Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by party

Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by party

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD
Conveners	9	4	3	1	0
Acting Conveners	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy Conveners	9	4	2	1	2

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4.2. Committee Meetings

4.2.1. Number of Committee Meetings

Number of committee meetings held, by each committee, during the parliamentary year

Committees are listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
CPPP	0	1	0	0	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	16
CEEAC	0	1	0	0	5	2	3	3	3	3	4	1	0	25
CVDR	0	1	0	0	5	2	4	4	3	3	5	2	1	30
CJ	0	1	0	0	5	2	3	4	3	4	6	2	0	30
DPLR	0	1	0	1	4	2	4	3	3	3	5	2	2	30
EFW	0	1	0	0	5	2	4	3	3	2	4	2	2	28
ECYP	0	1	0	0	3	2	4	3	3	3	4	1	2	26
EHRCJ	0	1	0	0	4	1	4	2	3	2	5	1	1	24
FPA	0	1	0	1	4	2	4	3	3	2	5	1	1	27
HSCS	0	1	0	1	4	2	5	3	3	4	5	1	2	31
LGHP	0	1	0	1	4	2	5	3	3	3	5	2	1	30
NZET	0	1	0	1	5	2	3	3	3	3	5	2	3	31
PA	0	1	0	0	4	2	2	3	3	3	5	2	1	26
RAINE	0	1	0	0	5	2	4	3	3	3	5	2	2	30
SJSS	0	1	0	0	4	2	3	4	3	5	4	2	1	29
SPPA	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	2	1	23
Total	0	16	0	5	66	30	58	47	46	48	72	26	22	436

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Total number of meetings by committee

Committees are listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

Committee	Number of meetings
CPPP	16
CEEAC	25
CVDR	30
CJ	30
DPLR	30
EFW	28
ECYP	26
EHRCJ	24
FPA	27
HSCS	31
LGHP	30
NZET	31
PA	26
RAINE	30
SJSS	29
SPPA	23
Total number of committee meetings	436

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Number of committee meetings by month

	Number of meetings
May 21	0
Jun 21	16
Jul 21	0
Aug 21	5
Sep 21	66
Oct 21	30
Nov 21	58
Dec 21	47
Jan 22	46
Feb 22	48
Mar 22	72
Apr 22	26
To 12 May 22	22
Total number of committee meetings	436

4.2.2. Time Spent in Committee Meetings

Total time spent in committee meetings, plus the division between public and private time, by committee

Committees are listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

Committee	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
CPPP	21:50	01:34	23:24
CEEAC	41:40	05:04	46:44
CVDR	41:33	08:48	50:21
CJ	57:21	23:41	81:20
DPLR	09:29	11:04	20:33
EFW	44:17	22:20	66:37
ECYP	49:42	19:28	69:10
EHRCJ	35:09	18:16	53:25
FPA	45:56	09:06	55:02
HSCS	67:21	17:47	85:08
LGHP	48:20	21:02	69:22
NZET	59:05	20:51	79:56
PA	45:26	18:02	63:28
RAINE	62:39	16:52	79:31
SJSS	49:20	10:57	60:17
SPPA	17:12	21:22	38:34

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Total time spent in committee meetings, plus the division between public and private time, by month

All Committees	Total Public h:min	Total Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	03:58	09:56	13:54
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	06:40	02:27	09:07
Sep 21	123:38	22:55	146:33
Oct 21	36:59	17:34	54:33
Nov 21	95:37	29:33	125:10
Dec 21	82:17	28:40	110:57
Jan 22	76:56	21:40	98:36
Feb 22	80:21	31:24	111:45
Mar 22	116:41	53:33	170:14
Apr 22	39:57	18:40	58:37
To 12 May 22	33:16	09:52	43:08
Total h:min	696:20	246:14	942:34

Time spent in committee meetings, by committee and month, plus the division between public and private time

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

CPPP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:09	00:00	00:09
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	03:58	00:00	03:58
Oct 21	01:39	00:00	01:39
Nov 21	02:10	00:00	02:10
Dec 21	00:45	00:00	00:45
Jan 22	01:33	00:00	01:33
Feb 22	02:55	00:32	03:27
Mar 22	04:42	00:18	05:00
Apr 22	01:44	00:36	02:20
To 12 May 22	02:15	00:08	02:23
Total h:mm	21:50	01:34	23:24

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

CEEAC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:32	00:00	00:32
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	09:46	00:40	10:26
Oct 21	01:26	00:29	01:55
Nov 21	05:54	00:35	06:29
Dec 21	06:38	00:00	06:38
Jan 22	04:50	00:00	04:50
Feb 22	04:24	01:28	05:52
Mar 22	06:52	01:27	08:19
Apr 22	01:18	00:25	01:43
To 12 May 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Total h:mm	41:40	05:04	46:44

COVID-19 Recovery Committee

CVDR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:18	00:00	00:18
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	09:20	01:06	10:26
Oct 21	02:13	01:49	04:02
Nov 21	07:20	00:40	08:00
Dec 21	06:57	00:33	07:30
Jan 22	01:50	00:44	02:34
Feb 22	03:41	00:50	04:31
Mar 22	08:47	00:56	09:43
Apr 22	01:04	02:10	03:14
To 12 May 22	00:03	00:00	00:03
Total h:mm	41:33	08:48	50:21

Criminal Justice Committee

CJ	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:05	01:06	01:11
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	12:02	02:02	14:04
Oct 21	05:07	00:49	05:56
Nov 21	07:06	01:27	08:33
Dec 21	06:02	04:47	10:49
Jan 22	02:03	02:08	04:11
Feb 22	08:45	00:57	09:42
Mar 22	13:36	06:26	20:02
Apr 22	02:35	03:59	06:34
To 12 May 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Total h:mm	57:21	23:41	81:20

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

DPLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:15	00:27	00:42
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:18	00:16	00:34
Sep 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Oct 21	00:26	00:13	00:39
Nov 21	00:30	01:18	01:48
Dec 21	03:25	00:55	04:20
Jan 22	01:50	01:29	03:19
Feb 22	00:20	02:21	02:41
Mar 22	02:00	02:53	04:53
Apr 22	00:19	00:19	00:38
To 12 May 22	00:06	00:53	00:59
Total h:mm	09:29	11:04	20:33

Economy and Fair Work Committee

EFW	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:07	00:59	01:06
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	08:41	02:37	11:18
Oct 21	02:27	01:51	04:18
Nov 21	05:34	03:40	09:14
Dec 21	05:20	01:43	07:03
Jan 22	05:27	01:49	07:16
Feb 22	02:29	04:08	06:37
Mar 22	05:01	03:49	08:50
Apr 22	05:17	00:56	06:13
To 12 May 22	03:54	00:48	04:42
Total h:mm	44:17	22:20	66:37

Education, Children and Young People Committee

ECYP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:14	01:17	01:31
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	07:21	02:13	09:34
Oct 21	02:50	00:50	03:40
Nov 21	07:50	02:21	10:11
Dec 21	06:48	03:03	09:51
Jan 22	06:46	01:35	08:21
Feb 22	04:24	02:30	06:54
Mar 22	06:21	04:07	10:28
Apr 22	02:17	00:24	02:41
To 12 May 22	04:51	01:08	05:59
Total h:mm	49:42	19:28	69:10

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

EHRCJ	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:06	00:50	00:56
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	08:10	01:33	09:43
Oct 21	02:15	00:39	02:54
Nov 21	05:42	04:18	10:00
Dec 21	02:51	01:21	04:12
Jan 22	03:59	03:11	07:10
Feb 22	02:38	01:12	03:50
Mar 22	05:59	04:26	10:25
Apr 22	02:12	00:16	02:28
To 12 May 22	01:17	00:30	01:47
Total h:mm	35:09	18:16	53:25

Finance and Public Administration Committee

FPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:06	00:29	00:35
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	02:43	00:14	02:57
Sep 21	09:06	00:23	09:29
Oct 21	01:40	00:39	02:19
Nov 21	03:56	01:11	05:07
Dec 21	08:03	00:07	08:10
Jan 22	03:52	01:30	05:22
Feb 22	03:27	02:03	05:30
Mar 22	09:29	01:33	11:02
Apr 22	00:53	00:46	01:39
To 12 May 22	02:41	00:11	02:52
Total h:mm	45:56	09:06	55:02

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

HSCS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:08	00:54	01:02
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:01	00:47	00:48
Sep 21	10:01	01:18	11:19
Oct 21	01:31	00:56	02:27
Nov 21	12:40	02:40	15:20
Dec 21	07:45	01:00	08:45
Jan 22	08:09	01:26	09:35
Feb 22	08:39	03:19	11:58
Mar 22	13:15	01:42	14:57
Apr 22	01:39	02:48	04:27
To 12 May 22	03:33	00:57	04:30
Total h:mm	67:21	17:47	85:08

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

LGHP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:06	00:35	00:41
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	02:03	00:46	02:49
Sep 21	08:30	02:50	11:20
Oct 21	01:25	02:13	03:38
Nov 21	10:49	03:12	14:01
Dec 21	04:42	01:58	06:40
Jan 22	07:17	01:08	08:25
Feb 22	05:15	02:32	07:47
Mar 22	06:37	04:50	11:27
Apr 22	00:02	00:45	00:47
To 12 May 22	01:34	00:13	01:47
Total h:mm	48:20	21:02	69:22

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

NZET	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:26	01:06	01:32
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	01:35	00:24	01:59
Sep 21	10:00	01:59	11:59
Oct 21	02:21	01:51	04:12
Nov 21	05:32	01:30	07:02
Dec 21	05:00	02:21	07:21
Jan 22	08:45	00:29	09:14
Feb 22	07:50	00:48	08:38
Mar 22	09:03	06:05	15:08
Apr 22	04:33	01:31	06:04
To 12 May 22	04:00	02:47	06:47
Total h:mm	59:05	20:51	79:56

Public Audit Committee

PA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:21	00:39	01:00
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	06:08	02:31	08:39
Oct 21	03:51	01:21	05:12
Nov 21	03:58	01:22	05:20
Dec 21	04:30	02:55	07:25
Jan 22	06:26	01:27	07:53
Feb 22	05:48	01:31	07:19
Mar 22	07:50	04:42	12:32
Apr 22	04:28	01:08	05:36
To 12 May 22	02:06	00:26	02:32
Total h:mm	45:26	18:02	63:28

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

RAINE	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:43	00:00	00:43
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	10:52	01:09	12:01
Oct 21	02:40	02:15	04:55
Nov 21	08:18	01:39	09:57
Dec 21	06:48	01:10	07:58
Jan 22	07:42	01:03	08:45
Feb 22	08:07	02:57	11:04
Mar 22	09:09	05:33	14:42
Apr 22	03:41	00:52	04:33
To 12 May 22	04:39	00:14	04:53
Total h:mm	62:39	16:52	79:31

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

SJSS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:06	00:54	01:00
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	06:59	01:50	08:49
Oct 21	02:52	01:01	03:53
Nov 21	04:37	00:46	05:23
Dec 21	06:31	01:37	08:08
Jan 22	04:59	00:29	05:28
Feb 22	09:48	01:29	11:17
Mar 22	06:55	01:49	08:44
Apr 22	04:28	00:45	05:13
To 12 May 22	02:05	00:17	02:22
Total h:mm	49:20	10:57	60:17

Standards, Procedure and Public Appointments Committee

SPPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:16	00:40	00:56
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	02:44	00:44	03:28
Oct 21	02:16	00:38	02:54
Nov 21	03:41	02:54	06:35
Dec 21	00:12	05:10	05:22
Jan 22	01:28	03:12	04:40
Feb 22	01:51	02:47	04:38
Mar 22	01:05	02:57	04:02
Apr 22	03:27	01:00	04:27
To 12 May 22	00:12	01:20	01:32
Total h:mm	17:12	21:22	38:34

4.2.3. Average Time Spent in Committee Meetings during the Parliamentary Year

Average length of all committee meetings by month

	Average h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00
Jun-21	00:52
Jul-21	00:00
Aug-21	00:34
Sep-21	02:10
Oct-21	01:48
Nov-21	02:07
Dec-21	02:11
Jan-22	02:07
Feb-22	02:14
Mar-22	02:18
Apr-22	02:10
To 12 May 22	01:37

Annual average length of meetings by committee

Committees are listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

Committee	Average h:min
CPPP	01:05
CEEAC	01:08
CVDR	01:02
CJ	01:45
DPLR	00:33
EFW	01:48
ECYP	01:55
EHRCJ	01:35
FPA	01:36
HSCS	01:57
LGHP	01:46
NZET	02:05
PA	01:49
RAINE	01:55
SJSS	01:31
SPPA	01:12
Annual average all committees	01:36

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Average time spent in committee meetings during the parliamentary year by committee

	CPPP	CEEAC	CVDR	CJ	DPLR	EFW
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	00:09	00:32	00:18	01:11	00:42	01:06
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:34	00:00
Sep 21	01:19	02:05	02:05	02:48	00:00	02:15
Oct 21	01:39	00:57	01:20	02:58	00:19	02:09
Nov 21	01:05	02:09	02:00	02:51	00:27	02:18
Dec 21	00:45	02:12	01:52	02:42	01:26	02:21
Jan 22	01:33	01:36	00:51	01:23	01:06	02:25
Feb 22	01:43	01:57	01:30	02:25	00:53	03:18
Mar 22	02:30	01:39	01:56	03:20	00:58	02:12
Apr 22	02:20	01:43	01:37	03:17	00:19	03:06
To 12 May 22	01:11	00:00	00:03	00:00	00:29	02:21
Annual Average	01:05	01:08	01:02	01:45	00:33	01:48

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	ECYP	EHRCJ	FPA	HSCS	LGHP
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	01:31	00:56	00:35	01:02	00:41
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	00:00	00:00	02:57	00:48	02:49
Sep 21	03:11	02:25	02:22	02:49	02:50
Oct 21	01:50	02:54	01:09	01:13	01:49
Nov 21	02:32	02:30	01:16	03:04	02:48
Dec 21	02:27	02:06	02:43	02:55	02:13
Jan 22	02:47	02:23	01:47	03:11	02:48
Feb 22	02:18	01:55	01:22	02:59	02:35
Mar 22	02:37	02:05	02:12	02:59	02:17
Apr 22	02:41	02:28	01:39	02:13	00:23
To 12 May 22	02:59	00:53	02:52	02:15	01:47
Annual Average	01:55	01:35	01:36	01:57	01:46

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	NZET h:min	PA h:min	RAINE h:min	SJSS h:min	SPPA h:min
From 13 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 21	01:32	01:00	00:43	01:00	00:56
Jul 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 21	01:59	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 21	02:23	02:09	02:24	01:45	01:44
Oct 21	02:06	02:36	02:27	01:56	01:27
Nov 21	02:20	02:40	02:29	01:47	01:38
Dec 21	02:27	02:28	02:39	02:02	01:47
Jan 22	03:04	02:37	02:55	01:49	01:33
Feb 22	02:52	02:26	03:41	02:15	01:32
Mar 22	03:01	02:30	02:56	02:11	01:20
Apr 22	03:02	02:48	02:16	02:36	02:13
To 12 May 22	02:15	02:32	02:26	02:22	01:32
Annual Average	02:05	01:49	01:55	01:31	01:12

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4.3. Committees

4.3.1. Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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 (from 23 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: David Torrance (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Committee meetings

There were 16 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	16
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	5
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	3
Hybrid meetings	9

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackson Carlaw (from 17 June 2021)	Con	15(16)
Fergus Ewing (from 31 March 2021)	SNP	2(3)
Bill Kidd (17 June 2021 – 11 January 2022)	SNP	8(8)
Ruth Maguire (18 January 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	5(5)
Alexander Stewart (from 23 September 2021)	Con	12(12)
Paul Sweeney (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	16(16)
David Torrance (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	15(16)
Tess White (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021)	Con	4(4)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sharon Dowey (from 8 September 2021)	Con	0
Marie McNair (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	1
Carol Mochan (From 22 September 2021)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Lynn Tullis

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	3
Members of the Scottish Parliament	26
Representatives of public bodies	0
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	1
Representatives of higher education bodies	0
Other categories of witnesses	9

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	Public Participation Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	96	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

There were no reports in this parliamentary year.

Petitions Considered

	No. of petitions
New petitions lodged from 13 May 2021 until 12 May 2022	71
Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee from 13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022 (petitions may have been considered by committees multiple times):	96
PE1517, PE1610, PE1657, PE1662, PE1723, PE1804, PE1812, PE1837, PE1838, PE1845, PE1850, PE1851, PE1852, PE1853, PE1854, PE1855, PE1856, PE1857, PE1858, PE1859, PE1860, PE1861, PE1862, PE1863, PE1864, PE1865, PE1866, PE1867, PE1868, PE1869, PE1870, PE1871, PE1872, PE1873, PE1874, PE1875, PE1876, PE1877, PE1878, PE1879, PE1880, PE1881, PE1882, PE1883, PE1884, PE1885, PE1886, PE1887, PE1888, PE1889, PE1890, PE1891, PE1892, PE1893, PE1894, PE1895, PE1896, PE1897, PE1898, PE1899, PE1900, PE1901, PE1902, PE1903, PE1904, PE1905, PE1906, PE1907, PE1908, PE1909, PE1910, PE1911, PE1912, PE1913, PE1914, PE1915, PE1916, PE1917, PE1918, PE1919, PE1920, PE1921, PE1922, PE1923, PE1924, PE1925, PE1926, PE1927, PE1928, PE1929, PE1930, PE1931, PE1932, PE1933, PE1934, PE1935	
Petitions referred to Scottish Parliament Committees from 13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022:	2
Net Zero, Energy and Transport: PE1872	
Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee: PE1912	
Petitions referred for information only to Scottish Parliament Committees from 13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022	2
Petitions closed from 13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022:	39
PE1929, PE1922, PE1901, PE1893, PE1889, PE1923, PE1904, PE1883, PE1921, PE1910, PE1898, PE1892, PE1894, PE1888, PE1883, PE1881, PE1878, PE1873, PE1863, PE1853, PE1908, PE1886, PE1857, PE1838, PE1662, PE1899, PE1903, PE1879, PE1517, PE1850, PE1851, PE1852, PE1858, PE1861, PE1868, PE1869, PE1874, PE1880, PE1882	
Petitions withdrawn at the request of the petitioner from 13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022: PE1903	1

4.3.2. Constitution, Europe, External Affairs Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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.

Convener: Clare Adamson (from 23 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Donald Cameron (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 10 members.

Committee meetings

There were 26 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	26
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	7
Hybrid meetings	16

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Clare Adamson (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	23(26)
Alasdair Allan (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	26(26)
Sarah Boyack (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	25(26)
Donald Cameron (from 17 June 2021)	Con	24(26)
Maurice Golden (from 23 September 2021)	Con	19(21)
Patrick Harvie (17 June 2021 – 30 August 2021)	Green	1(1)
Jenni Minto (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	26(26)
Mark Ruskell (from 8 September 2021)	Green	19(24)
Sue Webber (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021)	Con	5(5)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claire Baker (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Graeme Dey (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	0
Fergus Ewing (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	0
Graham Simpson (from 8 September 2021)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: James Johnston

Advisers:

- Professor Katy Hayward, UK in a Changing Europe Senior Fellow, Queen's University Belfast;
- Professor Michael Keating, Professor of Politics, University of Aberdeen;
- Professor Tobias Lock, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law, Maynooth University;
- Dr Christopher McCorkindale, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Strathclyde

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	10
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	34
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	64
Representatives of higher education bodies	21
Other categories of witnesses	4

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Climate Justice Fund; Funding for Culture; Scottish Government's international work; The UK Internal Market
Consultations	4	Continuity Act; Funding for Culture; Scottish Government's international work; The UK Internal Market
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	2	The European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 (references to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement) Regulations 2021; The UK Statistics (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	2	2 March 2022: S6M-03389; 10 May 2022: S6M-04294

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Inquiry into the Scottish Government's International Work	154	6 April 2022	6 June 2022
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill (UK Legislation)	123	4 March 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): UK Internal Market Inquiry	113	22 February 2022	19 May 2022

4.3.3. COVID-19 Recovery Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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) any other legislation or policy in relation to the response to COVID-19.

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

Convener: Siobhian Brown (from 23 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Murdo Fraser (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 9 members

Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	25
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	5
Hybrid meetings	18

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Siobhian Brown (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(30)
Jim Fairlie (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	29(30)
Murdo Fraser (from 17 June 2021)	Con	30(30)
John Mason (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(30)
Alex Rowley (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	29(30)
Brian Whittle (from 17 June 2021)	Con	29(30)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	1
James Dornan (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	0
Sandesh Gulhane (from 8 September 2021)	Con	0
Stuart McMillan (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Sigrid Robinson

Advisers:

- Dr Helen Stagg, Reader (Associate Professor) in Infectious Disease Epidemiology Organisation, University of Edinburgh;
- Professor Peter Donnelly, Professor of Public Health Medicine and Director of the Sir James Mackenzie Institute for early diagnosis, University of St Andrews;
- Professor Susie Dunachie, National Institute for Health Research Global Research Professor, University of Oxford

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	21
Scottish Government officials	58
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	9
Representatives of local authorities	3
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	26
Representatives of higher education bodies	15
Other categories of witnesses	26

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	3	Baseline health protection measures: preparing for winter and pathways to recovery; Excess deaths in Scotland since the start of the pandemic; Vaccination certification
Consultations	3	Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill; Excess deaths in Scotland since the start of the pandemic; What questions do you have on COVID19 in Scotland?
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill; Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	71	5 draft affirmatives; 54 made affirmatives; 7 laid only; 5 negatives: SSI 2021/214; SSI 2021/236; SSI 2021/280; SSI 2022/11; SSI 2022/64
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	3	4 November 2021: Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/349); 24 February 2022: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [Draft]; 17 March 2022: Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No 5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/74)
Plenary debates	1	2 December 2021: debate without motion

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 28 April 2022	163	28 April 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill	161	22 April 2022	9 May 2022
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 17 March 2022	138	17 March 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 24 February 2022	118	24 February 2022	No Response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 3 February 2022	98	3 February 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 20 January 2022	85	20 January 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on The Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill	78	13 January 2022	18 January 2022
11th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 23 December 2021	76	23 December 2021	No Response
10th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 16 December 2021	69	16 December 2021	No Response
9th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 9 December 2021	63	9 December 2021	No Response
8th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 2 December 2021	55	2 December 2021	No Response
7th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 18 November 2021	42	18 November 2021	No Response
6th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 4 November 2021	37	4 November 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 28 October 2021	32	28 October 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 23 September 2021	18	23 September 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 16 September 2021	12	16 September 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Committee on 9 September 2021	8	9 September 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 2 September 2021	4	6 September 2021	No Response

4.3.4. Criminal Justice Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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)

Convener: Audrey Nicoll (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Russell Findlay (from 22 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 11 members.

Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	8
Hybrid meetings	13

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Katy Clark (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	26(30)
Russell Findlay (from 17 June 2021)	Con	29(30)
Jamie Greene (from 17 June 2021)	Con	28(30)
Fulton MacGregor (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	28(30)
Rona Mackay (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	28(30)
Pauline McNeill (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	27(30)
Audrey Nicoll (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(30)
Collette Stevenson (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	26(30)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Donald Cameron (from September 2021)	Con	0
Jackie Dunbar (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	1
Daniel Johnson (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Stephen Imrie

Advisers: None

Visits

The committee made 5 visits:

- The courts in Edinburgh to meet with the Lord President to see how virtual trials work;
- HMP Edinburgh to meet with the Governor, his staff, drugs support charities and prisoners;
- Gartcosh and the Scottish Crime Campus;
- Local communities in Blackburn, West Lothian, on the misuse of fireworks;
- The Wise Group in Glasgow.

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	11
Scottish Government officials	29
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	53
Representatives of local authorities	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	21
Representatives of higher education bodies	6
Other categories of witnesses	17

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	2	Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill; Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill; Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2020
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Judicial Review and Courts Bill; Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill; Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	34	5 draft affirmatives; 13 laid only; 16 negatives: SSI 2021/220; SSI 2021/225; SSI 2021/282; SSI 2021/289; SSI 2021/446; SSI 2022/10; SSI 2022/30; SSI 2022/73; SSI 2022/79; SSI 2022/80; SSI 2022/93; SSI 2022/95; SSI 2022/101; SSI 2022/103; SSI 2022/119; SSI 2022/148
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	164	28 April 2022	1 May 2022
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report to the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on the justice provisions in the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill	153	4 April 2022	n/a
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022	126	4 March 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	91	27 January 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Judged on progress: The need for urgent delivery on Scottish justice sector reforms	75	10 January 2022	10 March 2022
4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandums considered by the Criminal Justice Committee on 15 December 2021	71	17 December 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Pre-budget scrutiny: priorities in 2022-23 for the Scottish Government's budget in the justice sector	32	22 November 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	7	8 October 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Criminal Justice Committee on 15 September 2021	14	20 September 2021	No Response

4.3.5. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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 (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Bill Kidd (from 22 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	6
Hybrid meetings	4

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Craig Hoy (from 17 June 2021)	Con	28(30)
Bill Kidd (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(30)
Stuart McMillan (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	28(30)
Graham Simpson (from 17 June 2021)	Con	29(30)
Paul Sweeney (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	28(30)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Golden (from 8 September 2021)	Con	1
Rhoda Grant (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Jenni Minto (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Andrew Proudfoot

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	2
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	2
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education bodies	1
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	Use of the made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic
Consultations	1	Use of the made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	10	Budget Scotland) Bill; Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill; Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation)(Scotland) Bill; Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform)(Scotland) Bill; Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill; Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill; Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill; Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill; Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill;
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	11	Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill; Building Safety Bill; Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill; Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill; Elections Bill; Environment Bill; Health and Care Bill; High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill; Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill; Professional Qualifications Bill; Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022
SIs considered	3	Draft/2021 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2021; Draft/2022 Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022; SI 2021/1455 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2021
SSIs	321	56 made affirmatives;

Business	No.	Details
considered		<p>81 draft affirmatives;</p> <p>57 laid only;</p> <p>2 instruments/documents subject to approval;</p> <p>125 negatives: 2021/210; 2021/214; 2021/220 2021/221; 2021/222; 2021/225; 2021/233; 2021/236; 2021/241; 2021/249; 2021/251; 2021/274; 2021/280; 2021/282; 2021/288; 2021/289; 2021/292; 2021/293; 2021/297; 2021/302; 2021/305; 2021/310; 2021/312; 2021/313; 2021/317; 2021/318; 2021/330; 2021/333; 2021/335; 2021/337; 2021/340; 2021/341; 2021/342; 2021/348; 2021/353; 2021/354; 2021/367; 2021/378; 2021/379; 2021/380; 2021/383; 2021/386; 2021/397; 2021/398; 2021/402; 2021/409; 2021/410; 2021/411; 2021/412; 2021/420; 2021/421; 2021/424; 2021/431; 2021/432; 2021/438; 2021/442; 2021/446; 2021/457; 2021/461; 2021/462; 2021/463; 2021/465; 2021/466; 2021/467; 2021/469; 2021/477; 2021/481; 2021/489; 2021/492; 2021/493; 2022/4; 2022/5; 2022/8; 2022/9; 2022/10; 2022/18; 2022/26; 2022/28; 2022/30; 2022/31; 2022/34; 2022/35; 2022/36; 2022/37; 2022/39; 2022/42; 2022/45; 2022/47; 2022/48; 2022/49; 2022/50; 2022/51; 2022/52; 2022/64; 2022/66; 2022/68; 2022/70; 2022/71; 2022/72; 2022/73; 2022/79; 2022/80; 2022/86; 2022/90; 2022/93; 2022/95; 2022/97; 2022/100; 2022/101; 2022/102; 2022/103; 2022/107; 2022/111; 2022/114; 2022/117; 2022/119; 2022/124; 2022/125; 2022/130; 2022/131; 2022/136; 2022/137; 2022/138; 2022/148; 2022/153</p>
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	5	<p>5 October 2021: Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/349);</p> <p>11 January 2022: Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/498);</p> <p>22 February 2022: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [Draft];</p> <p>1 March 2022: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [Draft];</p> <p>1 March 2022: Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alteration of Expiry Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/40)</p>
Plenary debates	1	22 February 2022: debate without motion

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
28th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 May 2022	171	10 May 2022	No Response
27th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill	168	4 May 2022	No Response
26th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 May 2022	167	3 May 2022	No Response
25th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 April 2022	165	27 April 2022	No Response
24th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 April 2022	159	21 April 2022	No Response
23rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 March 2022	148	31 March 2022	No Response
22nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	147	29 March 2022	No Response
21st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	145	24 March 2022	No Response
20th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 March 2022	143	22 March 2022	No Response
19th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	139	16 March 2022	No Response
18th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill: Stage 1	136	16 March 2022	No Response
17th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 15 March 2022	135	15 March 2022	No Response
16th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 March 2022	128	9 March 2022	No Response
15th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 March 2022	127	4 March 2022	No Response
14th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to the Building Safety Bill	121	24 February 2022	No Response
13th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 February 2022	120	24 February 2022	No Response
12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic	110	10 February 2022	No Response
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 February 2022	109	9 February 2022	No Response
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill: After Stage 2	102	4 February 2022	No Response
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to the Professional Qualifications Bill	100	4 February 2022	No Response
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Health and Care Bill	99	3 February 2022	No Response
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	94	2 February 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 February 2022	97	1 February 2022	No Response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 January 2022	90	25 January 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure)	89	24 January 2022	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
Bill			
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Public Services Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill	83	20 January 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 January 2022	80	18 January 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 11 January 2022	79	14 January 2022	No Response
23rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 December 2021	72	21 December 2021	No Response
22nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 December 2021	68	16 December 2021	No Response
21st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	67	14 December 2021	No Response
20th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Budget (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	66	14 December 2021	No Response
19th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 December 2021	65	8 December 2021	No Response
18th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 30 November 2021	61	1 December 2021	No Response
17th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 November 2021	54	25 November 2021	No Response
16th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Elections Bill	48	19 November 2021	No Response
15th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 November 2021	47	18 November 2021	No Response
14th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 November 2021	43	11 November 2021	No Response
14th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill	41	5 November 2021	No Response
13th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 October 2021	35	28 October 2021	No Response
12th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 October 2021	27	8 October 2021	No Response
11th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Health and Care Bill	26	4 October 2021	No Response
10th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill	25	4 October 2021	No Response
9th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	24	5 October 2021	No Response
8th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 September 2021	22	29 September 2021	No Response
7th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Professional Qualifications Bill	16	23 September 2021	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 September 2021	15	22 September 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 September 2021	11	14 September 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 September 2021	3	8 September 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	9	8 September 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 31 August 2021	5	2 September 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 June 2021	2	22 June 2021	No Response

4.3.6. Economy and Fair Work Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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)

Convener: Claire Baker (from 23 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Colin Beattie (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 12 members

Committee Meetings

There were 28 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	28
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	25
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	5
Hybrid meetings	17

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claire Baker (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	27(28)
Colin Beattie (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	27(28)
Alexander Burnett (from 17 June 2021)	Con	26(28)
Maggie Chapman (from 8 September 2021)	Green	27(27)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 17 June 2021)	Con	26(28)
Fiona Hyslop (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	27(28)
Gordon MacDonald (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	28(28)
Lorna Slater (17 June 2021 to 8 September 2021)	Green	1(3)
Colin Smyth (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	27(28)
Michelle Thomson (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	26(28)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
John Mason (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	2
Liz Smith (from 8 September 2021)	Con	0
Paul Sweeney (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Anne Peat

Advisers: None

Visits

The committee visited Midsteeples Quarter in Dumfries to speak with local business owners and community groups for the inquiry into town centres and retail.

Events

Discussion event with small businesses and community groups for inquiry into town centres and retail.

Witnesses

Data on the number of witnesses is not available for this parliamentary year.

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Scotland's supply chain; Town centres and retail
Consultations	1	Town centres and retail
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Professional Qualifications Bill; Subsidy Control Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	3	The Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021; The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021; EFTA and TCA International Agreement Procurement SI
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	10	3 draft affirmatives; 3 laid only; 4 negatives: SSI 2021/378; SSI 2021/409; SSI 2021/424; SSI 2021/465
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Scotland's Supply Chain	162	28 April 2022	4 July 2022
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 2 March 2022	124	3 March 2022	No Response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Professional Qualifications Bill	111	9 February 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Subsidy Control Bill	103	9 February 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 26 January 2022	95	27 January 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Professional Qualifications Bill	49	22 November 2021	No Response

4.3.7. Education, Children and Young People Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

Convener: Stephen Kerr (from 23 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Kaukab Stewart (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 14 members.

Committee meetings

There were 27 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	27
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	23
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	10
Hybrid meetings	14

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Stephanie Callaghan (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	27(27)
Graeme Dey (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	3(3)
Bob Doris (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	27(27)
James Dornan (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	21(27)
Fergus Ewing (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	24(24)
Ross Greer (from 17 June 2021)	Green	25(27)
Stephen Kerr (from 17 June 2021)	Con	27(27)
Ruth Maguire (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	3(3)
Michael Marra (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	26(27)
Oliver Mundell (from 17 June 2021)	Con	21(27)
Willie Rennie (from 31 August 2021)	LD	25(26)
Kaukab Stewart (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	27(27)
Beatrice Wishart (17 June 2021 – 31 August 2021)	LD	1(1)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alex Cole-Hamilton (from 6 October 2021)	LD	0
Natalie Don (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	1
Meghan Gallacher (from 8 September 2021)	Con	2
Martin Whitfield (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Stephen Herbert

Advisers: None

Visits

The committee made a total of 3 visits: to two schools and a third sector organisation to hear from young people, parents, carers and teaching staff.

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	14
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	38
Representatives of local authorities	8
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	16
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	8
Representatives of higher education bodies	17
Other categories of witnesses	18

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	7	Alternative Certification Model; Budget 2022 to 2023; Covid and Schools January 2022; COVID-19's impact on children and young people; Drink and needle spiking; Skills alignment with business needs; The Scottish Attainment Challenge
Consultations	1	The Scottish Attainment Challenge
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill; Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill; British Sign Language Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	20	6 draft affirmatives; 2 laid only; 12 negatives: SSI 2021/210; SSI 2021/251; SSI 2021/312; SSI 2021/313; SSI 2021/333; SSI 2021/379; SSI 2021/380; SSI 2021/462; SSI 2021/481; SSI 2022/34; SSI 2022/97; SSI 2022/102
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	8 December 2021: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/379)
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the British Sign Language Bill	155	22 April 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on Part 2 of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill	150	1 April 2022	9 May 2022
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022	130	11 March 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Impact of Covid-19 on children and young people	101	11 February 2022	31 March 2022
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Reconsideration and Review of Determinations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022	92	28 January 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021	64	8 December 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Payments Materially Affected by Error) (Scotland) Regulations 2021	60	3 December 2021	No Response
4th report, 2021 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the UK Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill	59	2 December 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021	34	29 October 2021	No Response
2nd report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021	33	29 October 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021	6	14 September 2021	No Response

4.3.8. Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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.

Convener: Joe Fitzpatrick (from 23 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Maggie Chapman (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 12 members

Committee meetings

There were 25 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	25
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	21
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	8
Hybrid meetings	11

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	25(25)
Maggie Chapman (from 17 June 2021)	Green	25(25)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	23(25)
Joe Fitzpatrick (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	25(25)
Pam Gosal (from 17 June 2021)	Con	24(25)
Fulton MacGregor (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	24(25)
Alexander Stewart (from 17 June 2021)	Con	24(25)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jeremy Balfour (from 8 September 2021)	Con	1
Paul O'Kane (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	2
Kaukab Stewart (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Katrina Venters

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	11
Scottish Government officials	21
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	16
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	110
Representatives of higher education bodies	16
Other categories of witnesses	28

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	3	Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2022/23; PE1817: End Conversion Therapy; Women's unfair responsibility for unpaid care and domestic work
Consultations	1	Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2022/23
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill; Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgements (2005 Hague Convention and 2007 Hague Convention) Regulations 2022
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	19	7 draft affirmatives; 6 laid only; 6 negatives: SSI 2021/233; SSI 2021/341; SSI 2021/420; SSI 2021/421; SSI 2021/461; SSI 2022/68
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	5	10 May 2022: Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 4A, 4B, 13, 14, 3A
Plenary debates	1	15 March 2022: S6M-03597

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]	151	31 March 2022	No Response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill	134	18 March 2022	25 March 2022
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]	108	8 February 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on Petition PE1817: End Conversion Therapy	88	25 January 2022	10 March 2022
4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): The Independent Reviewer (Modification of Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]	57	1 December 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 16 November 2021	46	19 November 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]	40	4 November 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): The Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]	17	24 September 2021	No Response

4.3.9. Finance and Public Administration Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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.

Convener: Kenneth Gibson (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Daniel Johnson (from 22 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 10 members.

Committee meetings

There were 29 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	29
Meetings held wholly in private	6
Meetings held partly in private	17
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	4
Hybrid meetings	12

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Kenneth Gibson (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	28(29)
Ross Greer (from 8 September 2021)	Green	26(26)
Patrick Harvie (17 June 2021 – 30 August 2021)	Green	1(1)
Daniel Johnson (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	27(29)
Douglas Lumsden (from 17 June 2021)	Con	29(29)
John Mason (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	29(29)
Liz Smith (from 17 June 2021)	Con	28(29)
Michelle Thomson (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	28(29)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alasdair Allan (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	1
Fergus Ewing (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	0
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 22 September 2021)	Con	0
Colin Smyth (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Tess White (8 September 2021 – 22 September 2021)	Con	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Joanne McNaughton

Advisers

- Mairi Spowage, Professor of Practice and Director of the Fraser of Allander Institute

Visits: None

Events

The committee held 2 National Performance Framework events with stakeholders, in Glasgow and Dundee.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	11
Scottish Government officials	17
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	30
Representatives of local authorities	8
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	12
Representatives of higher education bodies	20
Other categories of witnesses	31

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Budget Scrutiny 2022-23; Framework for the Resource Spending Review; Replacing EU Structural Funds in Scotland; Scotland's public finances in 2022-23 and the impact of COVID-19
Consultations	2	Framework for the Resource Spending Review; Scotland's public finances in 2022-23 and the impact of COVID-19
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Budget (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	3	2 draft affirmatives; 1 made affirmative
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	1	26 January 2022: S6M-02901

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on nominations to the Scottish Fiscal Commission	170	6 May 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Investing in Scotland's Future: Resource Spending Review Framework	144	25 March 2022	1 June 2022
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2022	133	18 March 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2022	132	15 March 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Budget Scrutiny 2022-23	82	21 January 2022	29 January 2022
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2021	45	18 November 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2022-23: Scotland's Public Finances in 2022-23 and the Impact of COVID-19	39	5 November 2021	9 December 2021

4.3.10. Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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)

Convener: Gillian Martin (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Paul O’Kane (from 22 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 11 members.

Committee members

There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	30
Joint meetings with other Committees	2
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	9
Hybrid meetings	20

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Stephanie Callaghan (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(33)
Sandesh Gulhane (from 17 June 2021)	Con	31(33)
Emma Harper (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	31(33)
Gillian Mackay (from 17 June 2021)	Green	33(33)
Gillian Martin (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	33(33)
Carol Mochan (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	31(33)
Paul O’Kane (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	30(33)
David Torrance (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	26(33)
Evelyn Tweed (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	27(33)
Sue Webber (from 23 September 2021)	Con	27(28)
Annie Wells (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021)	Con	4(5)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	3
Russell Findlay (from 22 September 2021)	Con	0
Marie McNair (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	5
Sue Webber (from 8 September 2021)	Con	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Alex Bruce

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events

The committee held four virtual informal engagement events, seeking views on:

- Transvaginal mesh experiences;
- Perinatal mental health;
- The health and wellbeing of children and young people;
- Alternative pathways to primary care

Witnesses

Data on the number of witnesses is not available for this parliamentary year.

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Alternative pathways into primary care; Health and wellbeing of children and young people; Health inequalities; Perinatal Mental Health
Consultations	3	Alternative pathways into primary care; Health and wellbeing of children and young people; Perinatal Mental Health
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill; Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Health and Care Bill; Professional Qualifications Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	27	4 draft affirmatives; 3 laid only; 20 negatives: SSI 2021/222; SSI 2021/241; SSI 2021/274; SSI 2021/302; SSI 2021/330; SSI 2021/335; SSI 2021/367; SSI 2021/457; SSI 2021/477; SSI 2022/24; SSI 2022/45; SSI 2022/70; SSI 2022/71; SSI 2022/72; SSI 2022/86; SSI 2022/100; SSI 2022/114; SSI 2022/117; SSI 2022/130; SSI 2022/137
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	2	14 December 2021: Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 5, 8
Plenary debates	1	29 March 2022: debate without motion

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Additional supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum to the Health and Care Bill	158	20 April 2022	No Response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Prohibition of Smoking Outside Hospital Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]	146	29 March 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 1 March 2022	122	2 March 2022	No Response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]	117	22 February 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandums on the Health and Care Bill	112	9 February 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Inquiry into perinatal mental health	104	8 February 2022	28 March 2022
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill	44	16 November 2021	22 November 2021
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	30	26 October 2021	No Response

4.3.11. Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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)

Convener: Ariane Burgess (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener:

- Willie Coffey (from 1 February 2022)
- Elena Whitham (22 June 2021 – 24 January 2022)

Membership: The committee has 10 members.

Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	30
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	9
Hybrid meetings	19

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Miles Briggs (from 17 June 2021)	Con	30(30)
Ariane Burgess (from 17 June 2021)	Green	30(30)
Willie Coffey (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	29(30)
Graeme Dey (25 January 2022 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	8(8)
Meghan Gallacher (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)	Con	26(27)
Mark Griffin (from 17 June 2022)	Lab	27(30)
Paul McLennan (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	29(30)
Marie McNair (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	3(3)
Annie Wells (from 31 March 2022)	Con	3(3)
Elena Whitham (17 June 2021 – 24 January 2022)	SNP	19(19)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Murdo Fraser (from 8 September 2021)	Con	1
Ruth Maguire (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	0
Emma Roddick (8 September 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Euan Donald

Advisers: None

Visits

The Committee made 2 visits:

- Niddrie Road EnerPHit Retrofit project - to see retrofitting work in practice;
- Govan - to discuss the impact of the NPF4 on local groups and council planners.

Events: None

Witnesses

Data on the number of witnesses is not available for this parliamentary year.

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Regulations on proposals made by Boundaries Scotland; Share your views on the National Planning Framework; Short-term lets regulations; Understanding barriers to participation in local politics
Consultations	5	Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill; Regulations on proposals made by Boundaries Scotland; Share your views on the National Planning Framework; Short-term lets regulations; Understanding barriers to participation in local politics
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform)(Scotland) Bill; Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus)(Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Building Safety Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	The Waste and Agriculture (Legislative Functions) Regulations 2021
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	4	15 draft affirmatives; 6 laid only; 20 negatives: SSI 2021/292; SSI 2021/293; SSI 2021/353; SSI 2021/397; SSI 2021/411; SSI 2021/438; SSI 2021/489; SSI 2022/18; SSI 2022/36; SSI 2022/37; SSI 2022/47; SSI 2022/48; SSI 2022/49; SSI 2022/50; SSI 2022/51; SSI 2022/66; SSI 2022/124; SSI 2022/125; SSI 2022/136; SSI 2022/153
Petitions considered	1	PE1912
Divisions held	4	28 September 2021: Argyll and Bute (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [Draft]; Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [Draft]; 21 December 2021: Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [Draft]; Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [Draft]
Plenary debates	2	18 January 2022: S6M-debate without motion; 19 April 2022: S6M-03985

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill	157	20 April 2022	26 April 2022
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill	156	20 April 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): National Planning Framework 4	149	30 March 2022	No Response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 15 March 2022	137	15 March 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on Building Safety Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum	125	2 March 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation on Short-term lets considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 21 December 2021	77	12 January 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 23 November 2021	51	25 November 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 16 November 2021	50	19 November 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Code of Conduct for Councillors considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 5 October 2021	28	6 October 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Electoral Arrangements Regulations	23	30 September 2021	No Response

4.3.12. Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

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

Convener: Dean Lockhart (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Fiona Hyslop (from 22 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 10 members

Committee meetings

There were 31 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	29
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	6
Hybrid meetings	22

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Natalie Don (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	14(31)
Jackie Dunbar (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	31(31)
Fiona Hyslop (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	31(31)
Liam Kerr (from 17 June 2021)	Con	31(31)
Monica Lennon (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	30(31)
Dean Lockhart (from from 17 June 2021)	Con	29(31)
Mark Ruskell (from 17 June 2021)	Green	28(31)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Collette Stevenson (from 31 August 2021)	SNP	13
Mercedes Villalba (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Brian Whittle (from 8 September 2021)	Con	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Peter McGrath

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events

Members of the Committee took part in a virtual workshop with children and young people hosted by the Scottish Youth Parliament and the Children's Parliament, during Scotland's Climate Assembly.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	12
Scottish Government officials	32
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	98
Representatives of local authorities	10
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	54
Representatives of higher education bodies	7
Other categories of witnesses	6

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Energy price rises; The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland
Consultations	1	The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill; Environment Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	3	The Waste and Agriculture (Legislative Functions) Regulations 2021; The Pesticides (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021; The United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles) Regulations 2022
SIs considered	2	SI 2021/Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2021; SI 2021/1455 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2021
SSIs considered	24	7 draft affirmatives; 4 laid only; 13 negatives: SSI 2021/318; SSI 2021/348; SSI 2021/354; SSI 2021/383; SSI 2021/410; SSI 2021/412; SSI 2021/431; SSI 2022/4; SSI 2022/8; SSI 2022/9; SSI 2022/26; SSI 2022/111; SSI 2022/138
Petitions considered	1	PE1872
Divisions held	2	25 January 2022: Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2022 [Draft]; 22 February 2022: Workplace Parking Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/4)
Plenary debates	1	10 March 2022: debate without motion

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (Scotland) Order 2022	166	3 May 2022	No Response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]	129	9 March 2022	No Response
4th report, 2022 (Session 6): Workplace Parking Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2022	119	28 February 2022	No Response
3rd report, 2022 (Session 6): The Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022	107	7 February 2022	No Response
2nd report, 2022 (Session 6): The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2022	106	7 February 2022	No Response
1st report, 2022 (Session 6): The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022	105	7 February 2022	No Response
3rd report, 2021 (Session 6): Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021	58	8 December 2021	No Response
2nd report, 2021 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on The National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021	25	4 October 2021	No Response
1st report, 2021 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the UK Environment Bill	20	29 September 2021	No Response

4.3.13. Public Audit Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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 (from 23 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Sharon Dowey (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 8 members

Committee meetings

There were 26 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	26
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	4
Hybrid meetings	21

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Colin Beattie (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	25(26)
Willie Coffey (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	26(26)
Sharon Dowey (from 17 June 2021)	Con	26(26)
Craig Hoy (from 17 June 2021)	Con	26(26)
Richard Leonard (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	26(26)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alexander Burnett (from 8 September 2021)	Con	0
Katy Clark (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Bill Kidd (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Lynn Russell

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	0
Scottish Government officials	27
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	131
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	4
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	4
Representatives of voluntary sector	5
Representatives of higher education bodies	2
Other categories of witnesses	18

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
AGS Scotland Section 22 reports reviewed	10	<p>The 2020/21 audit of the Crofting Commission;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of NHS National Services Scotland: Response to the Covid-19 pandemic;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of National Records of Scotland;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of NHS Highland;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of Scottish Canals;</p> <p>The 2020/21 audit of South Lanarkshire College</p>
AGS Scotland Section 23 reports reviewed	4	<p>Improving the outcomes of children and young people through school education;</p> <p>Planning for Skills;</p> <p>NHS in Scotland 2021;</p> <p>New Vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to deliver vessels 801 and 802</p>
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

There were no reports published during this parliamentary year.

4.3.14. Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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)

Convener: Finlay Carson (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener:

- Beatrice Wishart (from 1 September 2021)
- Liam McArthur (22 June 2021 - 26 August 2021)

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	24
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	4
Hybrid meetings	21

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(30)
Alasdair Allan (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(30)
Ariane Burgess (from 17 June 2021)	Green	30(30)
Finlay Carson (from 17 June 2021)	Con	26(30)
Jim Fairlie (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	29(30)
Rachael Hamilton (from 17 June 2021)	Con	30(30)
Liam McArthur (17 June 2021 – 26 August 2021)	LD	1(1)
Jenni Minto (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	30(30)
Mercedes Villalba (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	28(30)
Beatrice Wishart (from 31 August 2021)	LD	29(29)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Emma Harper (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	1
Liam McArthur (from 6 October 2021)	LD	0
Edward Mountain (from 8 September 2021)	Con	2
Colin Smyth (from 29 September 2021)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Emma Johnston

Advisers

- Professor Paul Fernandes, Heriot-Watt University - adviser on post-EU exit fisheries policy;
- Dr Mary Dobbs, Maynooth University - adviser on post-EU exit agriculture policy;
- Dr Ludivine Petetin, Cardiff University - adviser on post-EU exit agriculture policy

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	13
Scottish Government officials	43
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	48
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	8
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	66
Representatives of higher education bodies	40
Other categories of witnesses	66

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	Sea Fish Prohibition on Fishing Firth of Clyde Order 2022
Consultations	1	Sea Fish Prohibition on Fishing Firth of Clyde Order 2022
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill; Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	19	The Trade and Official Controls (Transitional Arrangements for Prior Notifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2021; The Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2021; The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Staging Period) Regulations 2021; The Animal Health, Plant Health, Seeds and Seed Potatoes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021; The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2021; The Ivory Prohibitions (Exemptions)(Process and procedure) Regulations 2021; The Waste and Agriculture (Legislative Functions) Regulations 2021; The Sea Fisheries (Amendment etc) (No.2) Regulations 2021; The Wine (Amendment) Regulations 2021; The Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021; The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2022; The Milk and Milk Products (Pupils in Educational Establishments) Aid Applications (England and Scotland) Regulations 2022; The Ivory Prohibitions (Civil Sanctions) Regulations HAB/030; The Organics (Derogations) (Amendment) Regulations 2022; The Import of Animals and Animal Products and Approved Countries (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulation 2022; The Sea Fisheries (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2022; The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022; The Animal Welfare (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022; The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022
SIs considered	1	SI 2022/Draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022

Business	No.	Details
SSIs considered	27	6 draft affirmatives; 4 laid only; 17 negatives: SSI 2021/288; SSI 2021/297; SSI 2021/340; SSI 2021/342; SSI 2021/398; SSI 2021/432; SSI 2021/463; SSI 2021/466; SSI 2021/467; SSI 2021/492; SSI 2021/493; SSI 2022/5; SSI 2022/35; SSI 2022/39; SSI 2022/90; SSI 2022/107; SSI 2022/131
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	52	09 February 2022: Aquaculture and Fisheries etc (Scheme for Financial Assistance) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [Draft]; 09 March 2022: Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) (No 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/35); 11 May 2022: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 3, 26A, 47, 44, 71, 49, 48, 46, 77, 8, 54, 11, 2, 7, 56, 22, 72, 11A, 60, 9, 41, 1, 31, 19, 45, 20, 59, 69, 35, 70, 53, 43, 76, 23, 84, 75, 85, 32, 58, 64, 42, 40, 55, 80, 10A, 15, 13, 24, 82, 21
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 20 April 2022	160	21 April 2022	No Response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill	141	17 March 2022	22 April 2022
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 9 March 2022	131	10 March 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 9 February 2022	116	21 February 2022	No Response
5th report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 24 November 2021	56	30 November 2021	No Response
4th report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill	53	24 November 2021	No Response
3rd report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 17 November 2021	52	24 November 2021	No Response
2nd report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 29 September 2021	29	11 October 2021	No Response
1st report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 22 September 2021	19	28 September 2021	No Response

4.3.15. Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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)

Convener:

- Elena Whitham (from 27 January 2022)
- Neil Gray (23 June 2021 – 25 January 2022)

Deputy Convener: Natalie Don (from 23 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 11 members

Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	2
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	10
Hybrid meetings	19

Committee meetings

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour (from 17 June 2021)	Con	28(30)
Miles Briggs (from 17 June 2021)	Con	27(30)
Foysol Choudhury (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	22(30)
Natalie Don (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	12(30)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	28(30)
Neil Gray (17 June 2021 – 25 January 2022)	SNP	17(17)
Paul McLennan (from 31 March 2022)	SNP	2(2)
Marie McNair (17 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)	SNP	25(27)
Emma Roddick (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	25(30)
Elena Whitham (from 25 January 2022)	SNP	12(13)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Mark Griffin (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Rachael Hamilton (from 8 September 2021)	Con	0
Evelyn Tweed (from 31 August 2021)	SNP	16

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Claire Menzies

Advisers: None

Visits

The committee made 2 visits to the Social Security Scotland headquarters in Dundee.

Events: None

Witnesses

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	13
Scottish Government officials	36
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	23
Representatives of local authorities	7
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	62
Representatives of higher education bodies	0
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Budget scrutiny 2022-23; Delivering new benefits; Fuel poverty; Homelessness and rough sleeping; Low income and debt problems
Consultations	1	Low income and debt problems
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Nationality and Borders Bill; Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	27	10 draft affirmatives; 6 laid only; 11 negatives: SSI 2021/221; SSI 2021/249; SSI 2021/305; SSI 2021/337; SSI 2021/402; SSI 2021/442; SSI 2021/469; SSI 2022/28; SSI 2022/31; SSI 2022/42; SSI 2022/52
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	5	30 September 2021: Carers' Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 3, 1, 4, 5, 6
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 31 March	152	31 March 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 17 March 2022	140	17 March 2022	No Response
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation)	115	21 February 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 27 January 2022	93	27 January 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 20 January 2022	86	20 January 2022	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 2 December 2021	62	6 December 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 28 October 2021	26	29 October 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 30 September 2021	21	1 October 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill	13	16 September 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	10	13 September 2021	22 September 2021

4.3.16. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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.

Convener: Martin Whitfield (from 22 June 2021)

Deputy Convener: Bob Doris (from 22 June 2021)

Membership: The committee has 8 members

Committee meetings

There were 24 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	24
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	19
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	4
Hybrid meetings	16

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bob Doris (from 17 June 2021)	SNP	24(24)
Paul McLennan (17 June 2021 – 25 November 2021)	SNP	9(9)
Edward Mountain (from 17 June 2021)	Con	16(24)
Collette Stevenson (from 25 January 2022)	SNP	10(10)
Alexander Stewart (17 June 2021 – 23 September 2021)	Con	3(3)
Tess White (from 23 September 2021)	Con	21(21)
Martin Whitfield (from 17 June 2021)	Lab	24(24)
Elena Whitham (1 December 2021 – 24 January 2022)	SNP	5(5)

Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Golden (8 September 2021 – 22 September 2021)	Con	0
Rhoda Grant (from 22 September 2021)	Lab	0
Rona Mackay (from 8 September 2021)	SNP	0
Sue Webber (from 22 September 2021)	Con	7

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Katy Orr

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	6
Scottish Government officials	10
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	23
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	8
Representatives of higher education bodies	4
Other categories of witnesses	26

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	Future parliamentary procedures and practices
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Elections Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	8	3 draft affirmatives; 2 laid only; 1 document for consultation/approval; 2 negatives: SSI 2021/310; SSI 2021/317
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	07 October 2021: Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies
Plenary debates	1	16 December 2021: debate without motion

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill	142	21 March 2022	25 March 2022
3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Standing Orders Rule changes – Committee name and remit and miscellaneous changes	96	1 February 2022	No Response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Complaint against Alison Harris	84	20 January 2022	No Response
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee	81	19 January 2022	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Elections Bill	74	22 December 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Complaint against Adam Tomkins	70	16 December 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee	38	3 November 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies	31	21 October 2021	No Response

5. Legislation

5.1. Bills and Proposed Bills

5.1.1. Bill Summary

Proposals for Bills

Members' Bills proposals	Number
Draft proposals lodged	12
Draft proposals lodged with a consultation attached	9
Draft proposals lodged with a statement of reasons	3
Draft proposals fell	0
Draft proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals lodged after no consultation	3
Final proposals lodged after consultation	0
Final proposals fell	0
Final proposals fell because the Scottish Government gave indication under Rule 9.14.13(a) that they will legislate in this area	0
Final proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals that secured the right to introduce a Bill	2

Bills introduced

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	12
Emergency Bills	1
Members' Bills	1
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	14

An Emergency Bill is introduced as a Government Bill. Once introduced the Parliament must then agree to treat it as an Emergency Bill.

Bills fell

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	0
Emergency Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

Bills withdrawn

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	1
Emergency Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	1

Bills passed

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	4
Emergency Bills	1
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	5

Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Royal Assent	Number
Received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	5
Average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	136

Bills subject to statutory challenge

When a Bill is passed, it is subject to a four week period where the Bill may be the subject of a legal challenge by the the Law Officers under sections 32A or 33 of the Scotland Act 1998. If challenged, the Bill is referred to the Supreme Court. If the four weeks pass with no legal challenge to the Bill, it may be submitted for Royal Assent. The Secretary of State for Scotland has a separate power to challenge the Bill, under a Section 35 Order, during the four week period after the Bill is passed. If a challenge by the Law Officers is successful in the Supreme Court, or the Secretary of State makes an order, the Parliament may reconsider the Bill at Reconsideration Stage.

	Number
Challenge under section 32A of the Scotland Act 1998	0
Challenge under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998	2
Section 35 Order of the Scotland Act 1998	0

5.1.2. Progress of Public Bills during the 1st parliamentary year of Session 6

These tables list all Bills that were in progress during the parliamentary year. The Bills are listed in order of introduction. Some of the tables may contain limited information or blank entries. This is because Committee meetings, plenary debates and reports, out with the parliamentary year of 13 May 2021 - 12 May 2022, are listed in the previous year/s volume or subsequent volume/s.

[List of abbreviations](#) used in the following tables.

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court ruled on 6 October 2021 that some provisions of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

No further action was taken during this parliamentary year.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court ruled on 6 October 2021 that some provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

No further action was taken during this parliamentary year.

Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	1
Type of Bill	G (Emergency Bill)
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	5
Date introduced	18 Jun 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	22 Jun 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	23 Jun 21
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate	24 Jun 21
Date passed	24 Jun 21
Length of Bill as passed	8
Length of passage in calendar days	47
Date of Royal Assent	4 Aug 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 19)

Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	2
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	18 Jun 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	SJSS
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SJSS 9 Sep 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 7 Sep 21
Stage 1 report ref.	SP8; SP10
Stage 1 plenary debate	23 Sep 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	SJSS 30 Sep 21
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate	7 Oct 21
Date passed	7 Oct 21
Length of Bill as passed	2
Length of passage in calendar days	147
Date of Royal Assent	16 Nov 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 20)

Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill

Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	3
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	23 Jun 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	HSCS 31 Aug 21
Lead committee appointed	HSCS
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HSCS 31 Aug 21; HSCS 26 Oct 21; HSCS 2 Nov 21; HSCS 16 Nov 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 28 Sep 21
Stage 1 report ref.	SP24; SP44
Stage 1 plenary debate	24 Nov 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	HSCS 14 Dec 21
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate	25 Jan 22
Date passed	25 Jan 22
Length of Bill as passed	3
Length of passage in calendar days	254
Date of Royal Assent	4 Mar 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 1)

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	4
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	7
Date introduced	7 Oct 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	RAINE 3 Nov 21
Lead committee appointed	RAINE
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RAINE 3 Nov 21; RAINE 19 Jan 22; RAINE 26 Jan 22; RAINE 2 Feb 22; RAINE 9 Feb 22; RAINE 23 Feb 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 16 Nov 21; DPLR 18 Jan 22; LGHP 8 Feb 22; HSCS 22 Feb 22; RAINE 9 Mar 22; RAINE 16 Mar 22
Stage 1 report ref.	SP94; SP141
Stage 1 plenary debate	22 March 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	RAINE 11 May 22
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	5
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	27 Oct 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	EHRCJ 23 Nov 21; EHRCJ 30 Nov 21; EHRCJ 14 Dec 21
Lead committee appointed	EHRCJ
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRCJ 11 Jan 22; EHRCJ 8 Feb 22; EHRCJ 22 Feb 22; EHRCJ 8 Mar 22; EHRCJ 10 May 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP134
Stage 1 plenary debate	31 Mar 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EHRCJ 10 May 22
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	6
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	15 Nov 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	CVDR 11 Nov 21
Lead committee appointed	CVDR
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CVDR 2 Dec 21; CVDR 16 Dec 21; CVDR 3 Jan 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 23 Nov 21; DPLR 14 Dec 21
Stage 1 report ref.	SP67; SP78
Stage 1 plenary debate	20 Jan 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	CVDR 27 Jan 22
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 1 Feb 2022
Stage 2 report ref.	SP102
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate	9 Feb 22
Date passed	9 Feb 22
Length of Bill as passed	3
Length of passage in calendar days	128
Date of Royal Assent	23 Mar 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 2)

Budget (Scotland) Bill

Budget (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	7
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	12
Date introduced	9 Dec 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	FPA
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 14 Dec 21
Stage 1 report ref.	SP66
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 Jan 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	FPA 1 Feb 22
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate	10 Feb 22
Date passed	10 Feb 22
Length of Bill as passed	12
Length of passage in calendar days	104
Date of Royal Assent	23 Mar 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 3)

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	8
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	14 Dec 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	LGHP 21 Dec 21
Lead committee appointed	LGHP
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGHP 15 Mar 22; LGHP 19 Apr 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP157
Stage 1 plenary debate	28 Apr 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	9
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	54
Date introduced	25 Jan 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	LGHP 1 Feb 22
Lead committee appointed	CVDR
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CVDR 3 Mar 22; CVDR 10 Mar 22; CVDR 24 Mar 22; CVDR 31 Mar 22; CVDR 21 Apr 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	CJ 9 Feb 22; DPLR 22 Feb 22; CJ 23 Feb 22; CJ 2 Mar 22; ECYP 2 Mar 22; LGHP 8 Mar 22; DPLR 8 Mar 22; ECYP 9 Mar 22; CJ 9 Mar 22; CJ 16 Mar 22; ECYP 21 Mar 22; DPLR 22 Mar 22; ECYP 23 Mar 22; CJ 23 Mar 22; DPLR 29 Mar 22; CJ 30 Mar 22; ECYP 30 Mar 22; LGHP 19 Apr 22
Stage 1 report ref.	SP147; SP150; SP153; SP156; SP161
Stage 1 plenary debate	12 May 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

Date passed

Length of Bill as passed

Length of passage in calendar days

Date of Royal Assent

Act Number

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number

10

Type of Bill

G

Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)

34

Date introduced

1 Feb 22

Preliminary discussions in committee

CJ 9 Feb 22

Lead committee appointed

CJ

Stage 1 discussions in lead committee

CJ 16 Mar 22;

CJ 21 Mar 22;

CJ 23 Mar 22;

CJ 30 Mar 22;

CJ 20 Apr 22;

CJ 27 Apr 22

Stage 1 discussions in other committees

DPLR 8 Mar 22;

DPLR 22 Mar 22

Stage 1 report ref.

SP145;

SP164

Stage 1 plenary debate

3 May 22

Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2

Stage 2 committee discussions

After stage 2 discussions

Stage 2 report ref.

Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3

Stage 3 plenary debate/s

Date passed

Length of Bill as passed

Length of passage in calendar days

Date of Royal Assent

Act Number

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill	
SP Bill number	11
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	7 Feb 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	SPPA
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SPPA 3 Mar 22; SPPA 17 Mar 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 1 Mar 22; DPLR 15 Mar 22
Stage 1 report ref.	SP136; SP142
Stage 1 plenary debate	29 Mar 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	SPPA 12 May 22
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill

Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	12
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	24
Date introduced	24 Feb 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	RAINE 30 Mar 22
Lead committee appointed	RAINE
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 15 Mar 22
Stage 1 report ref.	SP139
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	13
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	23
Date introduced	2 Mar 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	EHRCJ 15 Mar 22
Lead committee appointed	EHRCJ
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DLPR 10 May 22
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	14
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	11
Date introduced	20 April 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	ECYP
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 28 April 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

5.1.3. Progress of Private Bills during the 1st parliamentary year of Session 6

There were no Private Bills during this parliamentary year.

5.2. Subordinate Legislation

The table 'Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament' lists all categories of subordinate legislation that were laid during the parliamentary year.

Affirmative instruments are normally laid before the Parliament in draft form (Draft Affirmative) and require the approval of the Parliament in order to come into force or to remain in force.

1 draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn by the Scottish Government during this period.

8 draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and re-laid by the Scottish Government during this period

Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, 13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022

Subordinate Legislation Type	From 13 May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	To 12 May 22	Total
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	14	7	7	4	9	5	4	8	5	4	1	0	0	68
Draft Affirmative Instruments	0	1	0	12	13	8	7	10	11	7	7	4	5	85
Negative Instruments	8	5	1	6	15	5	18	15	10	20	18	6	6	133
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	0	7	0	0	14	4	5	9	3	3	6	6	1	58
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Instruments	22	20	8	22	53	22	34	42	29	34	32	16	12	346

5.3. Secondary Legislation Stemming from the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, where the Scottish Government intends to consent to the UK Government laying statutory instruments that include proposals relating to devolved competencies, it will notify the Scottish Parliament to enable the Parliament to scrutinise its intention to consent to such statutory instruments. The approval process is set out in the '*protocol on obtaining the approval of the Scottish Parliament to the exercise of powers by UK Ministers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in relation to proposals within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament*', which is designed to aid parliamentary scrutiny.

The Scottish Parliament is informed of the Scottish Government's intention to seek approval by what are known as '*consent notifications*'. These notifications are then considered by the relevant subject committee (see Chapter 4 Committees for a break down by committee).

A second SI Protocol was agreed between the Scottish Government and the Parliament. It replaced the SI protocol agreed in 2018 and applies to all SI notifications which the Scottish Government has sent to the Parliament from 1 January 2021

The aim of the revised protocol is to enable committees to scrutinise proposals for UK SIs on all devolved matters formerly governed by EU law.

Consent notifications received

	Number received
From 13 May 21	0
Jun 21	3
Jul 21	1
Aug 21	1
Sep 21	4
Oct 21	3
Nov 21	2
Dec 21	5
Jan 22	0
Feb 22	2
Mar 22	4
Apr 22	2
To 12 May 22	1

6. Other Parliamentary Business

6.1 Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament

Cross-party groups (CPGs) are groups of MSPs and other people who are interested in a subject or issue. CPGs are not formal Parliament business, however they must follow the rules about CPGs in the Parliament's Code of Conduct for MSPs in the Scottish Parliament.

CPGs must meet at least twice a year and at least 2 MSPs, who are members of the CPG, must attend each meeting.

CPGs cannot raise issues in Parliament (for example by having a debate) or to the Scottish Government.

There is no limit to the number of CPGs that can be registered.

86 Cross-Party Groups were re-established in the first parliamentary year of Session 6.

28 Cross-Party Groups were established for the first time in the first parliamentary year of Session 6.

0 Cross-Party Groups ended during the first parliamentary year of Session 6.

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups during the first parliamentary year of Session 6, **114** in total.

Cross-Party Groups, in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse	24/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Animal Welfare	09/07/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Armed Forces and Veterans Community	30/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions	22/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Autism	20/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Aviation	29/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Bangladesh	15/12/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Beer and Pubs	07/12/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Building Bridges with Israel	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cancer	01/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Care Leavers	02/03/2022
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Carers	17/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Changing Places Toilets	05/01/2022
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on China	05/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Chronic Pain	14/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Circular Economy	31/08/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Colleges and Universities	23/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Commercial Sexual Exploitation	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Construction	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Co-Operatives	06/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Creative Economy	01/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Credit Unions	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Crofting	15/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cuba	28/10/2021

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Culture and Communities	01/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Deafness	21/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Diabetes	13/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Disability	22/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Drug and Alcohol Misuse	28/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dyslexia	28/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on End of Life Choices	28/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Epilepsy	30/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Europe	26/04/2022
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fair Trade	23/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Food	22/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Freedom of Religion or Belief	28/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Funerals and Bereavement	15/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Future of Football in Scotland	28/10/2021
Buidheann Thar-Phartaidh na Gàidhlig	25/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Gardening and Horticulture	25/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Germany	22/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Health Inequalities	27/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Heart and Circulatory Diseases	22/03/2022
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Housing	01/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Human Trafficking	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Improving Scotland's Health	13/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Independent Convenience Stores	23/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on India	07/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Industrial Communities	23/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Inflammatory Bowel Disease	29/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on International Development	06/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Ireland	28/09/2021

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Islands	14/12/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Japan	05/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Learning Disability	24/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on LGBTI+	01/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Life Sciences	15/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Long Covid	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Lung Health	21/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Malawi	28/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Maritime and Shipbuilding	24/11/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Medicinal Cannabis	15/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Men's Violence Against Women and Children	29/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Mental Health	14/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Migration	16/12/2022
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on MS	29/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Muscular Dystrophy	06/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Music	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nordic Countries	05/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nuclear Disarmament	21/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Oil and Gas	27/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Older People, Age and Ageing	19/01/2022
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Outdoor Education	30/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Pakistan	27/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palestine	14/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care	22/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Poland	14/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Poverty	23/11/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions	16/06/2021

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	22/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rugby Development in Scotland	08/12/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy	05/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Science and Technology	07/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scotch Whisky	21/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Gypsy/Traveller Community	29/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries	15/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Showmen's Guild	22/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Shared Parenting	14/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Skills	27/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Social Enterprise	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Social Work	30/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sport	27/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on St Andrew's Day	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Stroke	27/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sustainable Transport	25/11/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sustainable Uplands Management	28/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Taiwan	21/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tibet	07/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tourism	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Towns and Town Centres	20/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on USA	25/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment	08/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Volunteering	26/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on WASPI	23/06/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Wellbeing Economy	22/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women in Enterprise	22/09/2021

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women, Families and Justice	15/09/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women's Health	01/10/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Wood Panel Industry	02/02/2022

6.2. Documents laid other than Statutory Instruments

Chapter 14 of the Parliament's Standing Orders provides rules as to the laying of documents before the Parliament. Many types of documents, such as financial reports or annual reports of public bodies, are required by legislation or otherwise to be so laid.

Documents laid other than Statutory Instruments

	Number laid
From 13 May 21	31
Jun 21	32
Jul 21	34
Aug 21	36
Sep 21	23
Oct 21	46
Nov 21	41
Dec 21	97
Jan 22	9
Feb 22	17
Mar 22	38
Apr 22	18
To 12 May 22	4

6.3. Rule Changes to Standing Orders

Chapter 2

- 2.7.1 - Replaced 12.05.21, 2nd Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 6

- 6.1.4 - Amended 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 6.9 - Amended, 12.05.21, 4th Report 2021 (S5)
- 6.9.1 - Amended, 12.05.21, 4th Report 2021 (S5)
- 6.9.2 - Amended, 12.05.21, 4th Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 9

- 9.1 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.1.1 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.1.2 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.3.2 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.3.3B - Inserted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.3.6 - Amended, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.4A - Rule deleted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.7.8B - Amended 11.02.22, 3rd Report 2022 (S6);
- 9.7.8C - Deleted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.7.9 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.7.9A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.7.10 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.12.2 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.12.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.12.3A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.12.3B - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.12.3C - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.12.5 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.17 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.17A.4 - Amended 11.02.22, 3rd Report 2022 (S6)
- 9.21.6 - Amended, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9.21.6A - Paragraph inserted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 9A

- 9A.1.1 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.2.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.4.2 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.5.6 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.5.6A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.5.7 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)

- 9A.5.8 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.5.9 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.5.10 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.6.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.8.2A - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.11.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.11.4 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.12.8 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.12.16 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.14.2 - Amended 11.02.22, 3rd Report 2022 (S6)
- 9A.14.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.14.3A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.14.3B - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.14.3C - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.14.4 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9A.14.5 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 9C

- 9C.3.2 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5); Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5); Amended, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.4.2 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.5 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.6.1 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.6.9A - Inserted, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.6.10 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.6.11 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.6.12 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.6.13 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.7.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.9.4 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)

- 9C.10.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.11.16 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.11.17 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5); Amended 11.02.22, 3rd Report 2022 (S6)
- 9C.11.17A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.11.18 - Deleted, 12.05.21, 10th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.13.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.13.4 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.14.6 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.14.10 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.16.2 - Amended 11.02.22, 3rd Report 2022 (S6)
- 9C.16.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.16.3A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.16.3B - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.16.3C - Inserted, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.16.4 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)
- 9C.16.5 - Amended, 12.05.21, 3rd Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 11

- 11.7.1 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 2nd Report 2021 (S5)
- 11.8.3 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 2nd Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 12

- 12.2.3 - Amended, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 12.2.3A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 6th Report 2021 (S5)
- 12.3.2 - Replaced, 12.05.21, 2nd Report 2021 (S5)
- 12.3.2A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 2nd Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 13

- 13.9A - Inserted, 12.05.21, 8th Report 2021 (S5)

Chapter 15

- 15.5.1 - Amended, 12.05.21, 7th Report 2021 (S5)

Annexe - Inserted, 12.5.21, Motion S5M-24399

- Temporary Rule 1 - Deleted, Motion S6M-00474
- Temporary Rule 2 - Deleted, Motion S6M-00474
- Temporary Rule 3 - Amended, Motion S6M-00474; Amended, Motion S6M-01601; Amended, 21.12.21, Motion S6M-02653; Amended, 11.02.22, Motion S6M-03155; Deleted, 1.04.22, Temporary Rule fell.
- Temporary Rule 4 - Inserted, Motion S6M-00392; Amended, 21.12.21, Motion S6M-02651; Amended 11.02.22, 3rd Report 2022 (S6)

6.4. Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Trustees

The Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme provides benefits for Members of the Scottish Parliament and officeholders (including the Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General for Scotland). It also provides benefits for surviving partners and children.

The scheme rules are listed in the [Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009](#).

A board of trustees is responsible for managing and administering the fund in accordance with the scheme rules. The rules state:

- There are to be at least 3 but no more than 6 Fund trustees;
- The Scottish Parliament may resolve to appoint as a Fund trustee any individual nominated by the SPCB as suitable to hold that office;
- The SPCB must, when deciding who to nominate—
 - (a) do its best to ensure that the Fund trustees include a participating member and a scheme pensioner, and
 - (b) have regard to any recommendation by the incumbent Fund trustees.

Chair

- Pauline McNeil MSP (Lab) (from 29 March 22)
- Alison Harris (from 24 Sep 19 until 9 Mar 22)

Trustees

- Mark Ballard (from 9 Mar 22)
- Murdo Fraser MSP (Con) (from 9 Mar 22)
- Alison Harris (from 14 Jun 2017 until 9 Mar 22)
- Pauline McNeill MSP (Lab) (from 14 Jun 17)

- Gil Paterson (from 7 Dec 2011 until 9 Mar 22)
- Mark Ruskell MSP (Green) (from 14 Jun 17 until 9 Mar 22)
- Gordon MacDonald MSP (SNP) (from 9 Mar 22)

6.5. Scottish Commission for Public Audit

The Scottish Commission for Public Audit (SCPA) is made up of 5 Members of the Scottish Parliament. The SCPA is not a parliament committee.

The Commission is responsible for:

- looking at Audit Scotland's proposals for the use of resources and spend, then reporting on them to the Parliament;
- appointing a qualified person to audit the accounts of Audit Scotland;
- presenting and publishing a copy of Audit Scotland's accounts and the auditor's report on them;
- appointing 3 of the 5 members of Audit Scotland under terms and conditions agreed by the SCPA;
- appointing 1 of these 3 members to be the chair of Audit Scotland

It was set up under the [Public Finance and Accountability \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(Section 12\)](#).

Chair

- Colin Beattie (SNP) (from 24 June 21)

Deputy Chair

- Sharon Dowey (Con) (from 24 June 21)

Members

- Daniel Johnson (Lab) (from 24 June 21)
- Richard Leonard (Lab) (from 23 June 21)
- Mark Ruskell (Green) (from 24 June 21)

6.6. Membership of Other Bodies

British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

The British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA), formerly known as the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body, was established in 1990 by Members of Parliament at Westminster

and in Dublin. In February 2001 it was enlarged to include representatives of the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the High Court of Tynwald and the States of Guernsey and Jersey.

The Body consists of twenty-five Members each from Westminster and Dublin, five each from the Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly, and one each from the High Court of Tynwald and States of Guernsey and Jersey. There are also twenty Associate Members from Westminster and Dublin, four each from the Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales and Northern Ireland Assembly, and one each from the Tynwald and each of the Channel Island States. These may replace Full Members either at Plenary Sessions or at Committee meetings.

Scottish Parliament Members of the Body

Full Members:

- Annabelle Ewing (SNP)
- Emma Harper (SNP)
- Ross Greer (Green)
- Pauline McNeill (Lab)
- Tess White (Con)

Associate Members:

- James Dornan (SNP)
- Jamie Halcro Johnston (Con)
- Paul O’Kane (Lab)
- Elena Whitham (SNP)

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

On Thursday 4 May 2000 the Scottish Parliament approved motion S1M-789 which established a Scottish Parliament Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

The Executive Committee consists of a President (usually the Presiding Officer), two ex-officio Vice-Presidents (usually the leaders of the Scottish Government and opposition parties) and 4 Members elected annually by the Members of the Branch. All Members of the Scottish Parliament are automatically Members of the Branch.

Executive Committee

President:

- Alison Johnstone (NPA)

Elected Members:

- Jeremy Balfour (Con)
- Sarah Boyack (Lab)
- Stuart McMillan (SNP)

Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies

Founded in October 1997, the aim of the Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) is to increase the influence of regional parliaments within the EU and to allow networking between them.

Membership is limited to Presiding Officers/Speakers and there are 74 member regions from 8 EU Member States. The Scottish Parliament has observer status within CALRE and the Presiding Officer can attend the plenary meeting. The Scottish Parliament has observer status only as membership could require the Presiding Officer to make commitments on behalf of the Scottish Parliament. Under the Scotland Act 1998, the Presiding Officer does not have the powers necessary to make such commitments on behalf of the Parliament.

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) is a consultative body of the Council of Europe, advising the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council on all aspects of local and regional policy. The Congress provides a forum where issues, experiences and views can be expressed and discussed on a pan-European basis. It is divided into a Local Chamber and a Regional Chamber.

The UK has 18 full and 18 substitute places on CLRAE divided equally between the two chambers. Representatives qualifying for membership are those who are “directly responsible to an elected regional body”. Members have a two-year mandate. Members attend in a personal capacity and do not represent the institution from which they are drawn but the regional or local level of governance within their Member State.

As part of the UK delegation, Scotland is allocated one full and one substitute member in the Local Chamber (a Scottish local authority representative, nominated through COSLA) and in the Regional Chamber (Members of the Scottish Parliament). In the Regional Chamber the full member is a Member of the Scottish Government and the substitute member is a backbench MSP.

Scottish Members of the Regional Chamber

- Vacant

7. Staff

7.1. MSP Staff

Number of MSP staff (as at 31 March 2022)

These figures are based on head count as opposed to full time equivalent and a number of these staff will be working on a part-time basis.

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSP Staff	646	303	343	46.9	53.1

7.2. Parliamentary Staff in Post by Group (as at 31 March 2022)

These figures are based on head count as opposed to full time equivalent and a number of these staff will be working on a part-time basis. The figures do not include inward secondees or agency staff.

Parliamentary Staff

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
Business Assurance					
Procurement Services	9	3	6	33.3%	66.7%
Solicitors Office	21	4	17	19.0%	81.0%
Chief Executive's Group					
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	7	2	5	28.6%	71.4%
International Relations (IRO)	3	2	1	66.7%	14.3%
Presiding Officer's Office	4	1	3	25.0%	75.0%
Deputy Chief Executive Group					
Deputy Chief Executive Office (Includes Deputy Clerk/Chief Executive)	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
Digital Services Group					
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	54	35	19	64.8%	35.2%
Information Management and Governance	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
Engagement and Communications Group					
Events and Exhibitions (includes Group Head)	10	4	6	40.0%	60.0%
Lobbying Registrar	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
Outreach Services	14	3	11	21.4%	78.6%
Public Information and Publications	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
Visitor Services	13	5	8	38.5%	61.5%
Parliament Communications	21	12	9	57.1%	42.9%
Financial Resources Group					
Finance (includes Group Head)	12	5	7	41.7%	58.3%
Allowances	13	0	13	0.0%	100.0%
Pay and Pensions Office	9	2	7	22.2%	77.8%
Legislation and Parliamentary Business Group					
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	36	16	20	44.4%	55.6%
Official Report	38	14	24	36.8%	63.2%
Broadcasting	21	18	3	85.7%	14.3%
Resilience and Sustainability Group					
Security (Includes Group Head)	87	47	40	54.0%	46.0%
Sustainability Team	2	0	2	0.0%	100.0%
Resilience Team	5	3	2	60.0%	40.0%
Facilities Management	28	15	13	53.6%	46.4%
People and Culture Group					
Colleague Experience and Comms (includes Group Head)	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
People Services and Diversity & Inclusion	18	3	15	16.7%	83.3%
People and Organisational Development	1	0	1	0.0%	100.0%
Scrutiny Group					
Committee Office	64	26	38	40.6%	59.4%
Participation and Communities Team	8	3	5	37.5%	62.5%
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	46	19	27	41.3%	58.7%
Centrally Managed Budget					
	9	1	8	11.1%	88.9%
Total Parliament Staff in Post					
	557	249	308	44.7%	55.3%
Total Parliament Staff (All - Inc Centrally Managed Budget)					
	575	253	322	44.0%	56.0%

8. Outreach and External Engagement

8.1. Visitors

In response to the continued closure of the building to visitors due to COVID-19 restriction, Visitor Services provided limited registration services for registered guests.

The Parliament reopened fully to visitors in April 22. At this time unregistered guests were able to visit, tours resumed and the shop reopened.

Visitors and Tours and Shop Transactions

	Visitor Numbers	Tour Numbers
May 21	22	N/A
Jun 21	44	N/A
Jul 21	0	N/A
Aug 21	50	N/A
Sep 21	458	N/A
Oct 21	1,622	N/A
Nov 21	1,956	N/A
Dec 21	753	N/A
Jan 22	46	N/A
Feb 22	666	N/A
Mar 22	1,261	N/A
Apr 22	3,593	158
Totals	10,471	158

Parliament Shop

The parliament shop reopened to visitors in April 2022

	Shop Number of Transactions	Average spend per shop visitor (£)
Apr 22	312	15.83

8.2. Public Enquiries

Public Enquiries

The figures for 'Public Enquiries' include enquiries by phone, email, letter, text message, live chat (until 31 December 2021) and in person. Following changes in working due to Covid-19, the switchboard reopened in August 21.

	Public Enquiries	Switchboard Calls
May 21	605	N/A
Jun 21	534	N/A
Jul 21	278	N/A
Aug 21	315	69
Sep 21	701	756
Oct 21	524	521
Nov 21	483	489
Dec 21	383	209
Jan 22	273	N/A
Feb 22	516	668
Mar 22	693	1,011
Apr 22	495	735
Totals	5,800	4,458

8.3. Educational Visits and Outreach

In response to the continued closure of the building to visitors due to COVID-19 restriction, the Scottish Parliament started offering digital education sessions to schools. This started on 9 September 2021 and ran throughout the school year.

In person educational visits to the Scottish Parliament resumed on 28 October 2021, following the lifting of restrictions, however they were temporarily suspended again from 1 December to 8 March 2022 with all schools being offered digital sessions.

Education outreach visits to schools restarted on 1 March 2022 when restrictions on visitors to schools were lifted.

Education groups and visitors to the Scottish Parliament, by academic year

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils	FE/ HE Institutions	FE/ HE Students	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 21	0	0	1	25	0	0	1	25
Nov 21	4	81	7	193	0	0	11	274
Dec 21	0	0	1	33	0	0	1	33
Jan 22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 22	1	14	11	318	1	29	13	361
Apr 22	4	73	2	62	0	0	6	135
May 22	10	274	7	173	2	38	19	485
Jun 22	9	192	6	142	1	25	16	359
Totals	28	634	35	946	4	92	67	1,972

Education Outreach Visits and Events

	Sep 21	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Total
Outreach Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	11	29	10	84
Participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,060	317	825	378	2,580

8.4. Freedom of Information Statistics

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 24th April 2002 and received Royal Assent on 28th May 2002. It came into force on 1 January 2005. These statistics refer to requests for information made to the Scottish Parliament under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A). Such requests seek non published information held by the Scottish Parliament at the time of the request being made. Under FOI(S)A, any requester can ask the Scottish Parliament to review the way it replied to a request for information and to ask us to review our decision or actions. If the requester is dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, an appeal can be submitted to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

FOI Requests

These figures are based on the date when the freedom of information request was received.

FOI Reviews

These figures are based on the date when the request for a review was received.

FOI Appeals

These figures are based on the date when the concluding decision for an appeal is confirmed by the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Freedom of Information Requests, Reviews and Appeals

	FOI requests	FOI reviews	FOI appeals
From 13 May 21	7	0	0
Jun 21	9	1	2
Jul 21	17	0	0
Aug 21	20	0	0
Sept 21	25	2	0
Oct 21	15	0	0
Nov 21	27	0	0
Dec 21	18	1	0
Jan 22	24	4	0
Feb 22	27	3	0
Mar 22	23	1	0
Apr 22	15	0	1
To 12 May 22	10	0	1
Totals	237	12	4

8.5. Official Inward Visits and Outward Delegations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting travel restrictions, some MSP delegations to other Parliaments, Assemblies and bodies were conducted virtually. In person visits to the Scottish Parliament resumed during the parliamentary year.

Official visits and delegations supported by the International Relations Office

	Official visits to the Parliament	Delegations to other Parliaments, Assemblies, Bodies (including virtual meetings)
From 13 May 21	1	0
Jun 21	4	0
Jul 21	3	0
Aug 21	0	0
Sep 21	10	2
Oct 21	7	1
Nov 21	12	2
Dec 21	2	1
Jan 22	1	1
Feb 22	2	2
Mar 22	10	6
Apr 22	4	2
To 12 May 22	4	0
Total	60	17

Delegations are visits undertaken by MSPs, supported by the International Relations Office.

8.6. Official Gifts

There were no official gifts received in the first parliamentary year of session 6 due to the suspension of official visits during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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