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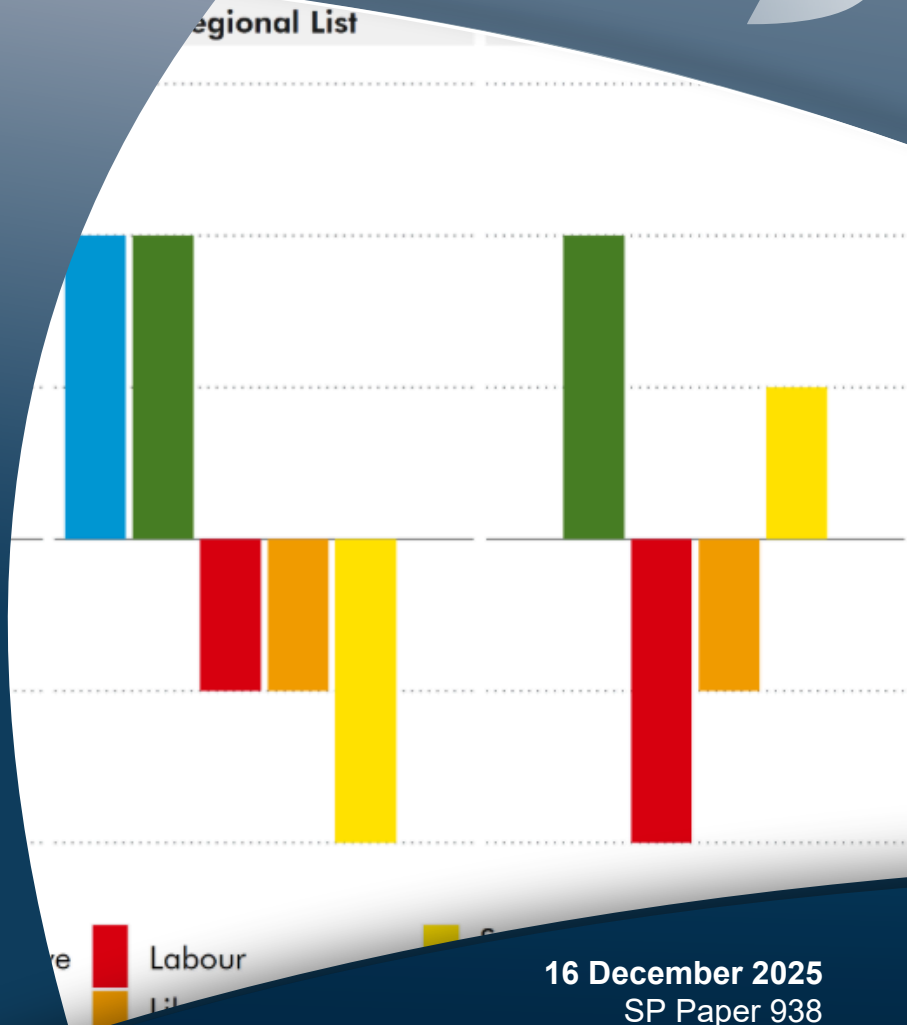
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Introduction

About Scottish Parliament Statistics

The Scottish Parliament Statistics volume is produced annually by information specialists within the [Scottish Parliament Information Centre \(SPICe\)](#). It provides factual information about members and parliamentary business.

The statistics in this volume cover the period of the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6, 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

Previous volumes of Scottish Parliament Statistics are available on the [Scottish Parliament website](#).

Introduction

2024 was the Scottish Parliament's 25th anniversary year and the 20th anniversary of the move to the Parliament building at Holyrood. To mark these milestones, the Parliament delivered a programme of events and activities throughout 2024.

[As part of these events](#), the Presiding Officer visited regions all over Scotland, meeting people to hear their views and ideas for the future. These visits involved 179 community organisations and 905 people and commenced on 20 May 2024 with a visit to the Borders.

In its continued work around deliberative democracy, the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee advised the Parliament to continue its cutting-edge approach to embedding deliberative democracy in its work. This followed a series of 'People's Panels' which brought together groups of randomly selected people, who reflected the makeup of the Scottish population, to learn about and discuss issues. The [Committee published a plan](#) as to how People's Panels could be rolled out from the start of the new parliamentary term in 2026.

On the legislation front, there were some notable bills going through their parliamentary consideration during this period. The [Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults \(Scotland\) Bill](#) received significant media coverage and interest. The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee conducted a detailed programme of oral evidence as part of its Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill. This followed a call for written views that ran over the course of the summer recess that generated a significant response.

[The Scottish Elections \(Representation and Reform\) Bill](#) was passed by the Parliament in December 2024 and contained provisions to enhance the fairness, safety, and inclusivity of elections in Scotland. In addition, it included requirements to expand candidacy rights to certain foreign nationals, disqualify individuals convicted of sexual offences from standing for office, and prevent Members from holding seats in Westminster or the House of Lords.

The Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee proposed changes to make legislative consent more effective, including reclassifying the process from a "legislative consent motion" to a "motion on legislative consent". The revised rules allow for consent or refusal on specific provisions within a bill, rather than requiring a decision on the entire bill. The Parliament agreed to rule changes regarding procedures on consent for UK Parliament bills, which took effect from July 2024.

And finally, in February 2025, the Parliament commenced a trial to change the standard amount of time allowed for a vote from 45 seconds to 30 seconds in order to speed up Decision Time and other standard votes in the Chamber.

Abbreviations

AGS - Auditor General for Scotland

Alba – The Alba Party

asp - Act of Scottish Parliament

BIPA - British Irish Parliamentary Assembly

C - Constituency

CEEAC - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

CJ - Criminal Justice Committee

CLRAE - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

Con - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

CoR - Committee of the Regions

COSLA - Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

CPA - Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

CPG – Cross Party Group

CPPP - Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

DPLR - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

DPO – Deputy Presiding Officer

ECYP - Education, Children and Young People Committee

EFW - Economy and Fair Work Committee

EHRCJ - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

EIR – Environmental Information Request

EU - European Union

FE - Further Education

FMQs - First Minister's Questions

FOI - Freedom of Information

FOI(S)A – Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002

FPA - Finance and Public Administration Committee

G - Government Bill

Green - Scottish Green Party

h:mins - hours and minutes

HE – Higher Education

Hrs - Hours

HSCS - Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

IoD - Institute of Directors

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 - 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

PA - Public Audit Committee

PE – Petition

PO – Presiding Officer

R - Region

RAI - Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Ref. - Reference

S - Substitute Committee Member

S6 - Sixth Session of Parliament

S6M - Session 6 Motion

SCPA – The Scottish Commission for Public Audit

SI -Statutory Instrument

SJSS - Social Justice and Social Security Committee

SNP - Scottish National Party

SP - Scottish Parliament

SPPA - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

SSBLR - SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

SPCB - Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

SPICe - Scottish Parliament Information Centre

SPSO - Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

SSI - Scottish Statutory Instrument

UK - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

WASPI - Women Against State Pension Inequality

WES - Women's Enterprise Scotland

% - 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 and 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

The most recent Scottish Parliament election was held on 6 May 2021. See [Scottish Parliament Statistics 2021-2022](#) and the [2021 Election Results Briefing](#) for detailed analysis and statistics.

1.1.2. Scottish Parliament By-Elections

There were no by-elections during this parliamentary year.

1.2. State of the Parties

At 13 May 2024, start of the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	61	2	63
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	26	31
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	4
Alba Party	1	0	1
Independent	0	0	0
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1
Total	73	56	129

As at 17 August 2024, following the suspension, and subsequent expulsion, of John Mason from the SNP

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	60	2	62
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	26	31
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	4
Alba Party	1	0	1
Independent	1	0	1
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1
Total	73	56	129

As at 27 March 2025, following the death of Christina McKelvie

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59	2	61
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	26	31
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	4
Alba Party	1	0	1
Independent	1	0	1
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1
Total	72	56	128

As at 3 April 2025, following the resignation of Jamie Greene from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59	2	61
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	25	30
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	4
Alba Party	1	0	1
Independent	1	1	2
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1
Total	72	56	128

As at 4 April 2025, following Jamie Greene’s move to the Scottish Liberal Democrats

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59	2	61
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	25	30
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Alba Party	1	0	1
Independent	1	0	1
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1
Total	72	56	128

1.3. Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)

1.3.1. MSPs who served during the parliamentary year

These tables provide a list of all MSPs who served during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6. They are listed alphabetically by party and then by surname, with a note of the constituency or region that they represent, any resignation or election dates and any changes during the parliamentary year.

A total of **129** MSPs served during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6.

Alba Party

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Ash Regan	Edinburgh Eastern (C)

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Jamie Greene resigned from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party on 3 April 2025. He joined the Scottish Liberal Democrats on 4 April 2025.

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Jeremy Balfour	Lothian (R)
Miles Briggs	Lothian (R)
Alexander Burnett	Aberdeenshire West (C)
Jackson Carlaw	Eastwood (C)
Finlay Carson	Galloway and West Dumfries (C)
Sharon Dowey	South Scotland (R)
Tim Eagle	Highlands and Islands (R)
Russell Findlay	West Scotland (R)
Murdo Fraser	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Meghan Gallacher	Central Scotland (R)
Maurice Golden	North East Scotland (R)
Pam Gosal	West Scotland (R)
Jamie Greene (until 3 April 2025)	West Scotland (R)
Sandesh Gulhane	Glasgow (R)
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Highlands and Islands (R)
Rachael Hamilton	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire (C)
Craig Hoy	South Scotland (R)
Liam Kerr	North East Scotland (R)
Stephen Kerr	Central Scotland (R)
Douglas Lumsden	North East Scotland (R)
Roz McCall	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Edward Mountain	Highlands and Islands (R)
Oliver Mundell	Dumfriesshire (C)
Douglas Ross	Highlands and Islands (R)
Graham Simpson	Central Scotland (R)
Liz Smith	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Alexander Stewart	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Sue Webber	Lothian (R)
Annie Wells	Glasgow (R)
Tess White	North East Scotland (R)
Brian Whittle	South Scotland (R)

Scottish Green Party

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

Scottish Labour Party

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

Scottish Liberal Democrats

Jamie Greene resigned from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party on 3 April 2025. He joined the Scottish Liberal Democrats on 4 April 2025.

MSP	Constituency or Region
Alex Cole-Hamilton	Edinburgh Western (C)
Jamie Greene (from 4 April 2025)	West Scotland (R)
Liam McArthur	Orkney Islands (C)
Willie Rennie	North East Fife (C)
Beatrice Wishart	Shetland Islands (C)

Scottish National Party

John Mason was suspended from the SNP on 17 August 2024 and excluded from the party on 12 October 2024. Natalie Don changed her name to Natalie Don-Innes on 22 August 2024. Christina McKelvie died on 27 March 2025.

MSPs	Constituency or Region
George Adam	Paisley (C)
Karen Adam	Banffshire and Buchan Coast (C)
Clare Adamson	Motherwell and Wishaw (C)
Alasdair Allan	Na h-Eileanan an Iar (C)
Tom Arthur	Renfrewshire South (C)
Colin Beattie	Midlothian North and Musselburgh (C)
Keith Brown	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane (C)
Siobhian Brown	Ayr (C)
Stephanie Callaghan	Uddingston and Bellshill (C)
Willie Coffey	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley (C)
Angela Constance	Almond Valley (C)
Graeme Dey	Angus South (C)
Natalie Don-Innes	Renfrewshire North and West (C)
Bob Doris	Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn (C)
James Dornan	Glasgow Cathcart (C)
Jackie Dunbar	Aberdeen Donside (C)
Annabelle Ewing	Cowdenbeath (C)
Fergus Ewing	Inverness and Nairn (C)
Jim Fairlie	Perthshire South and Kinross-shire (C)
Joe FitzPatrick	Dundee City West (C)
Kate Forbes	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch (C)
Kenneth Gibson	Cunninghame North (C)
Jenny Gilruth	Mid Fife and Glenrothes (C)
Mairi Gougeon	Angus North and Mearns (C)
Christine Grahame	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale (C)
Neil Gray	Airdrie and Shotts (C)
Emma Harper	South Scotland (R)
Clare Haughey	Rutherglen (C)
Jamie Hepburn	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth (C)
Fiona Hyslop	Linlithgow (C)
Bill Kidd	Glasgow Anniesland (C)
Richard Lochhead	Moray (C)
Gordon MacDonald	Edinburgh Pentlands (C)
Fulton MacGregor	Coatbridge and Chryston (C)
Rona Mackay	Strathkelvin and Bearsden (C)
Ben Macpherson	Edinburgh Northern and Leith (C)
Ruth Maguire	Cunninghame South (C)
Gillian Martin	Aberdeenshire East (C)
John Mason (until 12 October 2024)	Glasgow Shettleston (C)
Michael Matheson	Falkirk West (C)
Màiri McAllan	Clydesdale (C)
Ivan McKee	Glasgow Provan (C)
Christina McKelvie (until 27 March 2025)	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse (C)

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

Independent

John Mason was suspended from the SNP on 17 August 2024 and excluded from the party on 12 October 2024. Jamie Greene resigned from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party on 3 April 2025 and joined the Scottish Liberal Democrats on 4 April 2025. He sat as an Independent MSP for 1 day on 3 April 2025

MSP	Constituency or Region
Jamie Greene	West of Scotland (R)
John Mason	Glasgow Shettleston (C)

No Party Affiliation

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

MSP	Constituency or Region
Alison Johnstone	Lothian (R)

1.3.2. MSPs serving continuously since 1999

8 Members have served continuously since Session 1, 1999.

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

1.3.3. Dual Mandate MSPs

Dual mandate is the term used to describe those MSPs who, in addition to their seat in the Scottish Parliament, also hold a seat in either the House of Commons (MPs), House of Lords (Peers) or represent a ward in their local council (Councillors).

1 MSP held a dual mandate during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6.

Douglas Ross MSP (Con):

- MSP for Highlands and Islands (from 6 May 2021)
- MP for Moray (from 8 June 2017 until 30 May 2024)

1.3.4. MSPs by gender and ethnic minority background

MSPs by gender on 14 May 2024, start of the parliamentary year

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSPs	129	70	59	55	46

MSPs by gender as at 27th March 2025, following the death of Christina McKelvie

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSPs	128	70	58	55	45

MSPs by gender on 12 May 2025, end of the parliamentary year

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSPs	128	70	58	55	45

MSPs from ethnic minority backgrounds

	Female	Male	Total
From minority ethnic backgrounds	2	4	6

There were no changes during the parliamentary year

1.3.5. Female MSPs by Party

Female MSPs by Party on 13 May 2024, start of the parliamentary year

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	31	2	33	53	25
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1	9	10	45	8
Scottish Labour Party	1	8	9	29	7
Scottish Green Party	0	4	4	67	3
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	25	1
No Party Affiliation	0	1	1	100	1
Alba	1	0	1	100	1
Totals	35	24	29		46

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

Female MSPs by Party on 27 March 2025, following the death of Christina McKelvie

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	31	2	33	53	25
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1	9	10	45	8
Scottish Labour Party	1	8	9	29	7
Scottish Green Party	0	4	4	67	3
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	25	1
No Party Affiliation	0	1	1	100	1
Alba	1	0	1	100	1
Ind	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	54	28		46

1.3.6. MSP Age Profile

Average ages of MSPs on 13 May 2024, start of the parliamentary year

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	54
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	52
Scottish Labour Party	50
Scottish Green Party	48
Scottish Liberal Democrats	57
Alba	50
No Party Affiliation	58
By Gender	
Females- all parties	52
Males- all parties	52
All MSPs	52

Average ages of MSPs on 17 August 2024, following the suspension, and subsequent expulsion, of John Mason from the SNP

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	54
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	52
Scottish Labour Party	50
Scottish Green Party	48
Scottish Liberal Democrats	57
Alba	50
Independent	67
No Party Affiliation	58
By Gender	
Females- all parties	52
Males- all parties	53
All MSPs	52

Average ages of MSPs on 27 March 2025, following the death of Christina McKelvie

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	55
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	53
Scottish Labour Party	51
Scottish Green Party	49
Scottish Liberal Democrats	58
Alba	51
Independent	67
No Party Affiliation	59
By Gender	
Females- all parties	53
Males- all parties	53
All MSPs	53

Average ages of MSPs on 3 April 2025, following the resignation of Jamie Greene from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	55
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	53
Scottish Labour Party	51
Scottish Green Party	49
Scottish Liberal Democrats	58
Alba	51
Independent	56
No Party Affiliation	59
By Gender	
Females- all parties	53
Males- all parties	53
All MSPs	53

Average ages of MSPs on 4 April 2025, following Jamie Greene's move to the Scottish Liberal Democrats

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	55
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	53
Scottish Labour Party	51
Scottish Green Party	49
Scottish Liberal Democrats	55
Alba	51
Independent	67
No Party Affiliation	59
By Gender	
Females- all parties	53
Males- all parties	53
All MSPs	53

Average ages of MSPs on 12 May 2025, at the end of the parliamentary year

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	55
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	53
Scottish Labour Party	51
Scottish Green Party	49
Scottish Liberal Democrats	55
Alba Party	51
Independent	67
No Party Affiliation	59
By Gender	
Females- all parties	53
Males- all parties	53
All MSPs	53

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.

Presiding Officer

- Alison Johnstone (NPA)

Deputy Presiding Officers

- Annabelle Ewing (SNP)
- Liam McArthur (LD)

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.

Membership of the SPCB

- Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone) (NPA)
- Claire Baker (Lab)
- Jackson Carlaw (Con)
- Maggie Chapman (Green)
- Christine Grahame (SNP)

Number of SPCB meetings attended, 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025

SPCB Member	Meetings attended (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone)	17(18)
Claire Baker (Lab)	17(18)
Jackson Carlaw (Con)	18(18)
Maggie Chapman (Green)	16(18)
Christine Grahame (SNP)	14(18)

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)
- Alexander Burnett (Con)

- Jamie Hepburn (SNP)
- Gillian Mackay (Green)
- Willie Rennie (LD)
- Martin Whitfield (Lab)

1.5. Oaths and Affirmations

Oath and affirmations by party, cumulative total for Session 6

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Scottish National Party	30	34	64
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	31	2	33
Scottish Labour Party	12	10	22
Scottish Green Party	1	7	8
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	2	4
Total	76	55	131

Oath and affirmations by gender, cumulative total for Session 6

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	47	25	72
Female	23	36	59
Total	70	61	131

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 (by party)

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	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

Languages used by MSPs when repeating the oath or affirmation (by Gender)

	Male	Female	Total
Gaelic	2	6	8
Doric	2	2	4
Scots	0	2	2
BSL	0	1	1
Canadian French	0	1	1
German	1	0	1
Orcadian	1	0	1
Urdu	1	0	1
Welsh	0	1	1
Zimbabwean Shona	0	1	1
Total	7	14	21

2. Plenary Meetings

During the parliamentary year 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025, the total time spent in plenary session was **466 hours 54 minutes**.

The parliament sat on **108** calendar days

2.1. Calendar of Meetings (May 2024 to August 2024)

May 2024

The parliament sat on **9** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 14 May 2024	14:00	14:41	14:47	17:07	4	07
	17:10	18:16				
Wednesday 15 May 2024	14:00	17:31	17:34	18:16	4	13
Thursday 16 May 2024	11:40	12:49	12:51	13:19	4	49
	14:00	17:12				
Tuesday 21 May 2024	14:00	18:07			4	07
Wednesday 22 May 2024	14:00	18:09			4	09
Thursday 23 May 2024	11:40	12:51	12:53	13:32	3	45
	14:30	14:59	15:00	15:24		
	15:30	16:30	16:30	16:32		
Tuesday 28 May 2024	14:00	14:14	14:20	15:17	4	08
	15:23	15:35	15:56	18:39		
	18:41	18:43				
Wednesday 29 May 2024	14:00	15:33	15:36	18:49	4	46
Thursday 30 May 2024	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:18	4	54
	14:00	15:30	15:36	16:43		
	16:46	17:27				
Total May 24 (from 13 May)					38	58

June 2024

The parliament sat on **12** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 4 June 2024	14:00	18:05	18:07	18:45	4	43
Wednesday 5 June 2024	14:00	17:50	17:52	19:07	5	05
Thursday 6 June 2024	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:28	4	32
	14:00	14:42	14:49	16:53		
Tuesday 11 June 2024	14:00	16:56	17:00	17:37	3	33
Wednesday 12 June 2024	14:00	15:29	15:34	18:21	4	16
Thursday 13 June 2024	11:40	12:49	12:51	13:31	4	57
	14:00	17:01	17:03	17:10	6	06
Tuesday 18 June 2024	14:00	14:12	14:17	14:52		
	14:58	18:01	18:09	20:25		
Wednesday 19 June 2024	14:00	17:01	17:03	17:54	3	52
Thursday 20 June 2024	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:24	4	21
	14:30	16:19	16:21	17:10	5	32
Tuesday 25 June 2024	14:00	14:32	14:37	17:55		
	18:13	19:55				
Wednesday 26 June 2024	14:00	18:09	18:11	19:22	5	20
Thursday 27 June 2024	11:40	15:39			3	59
Total June 2024					56	16

There was no parliamentary business in July and August

2.1. Calendar of Meetings (September 2024 to November 2024)

September 2024

The parliament sat on **12** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 September 2024	14:00	18:06			4	06
Wednesday 4 September 2024	14:00	17:50			3	50
Thursday 5 September 2024	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:27	4	24
	14:30	17:01	17:04	17:12		
Tuesday 10 September 2024	14:00	17:47			3	47
Wednesday 11 September 2024	14:00	17:13	17:15	18:29	4	27
Thursday 12 September 2024	11:40	12:48	12:59	13:26	4	48
	14:00	17:01	17:03	17:15		
Tuesday 17 September 2024	14:00	18:04			4	04
Wednesday 18 September 2024	14:00	17:18	17:20	18:26	4	24
Thursday 19 September 2024	11:40	12:49	12:52	13:42	4	43
	14:00	16:44				
Tuesday 24 September 2024	14:00	17:06	17:08	17:51	3	49
Wednesday 25 September 2024	14:00	17:02	17:04	17:44	3	42
Thursday 26 September 2024	11:40	12:49	12:51	13:25	4	36
	14:00	16:53				
Total September 2024					50	40

October 2024

The parliament sat on **9** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 October 2024	14:00	16:10	16:13	17:54	3	51
Wednesday 2 October 2024	14:00	17:14	17:17	18:08	4	05
Thursday 3 October 2024	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:21	4	09
	14:30	17:00				
Tuesday 8 October 2024	14:00	17:00	17:04	17:52	3	48
Wednesday 9 October 2024	14:00	17:11	17:13	18:17	4	15
Thursday 10 October 2024	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:29	5	21
	14:00	17:31	17:34	17:36		
Tuesday 29 October 2024	14:00	17:30	17:34	18:36	4	32
Wednesday 30 October 2024	14:33	15:00	15:03	18:34	4	12
	18:37	18:51				
Thursday 31 October 2024	11:40	12:48	12:50	13:39	5	13
	14:00	17:06	17:08	17:18		
Total October 2024					39	26

November 2024

The parliament sat on **12** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 5 November 2024	14:00	14:54	15:00	18:04	3	58
Wednesday 6 November 2024	14:00	17:04	17:07	17:53	3	50
Thursday 7 November 2024	11:40	12:51	12:53	13:42	4	37
	14:30	17:01	17:04	17:10		
Tuesday 12 November 2024	14:00	17:00	17:03	17:59	3	56
Wednesday 13 November 2024	14:00	17:14	17:27	18:51	4	38
Thursday 14 November 2024	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:16	4	35
	14:00	17:01				
Tuesday 19 November 2024	14:17	17:00	17:03	17:46	3	26
Wednesday 20 November 2024	14:00	17:25	17:28	18:19	4	16
Thursday 21 November 2024	11:40	12:48	12:50	13:33	4	59
	14:00	17:01	17:03	17:10		
Tuesday 26 November 2024	14:00	14:19	14:20	14:32	4	11
	14:38	16:14	16:24	17:16		
	17:29	17:29	19:48	20:57		
	21:00	21:03				
Wednesday 27 November 2024	14:00	17:16	17:18	18:34	4	32
Thursday 28 November 2024	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:21	4	58
	14:00	17:14	17:17	17:21		
Total November 2024					51	56

2.1. Calendar of Meetings (December 2024 to February 2025)

December 2024

The parliament sat on **9** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 December 2024	14:00	14:58	15:04	16:56	3	40
	16:58	17:48				
Wednesday 4 December 2024	14:00	17:26			3	26
Thursday 5 December 2024	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:43	5	04
	14:00	17:03				
Tuesday 10 December 2024	14:00	16:53	16:56	17:49	3	46
Wednesday 11 December 2024	14:00	17:20	17:24	18:08	4	04
Thursday 12 December 2024	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:22	4	14
	14:30	17:03				
Tuesday 17 December 2024	14:00	17:40	17:43	18:31	4	28
Wednesday 18 December 2024	14:00	17:03	17:05	17:50	3	48
Thursday 19 December 2024	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:59	2	17
Total December 2024					34	47

January 2025

The parliament sat on **12** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 7 January 2025	14:00	17:09	17:12	18:07	4	04
Wednesday 8 January 2025	14:00	17:33			3	33
Thursday 9 January 2025	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:25	4	26
	14:30	17:00	17:04	17:07		
	17:10	17:17				
Tuesday 14 January 2025	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:46	3	43
Wednesday 15 January 2025	14:00	15:39	15:46	16:38	4	59
	16:39	17:48	17:49	19:08		
Thursday 16 January 2025	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:33	6	13
	14:00	18:21				
Tuesday 21 January 2025	14:15	17:04	17:07	17:53	3	35
Wednesday 22 January 2025	14:00	14:51	14:51	17:19	4	22
	17:22	18:25				
Thursday 23 January 2025	11:40	12:49	12:51	13:24	5	42
	14:00	16:43	16:49	17:50		
	17:52	17:53	17:57	18:12		
	18:14	18:16				
Tuesday 28 January 2025	14:00	17:14	17:17	18:00	3	57
Wednesday 29 January 2025	14:00	17:14	17:17	18:23	4	20
Thursday 30 January 2025	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:24	4	42
	14:00	17:00				
Total January 2025					53	36

February 2025

The parliament sat on **9** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 4 February 2025	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:30	3	27
Wednesday 5 February 2025	14:00	17:11	17:13	18:21	4	19
Thursday 6 February 2025	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:24	4	47
	14:30	17:34	17:38	17:38		
Tuesday 18 February 2025	14:00	14:13	14:19	17:38	4	25
	17:39	18:32				
Wednesday 19 February 2025	14:00	17:02	17:04	17:53	3	51
Thursday 20 February 2025	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:32	5	11
	14:00	15:00	15:05	17:16		
	17:17	17:26				
Tuesday 25 February 2025	14:00	14:10	14:19	17:55	4	25
	17:57	18:36				
Wednesday 26 February 2025	14:00	17:13	17:16	17:57	3	54
Thursday 27 February 2025	11:40	12:51	12:52	13:44	4	41
	14:30	17:00	17:03	17:11		
Total February 2025					39	00

2.1. Calendar of Meetings (March 2025 to May 2025)

March 2025

The parliament sat on **12** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 4 March 2025	14:00	17:36	17:39	18:26	4	23
Wednesday 5 March 2025	14:00	17:01	17:03	18:24	4	22
Thursday 6 March 2025	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:25	4	29
	14:31	17:17				
Tuesday 11 March 2025	14:00	17:07	17:09	18:02	4	00
Wednesday 12 March 2025	14:00	14:46	14:48	17:28	4	18
	17:30	18:22				
Thursday 13 March 2025	11:40	11:58	12:00	12:46	4	33
	12:49	13:45	14:30	17:01		
	17:04	17:06				
Tuesday 18 March 2025	14:00	17:03	17:06	17:38	3	35
Wednesday 19 March 2025	14:00	17:20	17:22	18:15	4	13
Thursday 20 March 2025	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:25	4	32
	14:15	17:04				
Tuesday 25 March 2025	14:00	17:02	17:05	17:51	3	48
Wednesday 26 March 2025	14:00	17:40	17:42	18:47	4	45
Thursday 27 March 2025	11:41	11:45	12:00	12:46	4	38
	12:48	13:34	14:30	17:30		
	17:33	17:35				
Total March 2025					51	36

April 2025

The parliament sat on **8** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 April 2025	14:00	18:14			4	14
Wednesday 2 April 2025	14:01	14:57	15:15	18:25	4	53
	18:28	19:15				
Thursday 3 April 2025	11:40	12:47	12:59	13:24	4	32
	14:30	17:30				
Tuesday 22 April 2025	14:00	14:22	14:30	17:45	4	32
	17:51	18:46				
Wednesday 23 April 2025	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:44	3	41
Thursday 24 April 2025	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:30	4	19
	14:30	17:01				
Tuesday 29 April 2025	14:00	17:03	17:05	17:58	3	56
Wednesday 30 April 2025	14:00	17:41	17:44	18:32	4	29
Total April 2025					34	36

May 2025

The parliament sat on 4 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Thursday 1 May 2025	11:40	12:46	12:49	13:27	4	23
	14:30	17:01	17:03	17:11		
Tuesday 6 May 2025	14:00	17:28			3	28
Wednesday 7 May 2025	14:00	17:02	17:04	17:55	3	53
Thursday 8 May 2025	11:40	12:56	12:59	13:34	4	19
	14:30	16:58				
Total May 25 (until 12 May)						

2.2. Recess Dates

First day of recess	Last day of recess
29 June 2024	01 September 2024
12 October 2024	27 October 2024
21 December 2024	5 January 2025
8 February 2025	16 February 2025
5 April 2025	20 April 2025

2.3. Place of Meeting

The Scottish Parliament met in the Chamber throughout the parliamentary year. All meetings were Hybrid.

3. Plenary Business

3.1. Division of Time on Parliamentary Business

During the fourth parliamentary year Session 6, 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025, the total time spent on parliamentary business was **466 hours 54 minutes**

3.1.1. Time Spent on Bills

This section contains a breakdown of time spent on Bills. For a detailed breakdown by individual bill [see Chapter 5](#).

Total Time Spent on Bills

Bill Type	Time Hrs:mins
Government (excluding Emergency Bills)	64:07
Emergency	5:31
Members'	4:10
Committee	0:00
Hybrid	0:00
Private	0:00
Total	73:48

Time spent on Government Bills (excludes Emergency Government Bills)

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	13	23	58
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	1	2	40
Stage 3	15	22	59
Business Motions	8	0	07
Financial Resolutions	11	0	12
Motion to pass	14	14	11
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage - Motion to pass	0	0	00
Total time spent on Government Bills (excluding Emergency Bills)		64	07

Time spent on Emergency Bills

These are Government bills where a motion has been lodged to treat it as an Emergency Bill

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	1	2	24
Stage 2	1	1	24
Stage 3	1	0	44
Motion to pass	1	0	58
Financial Resolution	1	0	01
Total time spent on Emergency Bills		5	31

Time spent on Members' Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	1	2	06
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	1	1	09
Motion to pass	1	0	54
Financial Resolution	0	0	00
Business Motion	1	0	01
Total time spent on Members' Bills		4	10

Time spent on Committee Bills

No time was spent on Committee Bills.

Time spent on Hybrid Bills

No time was spent on Hybrid Bills.

Time spent on Private Bills

No time was spent on Private Bills.

3.1.2. Time spent on Statutory Instruments

Statutory Instruments

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Motion to approve (affirmative)	18	1	14
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
Withdrawal of Scottish Statutory Instruments	0	0	00
Total time spent on Statutory Instruments		1	14

3.1.3. Time spent on other Motions relating to Legislation

Other Motions relating to Legislation

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Legislative Consent Memorandums	4	1	22
Public Body Consent Memorandums	0	0	00
Total time spent on other Motions		1	22

3.1.4. Time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Business motions (not including Bills)	64	3	05
Committee establishment and membership	16	0	11
Designation of lead committee	7	0	04
Suspension of Standing Orders	1	0	09
Variation of Standing Orders	1	0	01
Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions		3	30

3.1.5. Time spent on Motions for Debate

Motions for Debate

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	42	84	59
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	10	22	03
Scottish Labour Party	4	9	06
Scottish Green Party	2	4	36
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Alba Party	0	0	00
Committee	14	24	13
Members' Business	103	76	40
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	0	0	00
Total time spent on Motions		221	37

3.1.6. Time spent on Debates without Motions

Debates without Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	1	2	21
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	0	00
Scottish Labour Party	0	0	00
Scottish Green Party	0	0	00
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Alba Party	0	0	00
Committee	0	0	00
Members' Business	1	1	31
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	0	0	00
Gender-sensitive Audit Board	0	0	00
Total time spent on Debates without Motions		3	52

3.1.7. Time spent on Oral Questions

Oral Questions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
General Question Time	35	11	47
Topical Question Time	36	10	45
Portfolio Question Time	71	46	26
First Minister's Question Time	36	27	53
Urgent Question Time	9	1	43
Urgent Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) Question Time	1	0	16
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) Question Time	2	0	36
Total time spent on question times		99	26

3.1.8. Time spent on Statements

Statements

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government Statements	54	43	48
Presiding Officer Statements	0	0	00
Personal Statements	0	0	00
Total time spent on statements		43	48

3.1.9. Time spent on Other Matters

Other Matters

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Decision Time	105	10	59
Committee announcement	1	0	03
Points of Order	55	1	57
Time for Reflection	36	2	15
Red Weather Warning	1	0	02
Motion without notice	32	0	19
Motion of Condolence	3	1	43
Victory in Europe Day (80th Anniversary)	1	0	06
War in Ukraine (Third Anniversary)	1	0	06
Motion of condolence - Christina McKelvie	1	0	04
Environmental Standards Scotland (Appointment of Board Members)	1	0	01
Environmental Standards Scotland (Chair)	1	0	06
Elections/Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	1	0	10
Appointment of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman	1	0	05
Scottish Commission for Public Audit	1	0	02
Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners	1	0	07
Appointment of the chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission	1	0	02
Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland	1	0	03
Remembrance Day	1	0	04
Two Minute's silence	1	0	03
Total time spent on other matters		18	17

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 for up to 4 minutes. The pattern of speakers reflects the balance of beliefs in Scotland.

There can be more than one contributor at Time for Reflection. Some contributors may represent more than one religion, faith or belief, so the totals may not match and may be greater than the total number of Time for Reflections.

The table only lists religions, organisations and individuals that have spoken during this parliamentary year, it is not a full list of religions or beliefs.

For a full list of Time for Reflections please refer to the fact sheet [Contributors to Time for Reflection: Session 6](#).

Time for Reflection

There were **36** Time for Reflections and **37** speakers during the parliamentary year.

Organisation	Male Speakers	Female Speakers	Number of Time for Reflections
Christian	0	2	2
Church of Scotland	5	5	10
Episcopal	1	0	1
Evangelical	2	0	2
Free Church of Scotland	1	0	1
Humanist	0	2	2
Muslim	1	0	1
Non-Faith	5	6	10
Quaker	1	1	2
Roman Catholic	4	1	5
Total	20	17	36

3.3. Parliamentary Questions

3.3.1. Oral Questions

3.3.1.(a) General questions

The total number of general questions selected during the parliamentary year was **253**.

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	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	7	10	0	0	7	5	8
Con	4	11	0	0	12	11	17
Lab	7	4	0	0	7	4	3
Green	0	3	0	0	2	2	3
LD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	18	28	0	0	29	22	32

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	9	17	8	12	5	6	94
Con	2	5	9	3	3	3	80
Lab	6	8	3	2	7	5	56
Green	4	0	1	2	0	0	17
LD	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Alba	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ind	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Totals	23	30	21	20	15	15	253

3.3.1.(b) First Minister's questions

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

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

Party	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	4	5	0	0	4	3	4
Con	6	8	0	0	8	6	8
Lab	6	6	0	0	7	5	7
Green	2	3	0	0	4	2	4
LD	1	2	0	0	1	1	1
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	24	0	0	24	17	24

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	4	5	3	5	2	2	41
Con	8	8	6	8	4	4	74
Lab	7	6	5	7	3	4	63
Green	4	3	3	3	2	2	32
LD	1	2	1	1	1	0	12
Alba	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	24	18	25	12	12	223

3.3.1.(c) Portfolio questions

Portfolio oral questions were answered in a running rota of themes.

From 27 May 2024

Week 1: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Health and Social Care; Social Justice

Week 2: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

Week 3: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government; Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

From 2 September 2024

Week 1: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government; Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

Week 2: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Health and Social Care; Social Justice

Week 3: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

From 28 October 2024

Week 1: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government; Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

Week 2: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Social Justice

Week 3: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

From 16 December 2024

Week 1: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice

Week 2: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

Week 3: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government; Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

From 17 February 2025

Week 1: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice

Week 2: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

Week 3: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government; Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

From 21 April 2025

Week 1: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice

Week 2: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

Week 3: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government; Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

Following a successful pilot, the Parliament has approved a variation to Standing Order rule 13.7.3. This change allows the Presiding Officer to group Portfolio Questions by subject matter, enabling them to be called consecutively.

The total number of portfolio questions answered during the parliamentary year was **788**.

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

Portfolio questions

Party	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	29	34	0	0	34	19	31
Con	18	32	0	0	39	20	29
Lab	10	14	0	0	10	11	16
Green	6	5	0	0	5	6	4
LD	2	3	0	0	3	0	2
Alba	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	66	89	0	0	91	56	85

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	28	28	30	29	22	15	299
Con	22	34	17	34	20	6	271
Lab	11	19	10	15	11	5	132
Green	4	6	1	5	3	2	47
LD	1	4	1	4	2	2	24
Alba	1	1	2	1	1	0	9
Ind	0	1	2	1	0	0	6
Totals	67	93	63	89	59	30	788

3.3.1.(d) Topical questions

The total number of topical questions selected during the parliamentary year was **72**.

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

Party	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	2	2	0	0	1	0	1
Con	3	3	0	0	4	3	4
Lab	3	3	0	0	3	3	1
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	8	0	0	9	6	6

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	2	1	1	2	1	0	13
Con	2	4	3	4	3	1	34
Lab	2	1	3	2	1	1	23
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	6	7	9	5	2	72

3.3.1.(e) Urgent questions

The total number of urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was **9**.

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

Urgent Questions

Party	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Con	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Con	1	1	1	2	0	0	6
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	2	1	3	0	0	9

3.3.1.(f) SPCB questions

The total number of SPCB questions answered during the parliamentary year was **26**.

Total number of SPCB oral questions which were withdrawn during the parliamentary year was **1**

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

Party	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
Con	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Green	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	9	0	0	0	0	12

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Con	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Lab	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Green	0	0	0	3	0	0	8
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	0	0	0	6	0	0	26

3.3.1.(g) Urgent SPCB questions

The total number of urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was **0**

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 **9088**. This does not include **13** written questions that were withdrawn.

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

Party	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	32	33	25	34	75	35	50
Con	162	129	112	214	436	332	434
Lab	148	209	176	178	261	188	212
Green	21	25	39	44	26	45	30
LD	9	35	22	35	24	91	21
Alba	60	45	8	44	8	2	4
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals	432	476	382	549	830	697	751

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	48	35	31	28	21	13	460
Con	512	1151	402	471	639	134	5128
Lab	247	222	234	164	168	52	2459
Green	35	25	34	24	41	18	407
LD	17	17	93	36	19	32	451
Alba	0	0	1	3	0	0	175
Ind	0	0	1	0	3	0	8
Totals	859	1450	796	726	891	249	9088

3.3.2.(b) Written questions to the SPCB

The total number of written questions to the SPCB lodged during the parliamentary year was **60**.

Written questions to the SPCB

Party	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
SNP	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lab	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0	0	0	1	0	8

Party	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Con	10	27	0	1	0	0	39
Lab	2	2	3	1	0	0	14
Green	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	30	3	3	0	0	60

3.4. Motions

A motion is a way for MSPs to:

- raise awareness of an issue
- suggest a topic for debate
- recognise a group, business or individual
- agree Parliamentary business

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.

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **4223**. This does not include **8** motions that were withdrawn.

3.4.1. Motions by Party

Motions lodged by Party, 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	Alba	Ind
May 24 (from 13 May)	122	54	29	15	5	0	0
Jun 24	193	107	31	18	10	0	0
Jul 24	83	40	25	6	2	1	0
Aug 24	131	73	24	2	8	2	0
Sep 24	211	143	46	22	11	3	3
Oct 24	189	135	47	30	17	1	6
Nov 24	232	156	54	17	14	0	3
Dec 24	135	103	33	10	5	1	0
Jan 25	113	93	37	13	5	0	3
Feb 25	162	108	41	19	7	2	3
Mar 25	135	100	35	17	6	0	6
Apr 25	140	130	57	7	10	3	2
May 25 (until 12 May)	43	57	12	6	7	0	0
Totals	1889	1299	471	182	107	13	26

This table does not include motions lodged on behalf of bodies by Party Members

Motions lodged on behalf of bodies by Party Members, 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025

	Committee	Parliamentary Bureau	SPCB	Lord Advocate	Solicitor General
May 24 (from 13 May)	0	25	0	0	0
Jun 24	0	34	0	0	0
Jul 24	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 24	0	1	0	0	0
Sep 24	0	19	0	0	0
Oct 24	0	22	0	0	0
Nov 24	0	29	0	0	0
Dec 24	0	18	0	0	0
Jan 25	0	22	0	0	0
Feb 25	0	14	0	0	0
Mar 25	0	25	0	0	0
Apr 25	0	23	0	0	0
May 25 (until 12 May)	0	4	0	0	0
Totals	0	236	0	0	0

3.4.2. Motions without Notice

A motion can be moved 'without notice'. A 'motion without notice' will usually ask for a motion to be taken at shorter notice than is normally allowed under Standing Orders, i.e. on the same day that it is lodged. The Presiding Officer decides whether this takes place immediately following the Parliament's agreement or at a later time on the same day.

Motions without Notice

Reason	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
to extend the time for debate	16	0	16
to change decision time	19	0	19
the time limit be extended by up to 30 minutes	3	0	3
Total	38	0	38

3.4.3. Motions to Suspend Standing Orders

Motions to Suspend Standing Orders

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

Reason	Number	Motion
Suspension of standing orders	1	S6M-16585
Suspension and variation of standing orders	1	S6M-14742
Total	2	

3.4.4. Members' Business Motions

The total number of Members' Business debates during the parliamentary year was **110**.

For a full list of Members' Business debates, please refer to the fact sheet [Members' Business debates: Session 6](#)

Members' Business

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

Party	Female	Male	Total
Scottish National Party	31	24	55
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	11	17	28
Scottish Labour Party	4	13	17
Scottish Green Party	4	2	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	1	3
Alba Party	1	0	1
Independent	0	0	0
Total	53	57	110

3.4.5. Legislative Consent Memorandums and Motions

When the UK Parliament introduces primary legislation (Bills) that affect Scotland, the Scottish Government will lodge a **Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM)**. The LCM explains how the bill impacts Scotland and whether the Scottish Government believes the Scottish Parliament should consent to it or does not agree to consent to the UK Parliament considering a Bill. Further LCMs on the same Bill may be added to in a supplementary memorandum.

Typically, a Scottish Parliament committee examines the LCM and publishes a report with its recommendations. The report helps inform the Parliament's decision.

The Scottish Government may draft a **Motion on Legislative Consent** to invite the Parliament to vote to either withhold or agree to consent to one or more relevant provisions in the Bill. There may or may not be a debate before the vote.

After the Scottish Parliament has voted on a Motion on Legislative Consent, the Clerk writes to the Clerks of the two Houses of the UK Parliament to inform them of the Scottish Parliament's decision.

Please refer to the fact sheet [Legislative consent processes in the Scottish Parliament](#) for further details of the process.

During the parliamentary year there were:

- **10** Legislative Consent Memorandums published
- **5** Supplementary Memorandums published
- **7** Motions on Legislative Consent lodged

- **7** Motions on Legislative Consent passed
- **0** Motions on Legislative Consent withheld
- **0** UK Bills subject to LCMs fell at prorogation

Prorogation is the formal name given to the period between the end of a session of Parliament and the State Opening of Parliament that begins the next session.

3.4.6. Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandums and Motions

There were no Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandums or Motions lodged during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6.

3.5. Ministerial Statements

The total number of Ministerial Statements during the parliamentary year was **65**.

For a full list of Ministerial Statements, please refer to the Fact Sheet - [Ministerial Statements: Session 6](#)

Number of Ministerial Statements by Cabinet Secretary, Minister or Law Officers

Cabinet Secretary, Minister or Law Officer	Number of Statements
First Minister	8
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic	6
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	4
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government	3
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care	7
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs	5
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands	0
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice	4
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	1
Cabinet Secretary for Transport	3
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy	1
Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy	2
Minister for Parliamentary Business	0
Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity	0
Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise	4
Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy	0
Minister for Equalities	0
Minister for Employment and Investment	1
Minister for Business	0
Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans	2
Minister for Housing	4
Minister for Public Finance	2
Minister for Public Health and Women's Health	1
Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport	3
Minister for Victims and Community Safety	0
Minister for Climate Action	0
Acting Minister for Climate Action	2
Lord Advocate	2
Solicitor General	0
Total number of ministerial statements	65

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.

The total number of committee announcements during the parliamentary year was **1**.

For a full list of committee announcements, please refer to the fact sheet [Committee Announcements: Session 6](#)

Committee Announcements

Committee	Number of announcements
Finance and Public Administration Committee	1
Total	1

3.7. Presiding Officer's Rulings and Statements

The Presiding Officer made **0** rulings during the parliamentary year 2024-25

The Presiding Officer made **0** statements during the parliamentary year 2024-25

3.8. Votes

3.8.1. Electronic Votes

The total number of electronic votes during the parliamentary year was **396**

Electronic Votes

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

	Electronic votes
May 24 (from 13 May)	46
Jun 24	119
Jul 24	0
Aug 24	0
Sept 24	27
Oct 24	27
Nov 24	48
Dec 24	14
Jan 25	33
Feb 25	30
Mar 25	26
Apr 25	17
May 25 (until 12 May)	9
Total	396

3.8.2. Proxy Votes

On 6 December 2022 the Parliament agreed to Motion [S6M-07078](#) which introduced a pilot proxy voting scheme. The Scheme was to run from 4 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. Following an evaluation of the pilot, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommended that proxy voting be made permanent and the Parliament agreed the changes to Standing Orders with effect from 22 December 2023.

The scheme has been issued by the Presiding Officer under [Standing Orders Rule 11.5A – Proxy Voting](#) and may be varied by the Presiding Officer at any time, in consultation with the Parliamentary Bureau and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

A Member may designate another Member as their proxy to vote in a meeting of the Parliament or of a Committee of the Whole Parliament in the following circumstances:

- maternity leave, paternity leave, parental leave, adoption leave, or shared parental leave;
- complications arising from pregnancy;
- serious long-term illness or injury;
- bereavement; or
- attending to a person who is near the end of their life.

A Member can designate any other Member as their proxy. A Member can only designate one proxy at a time. A Member can be proxy for more than one other Member at a time.

During the Parliamentary year there were **1004** proxy votes cast.

Proxy Votes (13 May 2024 to December 2024)

Use of a proxy vote

Date	Cast by	On behalf of	Total
14 May 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	6
15 May 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	6
23 May 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	6
28 May 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	18
29 May 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	5
30 May 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	4
04 June 2024	Gillian Mackay	Mark Ruskell	3
05 June 2024	Gillian Mackay	Mark Ruskell	10
05 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	10
06 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	6
11 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	3
12 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	4
13 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	3
18 June 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Richard Leonard	46
18 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	46
19 June 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Richard Leonard	3
19 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	3
20 June 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Richard Leonard	1
25 June 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Richard Leonard	33
25 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	33
26 June 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Richard Leonard	5
26 June 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	5
05 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
05 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
05 September 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	2
11 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	5
11 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
11 September 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	5
11 September 2024	Rona Mackay	Elena Whitham	5
12 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
12 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
12 September 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	4
12 September 2024	Rona Mackay	Elena Whitham	4
18 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	7
18 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	7
18 September 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	7
18 September 2024	Rona Mackay	Elena Whitham	6
24 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	5
24 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
24 September 2024	Rona Mackay	Elena Whitham	5
25 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
25 September 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
25 September 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	2
25 September 2024	Rona Mackay	Elena Whitham	2
01 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
01 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1

Date	Cast by	On behalf of	Total
01 October 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	1
01 October 2024	Rona Mackay	Elena Whitham	1
02 October 2024	Alex Cole-Hamilton	Beatrice Wishart	2
02 October 2024	Clare Haughey	Humza Yousaf	2
02 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
02 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
02 October 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	2
02 October 2024	Rona Mackay	Elena Whitham	2
08 October 2024	Alex Cole-Hamilton	Beatrice Wishart	2
08 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
08 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
09 October 2024	Alex Cole-Hamilton	Beatrice Wishart	8
09 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	8
09 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	8
09 October 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	8
10 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
10 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
29 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
29 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
30 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	6
30 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	6
30 October 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	6
31 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
31 October 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
31 October 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	4
05 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
05 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
05 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	2
06 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
06 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
06 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	2
07 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
07 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
07 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	3
12 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
12 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
12 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	1
13 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	9
13 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	9
13 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	9
19 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
19 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
19 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	3
19 November 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
20 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	5
20 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
20 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	5
20 November 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	5

Date	Cast by	On behalf of	Total
21 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
21 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
21 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	2
21 November 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	2
26 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	12
26 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	12
26 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	12
26 November 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	12
27 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
27 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
27 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	4
27 November 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
28 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
28 November 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
28 November 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	2
28 November 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	2
03 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	7
03 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	7
03 December 2024	Richard Leonard	Mercedes Villaba	7
03 December 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	7
10 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
10 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
10 December 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1
11 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
11 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
11 December 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
17 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
17 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
17 December 2024	Paul Sweeney	Pam Duncan-Glancy	1
17 December 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1
18 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
18 December 2024	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
18 December 2024	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1

Proxy Votes (January 2025 to 12 May 2025)

Use of a proxy vote

Date	Cast by	On behalf of	Total
07 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
07 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
07 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
09 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
09 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
09 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
14 January 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	3
14 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
14 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
14 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
15 January 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	3
15 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
15 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
15 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
21 January 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	1
21 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
21 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
21 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1
22 January 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	4
22 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
22 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
22 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
23 January 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	7
23 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	7
23 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	7
23 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	7
28 January 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	5
28 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	5
28 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
28 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	5
29 January 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	3
29 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
29 January 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
29 January 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
04 February 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	1
04 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
04 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
04 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1
05 February 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	3
05 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
05 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
05 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
06 February 2025	Gillian Mackay	Patrick Harvie	1
06 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
06 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
06 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1

Date	Cast by	On behalf of	Total
18 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
18 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
18 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
19 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
19 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
19 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
20 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	5
20 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
20 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	5
25 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
25 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
25 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
26 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	6
26 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	6
26 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	6
27 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
27 February 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
27 February 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
04 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
04 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
04 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
05 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
05 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
05 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
11 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
11 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
11 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
12 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
12 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
12 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	2
12 March 2025	Ross Greer	Gillian Mackay	2
13 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	1
13 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1
13 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1
13 March 2025	Ross Greer	Gillian Mackay	1
18 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
18 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
18 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	2
19 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	4
19 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
19 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
25 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	2
25 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
25 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	2
26 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Christina McKelvie	3
26 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
26 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
27 March 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	1

Date	Cast by	On behalf of	Total
27 March 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	1
02 April 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
02 April 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	2
22 April 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	2
22 April 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	2
23 April 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	3
23 April 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	3
29 April 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
29 April 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	5
30 April 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
30 April 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	5
01 May 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	4
01 May 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	4
07 May 2025	Jamie Hepburn	Màiri McAllan	5
07 May 2025	Rona Mackay	Ruth Maguire	5

3.8.3. Presiding Officer's Exercise of a Casting Vote

There were **7** instances of the Presiding Officer using a casting vote during parliamentary year.

	Casting Vote
From 13 May 24	1
Jun 24	2
Jul 24	0
Aug 24	0
Sept 24	2
Oct 24	2
Nov 24	0
Dec 24	0
Jan 25	0
Feb 25	0
Mar 25	0
Apr 25	0
To 12 May 25	0
Total	7

4. Committees

Committee Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Committee Name
CPPP	Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee
CEEAC	Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture 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
RAI	Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
SJSS	Social Justice and Social Security Committee
SSBLR	SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review 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 are therefore not full time members of committees.

4.1.1.(a) Individuals' Membership of Committees

The following table lists the MSPs and those committees each MSP was a member of, or substitute member of, during the parliamentary year.

This table lists the committees that each MSP was a member of, or substitute member of, during the parliamentary year. It does not list ad-hoc substitute members. MSPs marked as * served as Ministers or Presiding Officer during this parliamentary year and would not have served on committees during that time.

MSP	Convener	Deputy Convener	Committee Member	Substitute Member
George Adam			CEEAC, ECYP	
Karen Adam	EHRCJ			RAI
Clare Adamson	CEEAC			EHRCJ
Alasdair Allan*			RAI	SPPA
Tom Arthur*				
Jackie Baillie				HSCS
Claire Baker	EFW			EFW
Jeremy Balfour			DPLR, SJSS	
Colin Beattie		EFW	PA, RAI	LGHP
Neil Bibby			CEEAC	CJ
Sarah Boyack				EHRCJ, NZET
Miles Briggs			ECYP, LGHP	SJSS
Keith Brown			CEEAC, ECYP	
Siobhian Brown*				
Ariane Burgess	LGHP		RAI	EFW, RAI
Alexander Burnett				
Stephanie Callaghan			ECYP, LGHP	HSCS
Jackson Carlaw	CPPP			
Finlay Carson	RAI			
Maggie Chapman		EHRCJ	EFW	EFW, LGHP, NZET
Foyso Choudhury			CPPP, DPLR	CEEAC
Katy Clark			CJ, DPLR, SJSS	
Willie Coffey		LGHP	EFW, PA	
Alex Cole-Hamilton				ECYP
Angela Constance*				
Graeme Dey*				
Natalie Don-Innes*				
Bob Doris		SJSS	NZET	EFW
James Dornan			PA	HSCS
Sharon Dowey			CJ	
Jackie Dunbar		ECYP	ECYP, NZET, SPPA	CEEAC, CJ, ECYP, HSCS
Pam Duncan-Glancy			ECYP	
Tim Eagle			DPLR, RAI	
Annabelle Ewing*				
Fergus Ewing			CPPP	
Jim Fairlie*				
Russell Findlay		CJ		
Joe FitzPatrick			ECYP, HSCS, SPPA	
Kate Forbes*				
Murdo Fraser			EFW, SSBLR	FPA
Meghan Gallacher			CEEAC, EHRCJ, LGHP	CEEAC
Kenneth Gibson	FPA			

MSP	Convener	Deputy Convener	Committee Member	Substitute Member
Jenny Gilruth*				
Maurice Golden			CPPP	
Pam Gosal			EHRCJ, LGHP	CEEAC, EFW
Mairi Gougeon*				
Christine Grahame				RAI
Rhoda Grant			RAI	DPLR
Neil Gray*				
Jamie Greene		PA		
Ross Greer			ECYP, FPA	CEEAC, HSCS
Mark Griffin			LGHP, SJSS	SJSS
Sandesh Gulhane			HSCS	
Jamie Halco Johnston			EFW, FPA	RAI
Rachael Hamilton			RAI	EHRCJ
Emma Harper			HSCS, RAI	
Patrick Harvie			CEEAC	FPA, NZET
Clare Haughey	HSCS			ECYP
Jamie Hepburn*				
Craig Hoy			FPA	EHRCJ, PA
Fiona Hyslop*				
Daniel Johnson			DPLR, EFW	EFW, FPA, RAI
Alison Johnstone				
Liam Kerr		CJ	CJ, ECYP	
Stephen Kerr			CEEAC	CJ
Bill Kidd		DPLR	ECYP	PA
Monica Lennon			NZET	
Richard Leonard	PA		SSBLR	
Richard Lochhead*				
Douglas Lumsden			NZET	
Gordon MacDonald			EFW, LGHP, SJSS	HSCS
Fulton MacGregor			CJ, LGHP, PA	EHRCJ
Gillian Mackay			HSCS	CEEAC, ECYP, FPA
Rona Mackay			CJ	DPLR, SPPA
Ben Macpherson	SSBLR	NZET	CJ, ECYP, SSBLR	NZET
Ruth Maguire		ECYP, SPPA	HSCS, SPPA	
Michael Marra		FPA		
Gillian Martin*				
John Mason			ECYP, FPA, SJSS	
Michael Matheson		NZET	NZET	
Mairi McAllan*				
Liam McArthur*				RAI
Roz McCall			DPLR, SJSS	ECYP, SJSS
Ivan McKee*			HSCS	
Christina McKelvie*				
Paul McLennan*				
Stuart McMillan	DPLR		PA	CJ, ECYP
Marie McNair			EHRCJ, SJSS	CPPP
Pauline McNeill			CJ	

MSP	Convener	Deputy Convener	Committee Member	Substitute Member
Jenni Minto*				
Carol Mochan			HSCS	SJSS
Edward Mountain	NZET			SPPA
Oliver Mundell			DPLR, SPPA	CPPP, DPLR
Audrey Nicoll	CJ			FPA
Paul O’Kane			EHRCJ, SJSS	
Ash Regan			SSBLR	
Willie Rennie			ECYP	
Angus Robertson*				
Shona Robison*				
Emma Roddick			LGHP, RAI, SPPA	
Douglas Ross	ECYP		ECYP	
Alex Rowley				LGHP
Mark Ruskell			CEEAC, EHRCJ, NZET, RAI	EHRCJ, RAI
Davy Russell				
Anas Sarwar				
Graham Simpson			PA	LGHP, NZET
Lorna Slater			EFW, SSBLR	EHRCJ, LGHP
Liz Smith			FPA, SJSS	EFW
Colin Smyth	EFW		EFW	PA, SPPA
Shirley-Anne Somerville*				
Collette Stevenson	SJSS			LGHP, NZET
Alexander Stewart		CEEAC	LGHP	DPLR
Kaukab Stewart*				
Kevin Stewart			EFW, NZET, SJSS	CEEAC
Nicola Sturgeon				
Paul Sweeney		HSCS		CPPP
John Swinney*				
Michelle Thomson		EFW	EFW, ECYP, FPA	
Maree Todd*				
David Torrance		CPPP	HSCS	SJSS
Evelyn Tweed		ECYP	EFW, ECYP, EHRCJ, RAI	
Mercedes Villalba				RAI
Sue Webber	ECYP		SPPA	HSCS, NZET
Annie Wells			EHRCJ, SPPA	HSCS
Tess White			EHRCJ, HSCS	
Martin Whitfield	SPPA			ECYP
Elena Whitham			HSCS, RAI	EHRCJ
Brian Whittle			EFW, HSCS	LGHP, RAI
Beatrice Wishart		RAI		
Humza Yousaf				

4.1.1.(b) Simultaneous Membership of Committee

Totals take account of changes to membership throughout the parliamentary year as MSPs change, leave and join committees.

	No. of MSPs
Member of only 1 Committee	54
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	38
Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	2
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	47
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	12
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	2
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	19
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	5
Substitute Member of only 1 Committee	12
Substitute Member of 2 Committees	4

4.1.2. Conveners Group

The Conveners Group is made up of all the conveners of each mandatory or subject committee, excluding conveners of Private/Hybrid Bill Committees and Bill Committees.

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

Remit: The Group handles a range of matters, for example:

- (a) approval of travel by committees or committee members
- (b) approval of meetings of committees outside Edinburgh
- (c) consideration of the biannual programme of committee meetings
- (d) endorsement of funding for civic participation events and external research
- (e) making recommendations to the Bureau on committee business to be scheduled in the Chamber.

Convener

- Liam McArthur (LD)

Members

- Karen Adam (SNP)
- Clare Adamson (SNP)
- Claire Baker (Lab) (until 6 November 2024)
- Ariane Burgess (Green)

- Jackson Carlaw (Con)
- Finlay Carson (Con)
- Kenneth Gibson (SNP)
- Clare Haughey (SNP)
- Richard Leonard (Lab)
- Ben Macpherson (SNP) (from 12 December 2024)
- Stuart McMillan (SNP)
- Edward Mountain (Con)
- Audrey Nicoll (SNP)
- Douglas Ross (Con) (from 30 October 2024)
- Colin Smyth (Lab) (from 13 November 2024)
- Collette Stevenson (SNP)
- Sue Webber (Con) (until 10 October 2024)
- Martin Whitfield (Lab)

4.1.2.(a) Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by Party

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.

Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by party

This table is a running total for the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6.

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	Alba	Ind
Conveners	8	5	4	1	0	0	0
Acting Conveners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy Conveners	12	3	2	1	2	0	0

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

Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by gender

This table is a running total for the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6

	Male	Female
Conveners	10	8
Acting Conveners	0	0
Deputy Conveners	13	7

4.2. Committee Meetings

4.2.1. Number of Committee Meetings

The total number of committee meetings held during the parliamentary year was **495**

Number of committee meetings held, by each committee (13 May 24 to November 24)

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

	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
CPPP	2	2	0	0	2	2	2
CEEAC	3	3	0	0	4	3	2
CJ	5	4	0	0	3	3	5
DPLR	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
EFW	3	3	0	0	4	3	4
ECYP	3	4	0	0	3	3	4
EHRCJ	2	3	0	0	3	3	4
FPA	3	4	0	0	3	3	4
HSCS	2	4	0	0	4	3	6
LGHP	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
NZET	3	4	0	0	4	4	4
PA	2	3	0	0	4	2	4
RAI	3	4	0	0	4	3	3
SJSS	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
SSBLR	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
SPPA	3	4	0	0	2	1	3
Total	43	54	0	0	52	42	57

[List of Committee abbreviations](#)

Number of committee meetings held, by each committee (December 24 to 12 May 25)

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

	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)	Total
CPPP	1	1	2	2	2	1	19
CEEAC	2	4	3	4	2	2	32
CJ	3	4	3	4	3	0	37
DPLR	3	4	3	4	3	1	36
EFW	2	4	3	3	3	1	33
ECYP	3	4	3	4	3	1	35
EHRCJ	3	3	2	3	2	1	29
FPA	3	4	3	4	3	1	35
HSCS	2	3	3	4	2	1	34
LGHP	4	3	3	4	1	1	34
NZET	3	4	4	4	3	1	38
PA	3	4	3	4	2	1	32
RAI	2	4	3	4	3	1	34
SJSS	2	4	2	4	2	2	34
SSBLR	1	2	3	3	1	2	12
SPPA	1	2	1	1	2	1	21
Total	38	54	44	56	37	18	495

[List of Committee abbreviations](#)

Total number of meetings by committee

Committee	Number of meetings
CPPP	19
CEEAC	32
CJ	37
DPLR	36
EFW	33
ECYP	35
EHRCJ	29
FPA	35
HSCS	34
LGHP	34
NZET	38
PA	32
RAI	34
SJSS	34
SSBLR	12
SPPA	21
Total number of committee meetings	495

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Number of committee meetings by month

	Number of meetings
May 24 (from 13 May)	43
Jun 24	54
Jul 24	0
Aug 24	0
Sep 24	52
Oct 24	42
Nov 24	57
Dec 24	38
Jan 25	54
Feb 25	44
Mar 25	56
Apr 25	37
May 25 (until 12 May)	18
Total number of committee meetings	495

4.2.2. Time Spent in Committee Meetings

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

Committee	Public hrs:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
CPPP	28:08	04:00	32:08
CEEAC	43:53	09:04	52:57
CJ	67:40	26:27	94:07
DPLR	15:33	14:29	30:02
EFW	53:46	19:38	73:24
ECYP	90:16	23:49	114:05
EHRCJ	47:12	14:42	61:54
FPA	61:44	14:32	76:16
HSCS	65:42	13:25	79:07
LGHP	70:14	16:56	87:10
NZET	87:51	33:20	121:11
PA	51:39	22:34	74:13
RAI	68:09	24:45	92:54
SJSS	45:43	13:23	59:06
SSBLR	13:57	05:50	19:47
SPPAC	14:45	16:43	31:28
Total	951:56	307:18	1259:14

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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
May 24 (from 13 May)	72:32	23:32	96:04
Jun 24	73:30	35:23	108:53
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	91:14	27:42	118:56
Oct 24	71:04	22:45	93:49
Nov 24	84:59	32:05	117:04
Dec 24	56:50	21:12	78:02
Jan 25	99:17	29:29	128:46
Feb 25	69:44	20:09	89:53
Mar 25	91:16	29:25	120:41
Apr 25	71:02	18:21	89:23
May 25 (until 12 May)	30:47	07:44	38:31
Total h:min	951:56	307:18	1259:14

Time spent in committee meetings, by committee and month, plus the division between public and private time (Committees A-L)

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

CPPP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	02:51	00:27	03:18
Jun 24	02:12	00:37	02:49
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	02:08	00:32	02:40
Oct 24	03:56	00:19	04:15
Nov 24	03:40	00:19	03:59
Dec 24	00:38	00:04	00:42
Jan 25	01:04	00:05	01:09
Feb 25	03:43	00:49	04:32
Mar 25	02:19	00:15	02:34
Apr 25	04:51	00:20	05:11
May 25 (until 12 May)	00:46	00:13	00:59
Total h:min	28:08	04:00	32:08

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

CEEAC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	05:17	00:58	06:15
Jun 24	03:21	00:15	03:36
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	04:20	01:06	05:26
Oct 24	03:58	00:44	04:42
Nov 24	03:27	00:12	03:39
Dec 24	02:12	00:37	02:49
Jan 25	07:42	00:24	08:06
Feb 25	03:50	00:56	04:46
Mar 25	07:29	00:02	07:31
Apr 25	01:21	01:48	03:09
May 25 (until 12 May)	00:56	02:02	02:58
Total h:min	43:53	09:04	52:57

Criminal Justice Committee

CJ	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	09:02	02:10	11:12
Jun 24	04:23	07:55	12:18
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	06:40	01:23	08:03
Oct 24	07:41	00:54	08:35
Nov 24	06:13	03:57	10:10
Dec 24	04:09	02:04	06:13
Jan 25	09:01	01:38	10:39
Feb 25	05:33	02:33	08:06
Mar 25	09:51	03:24	13:15
Apr 25	05:07	00:29	05:36
May 25 (until 12 May)	00:00	00:00	00:00
Total h:min	67:40	26:27	94:07

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

DPLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	00:09	01:43	01:52
Jun 24	00:10	01:34	01:44
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	00:48	01:28	02:16
Oct 24	00:52	02:04	02:56
Nov 24	00:49	00:28	01:17
Dec 24	00:06	00:28	00:34
Jan 25	07:40	02:21	10:01
Feb 25	00:05	00:58	01:03
Mar 25	00:05	02:06	02:11
Apr 25	02:49	00:53	03:42
May 25 (until 12 May)	02:00	00:26	02:26
Total h:min	15:33	14:29	30:02

Economy and Fair Work Committee

EFW	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	05:18	02:01	07:19
Jun 24	02:11	00:55	03:06
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	05:38	03:17	08:55
Oct 24	05:08	00:59	06:07
Nov 24	05:27	02:59	08:26
Dec 24	04:21	01:08	05:29
Jan 25	07:17	03:00	10:17
Feb 25	06:44	01:09	07:53
Mar 25	04:51	01:19	06:10
Apr 25	04:49	02:18	07:07
May 25 (until 12 May)	02:02	00:33	02:35
Total h:min	53:46	19:38	73:24

Education, Children and Young People Committee

ECYP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	06:57	01:47	08:44
Jun 24	05:37	05:00	10:37
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	07:30	01:10	08:40
Oct 24	06:16	01:58	08:14
Nov 24	06:25	05:16	11:41
Dec 24	08:32	01:13	09:45
Jan 25	08:03	03:34	11:37
Feb 25	07:53	01:12	09:05
Mar 25	12:19	01:37	13:56
Apr 25	13:45	00:33	14:18
May 25 (until 12 May)	06:59	00:29	07:28
Total h:min	90:16	23:49	114:05

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

EHRCJ	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	01:40	00:34	02:14
Jun 24	04:40	00:43	05:23
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	03:00	01:27	04:27
Oct 24	06:13	00:47	07:00
Nov 24	06:56	03:14	10:10
Dec 24	02:23	02:07	04:30
Jan 25	06:54	00:56	07:50
Feb 25	01:14	02:29	03:43
Mar 25	08:26	00:25	08:51
Apr 25	04:32	01:31	06:03
May 25 (until 12 May)	01:14	00:29	01:43
Total h:min	47:12	14:42	61:54

Finance and Public Administration Committee

FPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	07:01	01:18	08:19
Jun 24	03:05	01:33	04:38
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	07:31	02:09	09:40
Oct 24	07:28	00:36	08:04
Nov 24	05:36	02:00	07:36
Dec 24	07:21	00:08	07:29
Jan 25	06:05	02:52	08:57
Feb 25	02:10	01:40	03:50
Mar 25	05:45	01:24	07:09
Apr 25	08:03	00:39	08:42
May 25 (until 12 May)	01:39	00:13	01:52
Total h:min	61:44	14:32	76:16

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

HSCS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	05:16	00:21	05:37
Jun 24	06:55	01:29	08:24
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	08:18	02:53	11:11
Oct 24	07:44	01:22	09:06
Nov 24	09:51	01:59	11:50
Dec 24	03:50	00:37	04:27
Jan 25	07:17	01:05	08:22
Feb 25	06:56	00:41	07:37
Mar 25	09:11	00:28	09:39
Apr 25	00:00	02:11	02:11
May 25 (until 12 May)	00:24	00:19	00:43
Total h:min	65:42	13:25	79:07

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

LGHP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	06:04	01:14	07:18
Jun 24	10:42	01:22	12:04
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	08:11	01:56	10:07
Oct 24	05:04	02:14	07:18
Nov 24	10:22	01:59	12:21
Dec 24	06:48	01:24	08:12
Jan 25	06:40	01:18	07:58
Feb 25	05:02	01:09	06:11
Mar 25	05:54	03:29	09:23
Apr 25	01:39	00:51	02:30
May 25 (until 12 May)	03:48	00:00	03:48
Total h:min	70:14	16:56	87:10

Time spent in committee meetings, by committee and month, plus the division between public and private time (Committees M-Z)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

NZET	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	11:45	00:20	12:05
Jun 24	09:10	02:43	11:53
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	10:15	02:25	12:40
Oct 24	06:38	06:05	12:43
Nov 24	09:39	03:41	13:20
Dec 24	08:26	01:56	10:22
Jan 25	10:34	01:45	12:19
Feb 25	09:11	01:59	11:10
Mar 25	02:31	09:58	12:29
Apr 25	07:51	02:12	10:03
May 25 (until 12 May)	01:51	00:16	02:07
Total h:min	87:51	33:20	121:11

Public Audit Committee

PA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	01:46	02:19	04:05
Jun 24	03:28	03:05	06:33
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	05:29	03:53	09:22
Oct 24	03:00	01:21	04:21
Nov 24	05:12	02:10	07:22
Dec 24	05:41	01:20	07:01
Jan 25	07:57	02:06	10:03
Feb 25	07:50	01:02	08:52
Mar 25	05:43	01:54	07:37
Apr 25	03:34	02:10	05:44
May 25 (until 12 May)	01:59	01:14	03:13
Total h:min	51:39	22:34	74:13

Rural Affairs and Islands

RAI	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	05:05	02:10	07:15
Jun 24	09:55	02:57	12:52
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	12:12	01:03	13:15
Oct 24	04:26	00:37	05:03
Nov 24	04:35	01:15	05:50
Dec 24	00:00	06:36	06:36
Jan 25	07:33	04:53	12:26
Feb 25	06:08	01:55	08:03
Mar 25	09:21	01:57	11:18
Apr 25	06:43	00:55	07:38
May 25 (until 12 May)	02:11	00:27	02:38
Total h:min	68:09	24:45	92:54

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

SJSS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	03:48	01:01	04:49
Jun 24	07:39	01:43	09:22
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	08:11	01:34	09:45
Oct 24	02:06	01:47	03:53
Nov 24	04:17	01:36	05:53
Dec 24	02:23	00:41	03:04
Jan 25	02:46	02:10	04:56
Feb 25	03:25	00:46	04:11
Mar 25	05:49	00:35	06:24
Apr 25	02:20	00:49	03:09
May 25 (until 12 May)	02:59	00:41	03:40
Total h:min	45:43	13:23	59:06

SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

SSBLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jun 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Aug 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sep 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nov 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 24	00:03	00:47	00:50
Jan 25	01:34	01:33	03:07
Feb 25	04:56	00:49	05:45
Mar 25	03:47	01:41	05:28
Apr 25	01:01	00:15	01:16
May 25 (until 12 May)	02:36	00:45	03:21
Total h:min	13:57	05:50	19:47

Standards, Procedure and Public Appointments Committee

SPPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	00:33	05:09	05:42
Jun 24	00:02	03:32	03:34
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	01:03	01:26	02:29
Oct 24	00:34	00:58	01:32
Nov 24	02:30	01:00	03:30
Dec 24	00:00	00:49	00:49
Jan 25	02:44	01:22	04:06
Feb 25	00:00	00:51	00:51
Mar 25	01:42	00:32	02:14
Apr 25	03:38	00:42	04:20
May 25 (until 12 May)	01:59	00:22	02:21
Total h:min	14:45	16:43	31:28

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

Average length of all committee meetings by month

	Average h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	02:12
Jun 24	01:57
Jul 24	00:00
Aug 24	00:00
Sep 24	02:14
Oct 24	02:10
Nov 24	02:01
Dec 24	01:55
Jan 25	02:21
Feb 25	02:05
Mar 25	02:13
Apr 25	02:21
May 25 (until 12 May)	02:18

Annual average length of meetings by committee

Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

Committee	Average h:min
CPPP	01:20
CEEAC	01:23
CJ	01:57
DPLR	00:46
EFW	01:54
ECYP	03:00
EHRCJ	01:45
FPA	01:52
HSCS	01:53
LGHP	02:13
NZET	02:39
PA	02:01
RAI	02:16
SJSS	01:27
SSBLR	01:30
SPPA	01:19
Annual average all committees	01:50

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

	CPPP h:min	CEEAC h:min	CJ h:min	DPLR h:min	EFW h:min	ECYP h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	01:39	02:05	02:14	00:37	02:26	02:54
Jun 24	01:24	01:12	03:04	00:26	01:02	02:39
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	01:20	01:21	02:41	00:34	02:13	02:53
Oct 24	02:07	01:34	02:51	00:58	02:02	02:44
Nov 24	01:59	01:49	02:02	00:19	02:06	02:55
Dec 24	00:42	01:24	02:04	00:11	02:44	03:15
Jan 25	01:09	02:01	02:39	02:30	02:34	02:54
Feb 25	02:16	01:35	02:42	00:21	02:37	03:01
Mar 25	01:17	01:52	03:18	00:32	02:03	03:29
Apr 25	02:35	01:34	01:52	01:14	02:22	04:46
May 25 (until 12 May)	00:59	01:29	00:00	02:26	02:35	07:28
Annual Average	01:20	01:23	01:57	00:46	01:54	03:00

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

	EHRCJ	FPA	HSCS	LGHP	NZET
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	01:07	02:46	02:48	02:26	04:01
Jun 24	01:47	01:09	02:06	03:01	02:58
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 24	01:29	03:13	02:47	02:31	03:10
Oct 24	02:20	02:41	03:02	02:26	03:10
Nov 24	02:32	01:54	01:58	03:05	03:20
Dec 24	01:30	02:29	02:13	02:03	03:27
Jan 25	02:36	02:14	02:47	02:39	03:04
Feb 25	01:51	01:16	02:32	02:03	02:47
Mar 25	02:57	01:47	02:24	02:20	03:07
Apr 25	03:01	02:54	01:05	02:30	03:21
May 25 (until 12 May)	01:43	01:52	00:43	03:48	02:07
Annual Average	01:45	01:52	01:53	02:13	02:39

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

	PA	RAI	SJSS	SSBLR	SPPA
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
May 24 (from 13 May)	02:02	02:25	01:36	n/a	01:54
Jun 24	02:11	03:13	02:20	n/a	00:53
Jul 24	00:00	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00
Aug 24	00:00	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00
Sep 24	02:20	03:18	02:26	n/a	01:14
Oct 24	02:10	01:41	01:17	n/a	01:32
Nov 24	01:50	01:56	01:28	n/a	01:10
Dec 24	02:20	03:18	01:32	00:50	00:49
Jan 25	02:30	03:06	01:14	01:33	02:03
Feb 25	02:57	02:41	02:05	01:55	00:51
Mar 25	01:54	02:49	01:36	01:49	02:14
Apr 25	02:52	02:32	01:34	01:16	02:10
May 25 (until 12 May)	03:13	02:38	01:50	01:40	02:21
Annual Average	02:01	02:16	01:27	01:30	01:19

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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’ Assemblies or other forms of participative engagement.

Convener: Jackson Carlaw (Con)

Deputy Convener: David Torrance (SNP)

Membership: The committee has **5** members

Committee meetings

There were **19** meetings in the parliamentary year.

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

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackson Carlaw	Con	18 (19)
Foyso Choudhury	Lab	18 (19)
Fergus Ewing	SNP	16 (19)
Maurice Golden	Con	18 (19)
David Torrance	SNP	14 (19)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Marie McNair	SNP	3
Oliver Mundell	Con	0
Paul Sweeney	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Jyoti Chandola

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	10
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Scottish Parliament officials	1
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	9
Representatives of the private sector	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	4
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	6

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Inquiry into the A9 Dualling Programme; Public Participation Inquiry
Consultations / Call for views	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	161	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	16 January 2025: S6M-16085

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Inquiry into the A9 Dualling Programme	669	01 November 2024	09 January 2025
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 2023-24	607	31 May 2024	n/a

Petitions Considered

	No. of petitions
New petitions lodged from May 2024 until May 2025:	
PE2098, PE2099, PE2100, PE2101, PE2102, PE2103, PE2104, PE2105, PE2106, PE2107, PE2108, PE2109, PE2110, PE2111, PE2112, PE2113, PE2114, PE2115, PE2116, PE2117, PE2118, PE2119, PE2120, PE2121, PE2122, PE2123, PE2124, PE2125, PE2126, PE2127, PE2128, PE2129, PE2130, PE2131, PE2132, PE2133, PE2134, PE2135, PE2136, PE2137, PE2138, PE2139, PE2140, PE2141, PE2142, PE2143, PE2144, PE2145, PE2146, PE2147, PE2148, PE2149, PE2150, PE2151, PE2152, PE2153, PE2154, PE2155, PE2156	59
Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee from May 2024 to May 2025 (petitions may have been considered by committees multiple times):	
PE1610, PE1657, PE1723, PE1812, PE1856, PE1859, PE1862, PE1864, PE1865, PE1871, PE1876, PE1877, PE1885, PE1896, PE1900, PE1902, PE1905, PE1911, PE1916, PE1919, PE1926, PE1930, PE1931, PE1933, PE1934, PE1936, PE1941, PE1945, PE1946, PE1947, PE1952, PE1953, PE1958, PE1962, PE1964, PE1966, PE1967, PE1975, PE1976, PE1979, PE1982, PE1984, PE1986, PE1988, PE1989, PE1990, PE1992, PE1993, PE1997, PE2006, PE2008, PE2009, PE2012, PE2013, PE2016, PE2017, PE2018, PE2019, PE2021, PE2022, PE2024, PE2025, PE2026, PE2027, PE2028, PE2029, PE2030, PE2031, PE2032, PE2033, PE2034, PE2035, PE2037, PE2038, PE2039, PE2040, PE2041, PE2042, PE2048, PE2049, PE2050, PE2051, PE2053, PE2056, PE2058, PE2060, PE2061, PE2062, PE2064, PE2065, PE2067, PE2068, PE2070, PE2071, PE2073, PE2074, PE2075, PE2078, PE2079, PE2080, PE2081, PE2082, PE2083, PE2084, PE2085, PE2086, PE2087, PE2088, PE2089, PE2090, PE2091, PE2092, PE2093, PE2094, PE2095, PE2096, PE2097, PE2098, PE2099, PE2100, PE2101, PE2102, PE2103, PE2104, PE2105, PE2106, PE2107, PE2108, PE2109, PE2110, PE2111, PE2112, PE2113, PE2114, PE2115, PE2116, PE2117, PE2118, PE2119, PE2120, PE2121, PE2122, PE2123, PE2124, PE2125, PE2126, PE2127, PE2128, PE2129, PE2130, PE2131, PE2132, PE2133, PE2134, PE2135, PE2136, PE2137, PE2139, PE2140, PE2146, PE214	161
Petitions referred to Scottish Parliament Committees from May 2024 to May 2025:	2
PE2123, PE2136	
Petitions closed from May 2024 to May 2025:	83
PE1610, PE1657, PE1812, PE1856, PE1862, PE1877, PE1896, PE1902, PE1916, PE1919, PE1926, PE1930, PE1931, PE1934, PE1936, PE1941, PE1945, PE1958, PE1964, PE1966, PE1967, PE1982, PE1986, PE1988, PE1990, PE1993, PE1997, PE2008, PE2009, PE2012, PE2013, PE2016, PE2019, PE2021, PE2022, PE2024, PE2026, PE2029, PE2030, PE2032, PE2034, PE2035, PE2037, PE2039, PE2040, PE2041, PE2042, PE2049, PE2050, PE2051, PE2058, PE2060, PE2065, PE2068, PE2079, PE2082, PE2083, PE2088, PE2090, PE2092, PE2093, PE2094, PE2096, PE2097, PE2098, PE2100, PE2103, PE2104, PE2106, PE2108, PE2111, PE2114, PE2115, PE2117, PE2119, PE2122, PE2124, PE2134, PE2142, PE2144, PE2150, PE2152, PE2154	

4.3.2. Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture 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 intergovernmental relations within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister. (As agreed by Parliament on 26 June 2024, motion S6M-13795)

Previous 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.
- (e) matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Independence.

(As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09371)

Convener: Clare Adamson (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Donald Cameron (Con)

Membership: The committee has **7** members

Committee meetings

There were **32** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	32
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	15
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	17

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	26 (27)
Clare Adamson	SNP	32 (32)
Neil Bibby	Lab	30 (32)
Keith Brown	SNP	23 (32)
Meghan Gallacher (until 10 October 2024)	Con	9 (12)
Patrick Harvie (from 26 June 2024)	Green	21 (26)
Stephen Kerr (from 10 October 2024)	Con	19 (20)
Mark Ruskell (until 24 June 2024)	Green	6 (6)
Alexander Stewart	Con	30 (32)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Foyso Choudhury	Lab	2
Jackie Dunbar (from 26 June 2024)	SNP	8
Meghan Gallacher (from 6 November 2024)	Con	0
Pam Gosal (until 6 November 2024)	Con	0
Ross Greer (until 26 June 2024)	Green	0
Gillian Mackay (from 26 June 2024)	Green	4
Kevin Stewart (until 26 June 2024)	SNP	2

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: James Johnston

Advisers:

- Professor Katy Hayward
- Professor Michael Keating
- Professor Tobias Lock
- Dr Christopher McCorkindale

Visits:

The committee had **2** visits:

- 1 visit to Brussels on 4-5 November 2024 to discuss its report 'UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Barriers to trade in goods and opportunities to improve the UK EU trading relationship' at meetings in the European Parliament, the European Commission and with the UK Ambassador to the EU.
- 1 visit to the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Convener and Deputy Convener attended the sixth meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on 15 November 2024.

Events:

- The Committee held **1** event. A youth mobility engagement event on 27 February 2025.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	5
Scottish Government officials	10
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	36
Representatives of private sector	22
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	0
Higher Education	15
Representatives of voluntary sector	3
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: Funding for Culture; National Outcomes; UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement; UK Internal Market Act 2020; The Crisis in Ukraine
Consultations/Call for views	2	Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26; Scottish Government's Policy to align with EU Law
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments)
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	S6M-15093: 14 November 2024

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): National Outcomes: Response to the Review of Outcomes and Indicators relating to the Scottish Government's International Work	668	29 October 2024	15 January 2025
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: Funding for Culture	661	11 October 2024	11 December 2024
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Barriers to trade in goods and opportunities to improve the UKEU trading relationship	639	10 September 2024	28 October 2024
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 2023-24	596	23 May 2024	n/a

4.3.3. 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 Home Affairs, 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 Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09372)

Convener: Audrey Nicoll (SNP)

Deputy Convener:

- Russell Findlay (Con) (until 10 October 2024)
- Liam Kerr (from 30 October 2024)

Membership: The committee has **8** members

Committee meetings

There were **37** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	37
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	25
Joint meetings with other Committees	1
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	5

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Katy Clark	Lab	34 (37)
Sharon Dowey	Con	36 (37)
Russell Findlay (until 10 October 2024)	Con	14 (14)
Liam Kerr (from 10 October 2024)	Con	22 (23)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	35 (37)
Rona Mackay	SNP	36 (37)
Ben MacPherson (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	28 (30)
Pauline McNeill	Lab	34 (37)
Audrey Nicoll	SNP	37 (37)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Neil Bibby	Lab	1
Jackie Dunbar (until 28 September 2024)	SNP	2
Stephen Kerr (from 6 November 2024)	Con	1
Stuart McMillan (from 18 September 2024)	SNP	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Stephen Imrie

Advisers: Chris Miller

Visits

The committee made **1** visit:

- Members of the committee visited the new safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow (the Thistle Centre) on January 2025.

Events:

The committee held **3** events:

- The People’s Panel met in October and November 2024 to discuss the joint committee inquiry into reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use. They gave their findings at a meeting in February 2025.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	20
Scottish Government officials	45
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	55
Representatives of the private sector	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	12
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	12
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries/Call for Views	4	Budget 2025-26 scrutiny; Impact of the UK's exit from membership of the EU on law enforcement and judicial cooperation in Scotland; Prison Population; Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use
Consultations	1	Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	4	Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill; Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill; Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill; Victims, Witnesses, and Justice 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	22	5 draft affirmative; 6 laid only; 11 negative: SSI 2024/148; SSI 2024/179; SSI 2024/220; SSI 2024/246; SSI 2024/295; SSI 2024/354; SSI 2024/377; SSI 2025/58; SSI 2025/101; SSI 2025/113; SSI 2025/114
Petitions considered	1	PE2136
Divisions held	9	02 October 2024: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 47, 44, 43, 46 12 March 2025: Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 235 02 April 2025: Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 69, 129, 131, 265
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	9	12 June 2024: Early Release of Prisoners and Prescribed Victim Supporters (Scotland) Regulations 2024 02 October 2024: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 67, 66 09 October 2024: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/246) 12 March 2025: Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 235

Business	No.	Details
		02 April 2025: Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 69, 129, 131, 265
Plenary debates	1	3 April 2025

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 report - Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill	749	11 March 2025	28 March 2025
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft]	729	28 January 2025	No Response
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Criminal Justice Committee on 18 December 2024	714	06 January 2025	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): The Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2024 [draft]	662	21 October 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	633	02 July 2024	03 September 2024
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Early Release of Prisoners and Prescribed Victim Supporters (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]	618	12 June 2024	No Response
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Criminal Justice Committee 2023-24	608	31 May 2024	n/a
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]	588	16 May 2024	No Response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memoranda for the Criminal Justice Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	587	16 May 2024	No Response

4.3.4. 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 (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Bill Kidd (SNP)

Membership: The committee has **5** members

Committee meetings

There were **36** meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	36
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	2

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour (from 29 May 2024)	Con	28 (33)
Foyso Choudhury (until 3 September 2024)	Lab	6 (7)
Katy Clark (from 15 January 2025)	Lab	12 (13)
Tim Eagle (until 10 October 2024)	Con	12 (13)
Daniel Johnson (4 September 2024 - 15 January 2025)	Lab	13 (15)
Bill Kidd	SNP	33 (36)
Roz McCall (from 10 October 2024)	Con	21 (23)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	32 (36)
Oliver Mundell (until 29 May 2024)	Con	3 (3)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Rhoda Grant	Lab	0
Rona Mackay	SNP	5
Oliver Mundell (from 6 November 2024)	Con	0
Alexander Stewart (until 10 October 2024)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Greg Black

Advisers: None

Visits:

The committee made **1** visit:

- On 6 December 2024, Committee members met with the House of Lords Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee, Lord Lisvane (former Clerk to the House of Commons) and the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel to hear about their experience of framework legislation and Henry VIII powers.

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	6
Scottish Government officials	11
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	7
Representatives of the private sector	5
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	3
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	5
Representatives of voluntary sector	1
Other categories of witnesses	1

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	Framework Legislation and Henry VIII Powers
Consultations / Call for views	2	Framework Legislation; Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	27	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill; Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill; Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill; Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill; Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill; Care Reform (Scotland) Bill; Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill; Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill; Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill; Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill; Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill; Housing (Scotland) Bill; Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill; Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill; Land Reform (Scotland) Bill; Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill; Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill; Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill; Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill; Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill; Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill; Scottish Languages Bill; Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill; Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill; Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill; Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	

Business	No.	Details
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Employment Rights Bill; Product Regulation and Metrology Bill; Renters' Rights Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	8	Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Building Safety) Order 2024; Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025: SI 2025/135; Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025; Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024; Draft Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024; Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules Order of Council 2025: SI 2025/240; Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2024: SI 2024/989; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2025: SI 2025/124
SSIs considered	210	58 draft affirmative; 4 made affirmative; 43 laid only; 2 instrument/document subject to approval; 105 negative: SSI 2024/140; SSI 2024/141; SSI 2024/146; SSI 2024/147; SSI 2024/148; SSI 2024/156; SSI 2024/178; SSI 2024/179; SSI 2024/186; SSI 2024/191; SSI 2024/216; SSI 2024/218; SSI 2024/219; SSI 2024/220; SSI 2024/225; SSI 2024/229; SSI 2024/230; SSI 2024/233; SSI 2024/235; SSI 2024/236; SSI 2024/237; SSI 2024/238; SSI 2024/239; SSI 2024/240; SSI 2024/241; SSI 2024/243; SSI 2024/246; SSI 2024/247; SSI 2024/248; SSI 2024/249; SSI 2024/250; SSI 2024/253; SSI 2024/268; SSI 2024/270; SSI 2024/271; SSI 2024/272; SSI 2024/273; SSI 2024/274; SSI 2024/281; SSI 2024/292; SSI 2024/293; SSI 2024/295; SSI 2024/310; SSI 2024/311; SSI 2024/313; SSI 2024/314; SSI 2024/315; SSI 2024/316; SSI 2024/317; SSI 2024/324; SSI 2024/326; SSI 2024/327; SSI 2024/330; SSI 2024/334; SSI 2024/338; SSI 2024/352; SSI 2024/354; SSI 2024/368; SSI 2024/369; SSI 2024/371; SSI 2024/374; SSI 2024/376; SSI 2024/377; SSI 2024/379; SSI 2024/381; SSI 2024/387; SSI 2025/4; SSI 2025/5; SSI 2025/6; SSI 2025/7; SSI 2025/8; SSI 2025/9; SSI 2025/18; SSI 2025/19; SSI 2025/24; SSI 2025/25; SSI 2025/26; SSI 2025/28; SSI 2025/29; SSI 2025/30; SSI 2025/31; SSI 2025/36; SSI 2025/37; SSI 2025/38; SSI 2025/39; SSI 2025/40; SSI 2025/42; SSI 2025/43; SSI 2025/44; SSI 2025/48; SSI 2025/55; SSI 2025/56; SSI 2025/58; SSI 2025/67; SSI 2025/78; SSI 2025/81; SSI 2025/101; SSI 2025/108; SSI 2025/112; SSI 2025/113; SSI 2025/114; SSI 2025/121; SSI 2025/124; SSI 2025/125; SSI 2025/126
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	24 April 2025: S6M-17074

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
30th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 May 2025	777	07 May 2025	No Response
29th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Tobacco and Vapes Bill	776	06 May 2025	No Response
28th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 April 2025	773	29 April 2025	No Response
27th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill	775	29 April 2025	No Response
26th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	771	23 April 2025	No Response
25th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 April 2025	769	22 April 2025	No Response
24th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Supplementary Delegated powers in the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	766	15 April 2025	No Response
23rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 April 2025	767	01 April 2025	No Response
22nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 March 2025	765	27 March 2025	No Response
21st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Inquiry into Framework Legislation and Henry VIII powers	762	24 March 2025	17 April 2025
20th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2024-25	759	19 March 2025	No Response
19th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 March 2025	755	18 March 2025	No Response
18th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 11 March 2025	750	11 March 2025	No Response
17th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4 March 2025	746	04 March 2025	No Response
16th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Employment Rights Bill	747	04 March 2025	No Response
15th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Tobacco and Vapes Bill	745	28 February 2025	No Response
14th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Languages Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	744	26 February 2025	No Response
13th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 February 2025	743	25 February 2025	No Response
12th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	742	24 February 2025	No Response
11th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 February 2025	738	18 February 2025	No Response
10th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4 February 2025	735	04 February 2025	No Response
9th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2024-25	732	29 January 2025	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 January 2025	728	29 January 2025	No Response
7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 January 2025	724	21 January 2025	No Response
6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data (Use and Access) Bill	723	20 January 2025	No Response
5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	721	17 January 2025	No Response
4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 January 2025	719	14 January 2025	No Response
3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	718	13 January 2025	No Response
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill at Stage 1	715	08 January 2025	No Response
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 January 2025	713	07 January 2025	No Response
78th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 December 2024	709	17 December 2024	No Response
77th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	707	12 December 2024	No Response
76th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 December 2024	708	11 December 2024	No Response
75th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	706	10 December 2024	No Response
74th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill	704	05 December 2024	No Response
73rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 December 2024	701	04 December 2024	No Response
72nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	700	03 December 2024	No Response
71st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	694	27 November 2024	No Response
70th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 November 2024	692	26 November 2024	No Response
69th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Renters' Rights Bill	691	21 November 2024	No Response
68th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 November 2024	689	21 November 2024	No Response
67th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2024-25	690	20 November 2024	No Response
66th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	688	15 November 2024	No Response
65th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the	682	12	No

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 November 2024		November 2024	Response
64th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 November 2024	677	05 November 2024	No Response
63rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	674	01 November 2024	No Response
62nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	673	01 November 2024	No Response
61st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 October 2024	670	29 October 2024	No Response
60th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 October 2024	658	09 October 2024	No Response
59th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Education (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	655	03 October 2024	No Response
58th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 October 2024	652	02 October 2024	No Response
57th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2023-24	650	25 September 2024	No Response
56th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 September 2024	649	24 September 2024	No Response
55th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	647	20 September 2024	No Response
54th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	646	19 September 2024	No Response
53rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 September 2024	644	18 September 2024	No Response
52nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	643	12 September 2024	No Response
51st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 September 2024	640	10 September 2024	No Response
50th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Housing (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	637	04 September 2024	No Response
49th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 September 2024	636	04 September 2024	No Response
48th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the fourth quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24	630	26 June 2024	No Response
47th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 June 2024	629	26 June 2024	No Response
46th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	628	21 June 2024	No Response
45th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 June 2024	626	18 June 2024	No Response
44th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	621	14 June 2024	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
43rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill	620	14 June 2024	No Response
42nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) (as amended at Stage 2)	619	11 June 2024	No Response
41st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 11 June 2024	616	11 June 2024	No Response
40th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4 June 2024	612	04 June 2024	No Response
39th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 May 2024	601	29 May 2024	No Response
38th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2023-24	571	28 May 2024	n/a
37th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 May 2024	593	22 May 2024	No Response
36th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 May 2024	584	15 May 2024	No Response
35th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill, as amended at Stage 2	586	14 May 2024	No Response

4.3.5. Economy and Fair Work Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit

To consider and report on matters within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, with the exception of Gaelic; and on matters relating to just transition. (As agreed by Parliament on 26 June 2024, motion S6M-13795)

Previous remit

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to net zero and energy. (As agreed by Parliament on 13 March 2024, motion S6M-12477).

Convener:

- Claire Baker (Lab) (until 6 November 2024)
- Colin Smyth (Lab) (from 13 November 2024)

Deputy Convener:

- Colin Beattie (SNP) (until 17 June 2024)
- Michelle Thomson (SNP) (from 26 June 2024)

Membership: The committee has **9** members

Committee meetings

There were **33** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	28
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	5

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claire Baker (until 6 November 2024)	Lab	13 (14)
Colin Beattie (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	4 (5)
Maggie Chapman (until 18 June 2024)	Green	5 (5)
Willie Coffey (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	26 (28)
Murdo Fraser	Con	33 (33)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 10 October 2024)	Con	20 (21)
Daniel Johnson (from 6 November 2024)	Lab	17 (19)
Gordon Macdonald	SNP	33 (33)
Lorna Slater (from 18 June 2024)	Green	27 (28)
Colin Smyth	Labour	33 (33)
Kevin Stewart	SNP	33 (33)
Michelle Thomson (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	26 (28)
Evelyn Tweed (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	4 (5)
Brian Whittle (until 10 October 2024)	Con	11 (12)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claire Baker (from 6 November 2024)	Lab	0
Ariane Burgess (until 18 June 2024)	Green	0
Maggie Chapman (from 18 June 2024)	Green	0
Bob Doris	SNP	6
Pam Gosal (until 6 November 2024)	Con	0
Daniel Johnson (until 6 November 2024)	Lab	0
Liz Smith (until 6 November 2024)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Anne Peat

Advisers: None

Visits:

The committee made **2** visits:

- 1 visit to the National Robotarium at Heriot-Watt University, as part of its inquiry into

Scotland’s City and Regional Growth Deals.

- 1 visit to the Ferguson Marine shipyard, September 2024.

Events:

The committee held **2** events:

- The 16th Business in the Parliament Conference, April 2025. The theme was 'A Workforce for the Future'.
- Witness Diversity Programme, October 2024 in partnership with Institute of Directors (IoD) and Women's Enterprise Scotland (WES).

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	15
Scottish Government officials	33
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	48
Representatives of the private sector	17
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	8
Other categories of witnesses	2

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	6	2025-26 Budget Scrutiny; Closing the Disability Employment Gap in Scotland; Grangemouth's Industrial FutureNational Strategy for Economic Transformation; New Deal for Business; Scotland's City and Regional Growth Deals; Skills Delivery
Consultations/Call for Views	2	Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill; Scotland's City Region and Regional Growth Deals
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Data (Use and Access) Bill; Employment Rights Bill; Product Regulation and Metrology Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	2	The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) (Extension to Switzerland etc.) Regulations 2024; The Cross-Border Insolvency (Enterprise Group) Regulations 2025
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	19	11 draft affirmative; 4 laid only; 4 negative:SSI 2024/293; SSI 2024/338; SSI 2024/379; SSI 2024/381
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	3 October 2024: S6M-14689

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Scotland's City and Regional Growth Deals	779	09 May 2025	02 June 2025
4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 5 March 2025	748	06 March 2025	No Response
3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 29 January and 5 February 2025	737	07 February 2025	No Response
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Data (Use and Access) Bill	731	29 January 2025	No Response
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill	717	13 January 2025	No Response
11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 9 October 2024	664	11 October 2024	No Response
10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Closing the Disability Employment Gap in Scotland	660	11 October 2024	10 December 2024
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 26 June 2024	632	27 June 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Post-legislative scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014	624	21 June 2024	21 November 2024
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 5 June 2024	615	06 June 2024	No Response
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 5 June 2024	614	06 June 2024	No Response
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report of the Economy and Fair Work Committee 2023 to 2024	606	29 May 2024	n/a

4.3.6. 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, redress and languages falling within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister. (As agreed by Parliament on 26 June 2024, motion S6M-13795)

Previous 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 and redress falling within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister. (As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023)

Convener:

- Sue Webber (Con) (until 10 October 2024)

- Douglas Ross (Con) (from 30 October 2024)

Deputy Convener:

- Ruth Maguire (SNP) (until 17 June 2024)
- Evelyn Tweed (SNP) (19 June 2024 - 12 November 2024)
- Jackie Dunbar (SNP) (from 13 November 2024)

Membership: The committee has **10** members

Committee meetings

There were **35** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	35
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	5

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	28 (30)
Miles Briggs (from 10 October 2024)	Con	23 (23)
Keith Brown (22 January 2025 - 2 April 2025)	SNP	6 (8)
Stephanie Callaghan (until 11 November 2024)	SNP	1 (14)
Jackie Dunbar (from 6 November 2024)	SNP	20 (21)
Pam Duncan-Glancy	Lab	35 (35)
Joe FitzPatrick (from 22 April 2025)	SNP	3 (3)
Ross Greer	Green	31 (35)
Liam Kerr (until 10 October 2024)	Con	25 (25)
Bill Kidd	SNP	32 (35)
Ben Macpherson (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	3 (3)
Ruth Maguire (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	5 (5)
John Mason (18 June 2024 – 17 August 2024)	SNP	2 (2)
John Mason (from 17 August 2024)	Ind	28 (28)
Willie Rennie	LD	35 (35)
Douglas Ross (from 10 October 2024)	Con	22 (23)
Michelle Thomson (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	5 (5)
Evelyn Tweed (18 June 2024 - 15 January 2025)	SNP	17 (20)
Sue Webber (until 10 October 2024)	Con	25 (25)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	0
Jackie Dunbar (18 September 2024 - 20 November 2024)	SNP	5
Claire Haughey (from 20 November 2024)	SNP	6
Gillian Mackay	Green	1
Roz McCall	Con	2
Stuart McMillan (until 18 September 2024)	SNP	3
Martin Whitfield	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Pauline McIntyre

Advisers: None

Visits:

- The committee made 1 visit to Broomlee Outdoor Education Centre, hosted by Scottish Outdoor Education Centres (SOEC) as part of its evidence gathering on the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill.

Events

- The committee held a number of informal sessions to hear directly from care experienced young people as part of its work on The Promise.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	12
Scottish Government officials	42
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies including local authorities and health boards	39
Representatives of the private sector	0
Representatives of private sector	7
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	3
Representatives of trade unions	11
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	24
Representatives of voluntary sector	5
Other categories of witnesses	7

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
		Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025 - 2026;
Inquiries	4	The Promise; University of Dundee; Widening Access to higher education
Consultations/Call for views	3	Education (Scotland) Bill; Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill; Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	5	Education (Scotland) Bill; Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Languages Bill; Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill; Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (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	30	8 draft affirmative; 7 laid only; 15 negative: SSI 2024/140; SSI 2024/147; SSI 2024/219; SSI 2024/313; SSI 2024/314; SSI 2024/315; SSI 2024/316; SSI 2024/317; SSI 2025/4; SSI 2025/5; SSI 2025/25; SSI 2025/26; SSI 2025/44; SSI 2025/67; SSI 2025/121
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	16	23 April 2025: Education (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 226; 7 May 2025: Education (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 25, 92a, 172, 40, 23, 89, 180, 331, 113, 22, 328, 114, 351, 88, 95
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	3	23 April 2025: Education (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 226; 7 May 2025: Education (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 25, 92a;
Plenary debates	1	25 September 2024: S6M-14469

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): The Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]	768	07 April 2025	No Response
3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): The Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025 [draft]	756	14 March 2025	No Response
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Committee on 19 February 2025	741	24 February 2025	No Response
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 Report	734	04 February 2025	26 March 2025
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): The Regulated Roles (Prohibitions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]	699	11 December 2024	No Response
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Education (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 Report	697	03 December 2024	13 December 2024
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Scots Leids Bill – Stage 1 Report	634 (Scots)	24 July 2024	11 September 2024
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Bile nan Cànan Albannach - Aithisg Ìre 1	634 (Gaelic)	24 July 2024	11 September 2024
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Scottish Languages Bill - Stage 1 Report	634	24 July 2024	11 September 2024
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Education, Children and Young People Committee for 2023-2024	600	31 May 2024	n/a
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Child Friendly Complaints Handling Principles	598	29 May 2024	n/a

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

In these Rules

- (a) “equal opportunities” includes the prevention, elimination or regulation of discrimination

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

(b) “human rights” includes Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other human rights as for example contained in any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom. (As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09371)

Convener:

- Karen Adam (SNP)

Deputy Convener:

- Maggie Chapman (Green)

Membership: The committee has **7** members

Committee meetings

There were **29** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	29
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	11

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam	SNP	27 (29)
Maggie Chapman	Green	27 (29)
Meghan Gallacher (until 10 October 2024)	Con	7 (10)
Pam Gosal (from 10 October 2024)	Con	19 (19)
Marie McNair	SNP	27 (29)
Paul O’Kane	Lab	26 (29)
Evelyn Tweed	SNP	23 (29)
Annie Wells (until 10 October 2024)	Con	8 (10)
Tess White (from 10 October 2024)	Con	19 (19)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Clare Adamson (from 20 November 2024)	SNP	3
Sarah Boyack	Lab	0
Rachael Hamilton (from 6 November 2024)	Con	0
Craig Hoy (until 10 October 2024)	Con	0
Fulton MacGregor (until 26 June 2024)	SNP	0
Mark Ruskell (until 26 June 2024)	Green	0
Lorna Slater (26 June 2024 - 20 November 2024)	Green	0
Elena Whitham (from 26 June 2024)	SNP	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Euan Donald

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events

- As part of its scrutiny of the Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill, the Committee held informal engagement sessions with several disabled people on 10 September 2024 in the Scottish Parliament and in Glasgow.
- As part of its inquiry into the Scottish Government’s decision to the introduction of the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill, the Committee held an informal session with autistic disabled people’s organisations in March 2025.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	15
Scottish Government officials	38
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Scottish Parliament officials	3
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	23
Representatives of the private sector	5
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	0
Higher Education	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	48
Other categories of witnesses	4

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry; International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Legal Aid; Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty; Suicide Prevention in Scotland
Consultations/Call for views	4	British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry; Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill; Legal Aid Inquiry; Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	4	Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC); Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill; Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill; Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	22	2 draft affirmative; 10 laid only; 10 negative: SSI 2024/178; SSI 2024/216; SSI 2024/235; SSI 2024/236; SSI 2024/237; SSI 2024/238; SSI 2024/239; SSI 2024/240; SSI 2024/249; SSI 2025/9
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	6	21 May 2024: Damages (Review of Rate of Return) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [Draft] 08 October 2024: Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/240) Motions S6M-14789, S6M-14790, S6M-14791, S6M-14792, S6M-14793
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	3 April 2025

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill	705	10 December 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 29 October 2024	672	30 October 2024	No Response
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 8 October 2024	659	09 October 2024	No Response
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for 2023-24	599	29 May 2024	n/a
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 21 May 2024	594	22 May 2024	No Response

4.3.8. 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; and

(d) any other matter relating to or affecting the revenue or expenditure of the Scottish Administration or other monies payable into or expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund.

(e) matters relating to the National Performance Framework within the responsibilities of the Deputy First Minister, public service reform within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, and public administration. (As agreed by Parliament on 26 June 2024, motion S6M-13795)

Previous 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 (SNP)

Deputy Convener:

- Michael Marra (Lab)

Membership: The committee has **7** members

Committee meetings

There were **35** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	35
Meetings held wholly in private	7
Meetings held partly in private	24
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	2

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Kenneth Gibson	SNP	34 (35)
Ross Greer	Green	31 (35)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (until 10 October 2024)	Con	12 (12)
Craig Hoy (from 10 October 2024)	Con	23 (23)
Michael Marra	Lab	33 (35)
John Mason	SNP	35 (35)
Liz Smith	Con	35 (35)
Michelle Thomson	SNP	33 (35)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Murdo Fraser	Con	0
Patrick Harvie (from 22 May 2024)	Green	1
Daniel Johnson	Lab	0
Gillian Mackay (until 22 May 2024)	Green	0
Audrey Nicol	SNP	2

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Joanne McNaughton

Advisers:

- Professor Mairi Spowage
- Professor Paul Cairney

Visits

The Committee held **2** fact-finding visits:

- The School of Life Sciences at the University of Dundee
- Estonia in September 2024 to learn from that country’s experience of public service reform, and its digital transformation programme.

Events:

- The Committee held 1 engagement event in Dundee on 28 August 2024 to discuss young people’s priorities for the budget 2025-26.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	13
Scottish Government officials	33
Members of the Scottish Parliament	9
Scottish Parliament officials	6
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	15
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	38
NHS	0
Higher Education	7
Representatives of voluntary sector	15
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	3	National Performance Framework: Inquiry into proposed National Outcomes; Scottish budget process in practice; Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach
Consultations/Call for views	20	Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries; Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Education (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Housing (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Land Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Managing Scotland's Public Finances: A Strategic Approach; National Performance Framework: Inquiry into proposed National Outcomes; Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Scottish budget process in practice; Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Tertiary Education and Training Bill: Financial Memorandum; UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	6	Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill; Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill; Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill; Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill; Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill; Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent	0	

Business	No.	Details
Memorandums		
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	1	SI 2024/Draft:Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Building Safety) Order 2024 4 draft affirmative;
SSIs considered	7	2 made affirmative; 1 laid only
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	31 October 2024: S6M-15086
Plenary debates	3	8 January 2025: S6M-15708 30 January 2025: S6M-16239

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft]	778	07 May 2025	No Response
5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]	758	17 March 2025	No Response
4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2025 [draft]	757	14 March 2025	No Response
3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2025 [draft]	751	11 March 2025	No Response
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Budget Scrutiny 2025-26	730	29 January 2025	13 February 2025
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Additional Amount: Transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024	716	10 January 2025	No Response
11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]	695	27 November 2024	No Response
10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the National Performance Framework: Review of National Outcomes	685	15 November 2024	14 January 2025
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 - Managing Scotland's Public Finances: A Strategic Approach	678	07 November 2024	04 December 2024
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Building Safety) Order 2024 [draft]	676	04 November 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach	642	16 September 2024	24 October 2024
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee 2023-24	605	31 May 2024	n/a

4.3.9. 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. (As agreed by Parliament on 26 June 2024, motion S6M-13795)

Previous remit

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs and alcohol policy. (As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09372)

Convener: Clare Haughey (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Paul Sweeney (Lab)

Membership: The committee has **10** members

Committee meetings

There were **35** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	35
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	2
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	15

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Joe FitzPatrick (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	28 (30)
Sandesh Gulhane	Con	33 (35)
Emma Harper	SNP	33 (35)
Clare Haughey	SNP	35 (35)
Gillian Mackay	Green	33 (35)
Ruth Maguire (until 29 October 2024)	SNP	11 (13)
Ivan McKee (until 17 May 2024)	SNP	0 (0)
Carol Mochan	Lab	33 (35)
Paul Sweeney	Lab	34 (35)
David Torrance	SNP	29 (35)
Tess White (until 10 October 2024)	Con	11 (12)
Elena Whitham (from 30 October 2024)	SNP	18 (22)
Brian Whittle (from 10 October 2024)	Con	21 (23)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie	Lab	0
Stephanie Callaghan (from 22 April 2025)	SNP	0
James Dornan (until 18 September 2024)	SNP	13
Jackie Dunbar (20 November 2024 - 22 April 2025)	SNP	0
Ross Greer	Green	8
Gordon MacDonald (18 September 2024 - 20 November 2024)	SNP	1
Sue Webber (until 6 November 2024)	Con	3
Annie Wells (from 6 November 2024)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Alex Bruce

Advisers: None

Visits

- The committee made **1** visit to Skye in May 2024, to hear from staff, stakeholders and local patient groups about challenges people face with accessing healthcare in remote and rural areas.

Events:

- The committee held **2** People’s Panels, to discuss the joint inquiry into reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use, in October and November 2024.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	49
Members of the Scottish Parliament	12
Scottish Parliament officials	2
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	37
Representatives of private sector	5
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	12
NHS	0
Higher Education	6
Representatives of voluntary sector	25
Other categories of witnesses	1

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
		Budget scrutiny 2025-26;
Inquiries	3	Healthcare in remote and rural areas; Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use
Consultations/Call for Views	5	Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill; National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (Stage 2) draft amendments; Post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013; Pre-Budget scrutiny 2025-26: Financial Position of Integration Joint Boards; Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	4	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill; Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill; Care Reform (Scotland) Bill; Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Tobacco and Vapes Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	The Food and Feed (Regulated Products) (Amendment, Revocation and Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025
SIs considered	1	SI 2025/240: Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules Order of Council 2025
SSIs considered	19	3 draft affirmative; 2 laid only; 14 negative: SSI 2024/156; SSI 2024/225; SSI 2024/233; SSI 2024/272; SSI 2024/281; SSI 2024/324; SSI 2024/326; SSI 2024/330; SSI 2024/334; SSI 2024/352; SSI 2024/387; SSI 2025/30; SSI 2025/31; SSI 2025/43
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	12	28 May 2024: Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 42, 38, 52 25 February 2025: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 129, 93, 122, 117, 116, 124, 121, 119 4 March 2025: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 153
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	12	28 May 2024: Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 42, 38, 52 25 February 2025: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 129, 93,

Business	No.	Details
		122, 117, 116, 124, 121, 119
		4 March 2025: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 153
Plenary debates	1	13 December 2024: S6M-15767

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill	781	12 May 2025	No response
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 report: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill	770	30 April 2025	12 May 2025
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]	753	12 March 2025	No response
16th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 10 December 2024	710	18 December 2024	No Response
15th Report, 2024 (Session 6): National Performance Framework: proposed National Outcomes considered by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee	675	04 November 2024	14 January 2025
14th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26	663	14 October 2024	04 December 2024
13th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Remote and Rural Healthcare Inquiry	654	07 October 2024	18 November 2024
12th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013: Phase 2	638	09 September 2024	04 December 2024
11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 21 May 2024	591	03 June 2024	No Response
10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 2023-24	590	22 May 2024	n/a

4.3.10. Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit:

To consider and report on matters relating to local government and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, matters relating to housing and tenants’ rights within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, and matters relating to local government boundaries, local governance review and democratic renewal. (As agreed by Parliament on 26 June 2024, motion S6M-13795)

Previous Remit:

To consider and report on matters relating to local government and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and matters relating to housing and tenants’ rights within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and

matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Convener: Ariane Burgess (Green)

Deputy Convener: Willie Coffey (SNP)

Membership: The committee has **7** members

Committee meetings

There were **34** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	34
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	33
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	1
Hybrid meetings	17

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Miles Briggs (until 10 October 2024)	Con	13 (13)
Ariane Burgess	Green	34 (34)
Stephanie Callaghan (until 18 June 2024)	SNP	1 (5)
Willie Coffey	SNP	34 (34)
Meghan Gallacher (from 10 October 2024)	Con	18 (21)
Pam Gosal (until 10 October 2024)	Con	13 (13)
Mark Griffin	Lab	31 (34)
Gordon MacDonald (until 11 September 2024)	SNP	9 (9)
Fulton MacGregor (from 11 September 2024)	SNP	24 (25)
Emma Roddick (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	23 (28)
Alexander Stewart (from 10 October 2024)	Con	19 (21)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Colin Beattie (until 26 June 2024)	SNP	4
Maggie Chapman (until 26 June 2024)	Green	0
Alex Rowley	Lab	0
Graham Simpson (from 6 November 2024)	Con	1
Lorna Slater (from 26 June 2024)	Green	1
Collette Stevenson (from 26 June 2024)	SNP	1
Brian Whittle (until 10 October 2024)	Con	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Jenny Mouncer

Advisers: Hugh Dunn, adviser on budget scrutiny 2025-26

Visits

The committee made **3** visits during the parliamentary year:

- November 2024 members of the Committee visited Argyll & Bute Council to explore their response to the housing emergency
- In March 2025 members of the Committee visited the Park Ecovillage at Findhorn to see examples of different housing technologies.
- March 2025, the Convener met with Florence Eshalomi MP, Chair of the House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee to explore opportunities for collaborative working.

Events

- The Committee established **2** lived experience panels to inform its consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence.

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	12
Scottish Government officials	34
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	26
Representatives of private sector	68
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	3
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	49
Other categories of witnesses	4

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
		Building safety and maintenance;
		Council Tax;
Inquiries	5	Housing Emergency and Housing to 2040;
		Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26;
		Understanding barriers to participation in local politics
Consultations/ Call for views	6	Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024;
		Building Safety;
		Housing (Scotland) Bill;
		Scottish Government's Fourth National Planning Framework;
		Scrutiny of Scottish Housing Regulator;
		Scrutiny of Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Proposed bill on heat in buildings
Bills considered	1	Housing (Scotland) Bill
Post- legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Renters' Rights Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
		3 draft affirmative;
		4 laid only;
SSIs considered	33	1 instrument/document subject to approval;
		25 negative: SSI 2024/186; SSI 2024/247; SSI 2024/250; SSI 2024/253; SSI 2024/273; SSI 2024/274; SSI 2024/292; SSI 2024/327; SSI 2024/369; SSI 2024/374; SSI 2024/376; SSI 2025/6; SSI 2025/8; SSI 2025/19; SSI 2025/29; SSI 2025/36; SSI 2025/37; SSI 2025/38; SSI 2025/39; SSI 2025/40; SSI 2025/48; SSI 2025/56; SSI 2025/124; SSI 2025/125; SSI 2025/126
Petitions considered	1	PE2123
Divisions held	23	25 June 2024: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Amendment Order 2024
		06 May 2025: Housing (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 53, 144, 93, 205, 143, 90, 89, 206, 278, 146, 203, 519, 51, 85, 145, 88, 87, 92, 91, 133, 86, 52
Convener's Exercise of a	0	

Business	No.	Details
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Report on a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for the Renters' Rights Bill	711	18 December 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report tracking the work of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 2023-24	687	15 November 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Housing (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	684	14 November 2024	27 November 2024
6th report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on planning regulations considered on 29 October 2024.	680	07 November 2024	
5th report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2024	631	26 June 2024	No Response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Annual Report 2023-24	609	30 May 2024	n/a

4.3.11. 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 Transport and the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands. (As agreed by Parliament on 26 June 2024, motion S6M-13795)

Previous remit:

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to wellbeing economy, and just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands. (As agreed by Parliament on 13 March 2024, motion S6M-12477)

Convener: Edward Mountain (Con)

Deputy Convener:

- Ben Macpherson (SNP) (until 11 September 2024)

- Michael Matheson (SNP) (from 17 September 2024)

Membership: The committee has **7** members

Committee meetings

There were **38** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	38
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	13

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bob Doris	SNP	36 (38)
Jackie Dunbar (until 6 November 2024)	SNP	16 (16)
Monica Lennon	Lab	33 (38)
Douglas Lumsden	Con	37 (38)
Michael Matheson (from 11 September 2024)	SNP	28 (28)
Ben MacPherson (until 11 September 2024)	SNP	8 (8)
Edward Mountain	Con	37 (38)
Mark Ruskell	Green	37 (38)
Kevin Stewart (from 6 November 2024)	SNP	22 (22)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack	Lab	8
Maggie Chapman (until 26 June 2024)	Green	0
Patrick Harvie (from 26 June 2024)	Green	0
Ben MacPherson (from 11 September 2024)	SNP	1
Graham Simpson (until 6 November 2024)	Con	0
Collette Stevenson (until 11 September 2024)	SNP	0
Sue Webber (from 6 November 2024)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Peter McGrath

Advisers:

- Professor Colin Reid, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee: adviser on environmental standards and regulation in a post-Brexit context
- Dr Kirsten E H Jenkins, Senior Lecturer in Energy, Environment and Society, the University of Edinburgh: adviser on climate change and net zero targets

Visits

- As part of its scrutiny of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill, the Committee visited Perthshire on 23 September 2024 to meet with Atholl Estates, Oxygen Conservation and a group of local people identified through working with Aberfeldy Development Trust.
- On 31 October and 1 November 2024 the Committee visited Landholm and Moffat area to meet with a range of stakeholders to discuss views on the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill.

Events

- The Committee held two engagement events as part of its scrutiny of the Land Reform (Scotland Bill), a Royal Highland Show panel on 21 June 2024, hosted by the Convener, and a Tenant Farmers focus group held online on 22 January 2025.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	25
Scottish Government officials	53
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	48
Representatives of the private sector	38
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	6
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	15
Representatives of voluntary sector	10
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Budget scrutiny 2025-26; Transport in Scotland 2025
Consultations/Call for views	2	Climate Change Targets Bill; Land Reform (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill; Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill; Land Reform (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill; Great British Energy Bill; Planning and Infrastructure Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	6	The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2024; The Invasive Alien Species (De-listing) Regulations 2024; The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste); The Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024; The Heat Networks (Market Framework) (Great Britain) Regulations 2024; The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2025
SIs considered	5	Draft: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024; Draft: Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024; Draft: Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025; Draft: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025; SI 2025/124: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2025
SSIs considered	19	4 draft affirmative; 3 laid only; 12 negative: SSI 2024/191; SSI 2024/229; SSI 2024/243; SSI 2024/248; SSI 2024/270; SSI 2024/271; SSI 2024/371; SSI 2025/18; SSI 2025/28; SSI 2025/42; SSI 2025/78; SSI 2025/81
Petitions considered	1	PE2123 Petition on Air Quality
Divisions held	88	14 May 2024: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 215, 8, 11, 82, 214, 20, 146, 145, 87, 14, 15, 13, 142, 86, 9, 143, 128, 18, 12, 16, 6, 88, 22, 198, 10; 21 May 2024: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 33, 31, 67, 110, 109, 62, 114, 161, 58, 36, 105, 41, 43, 112, 167, 164, 52, 50, 59, 46, 91, 107, 106, 28, 27, 113,

Business	No.	Details
		54, 205, 111, 108, 64, 206, 48, 162, 90, 60, 34;
		28 May 2024: Circular Economy (Scotland Bill: Stage 2 amendments 119, 117, 116, 71, 175, 115, 76, 74, 69;
		25 June 2024: Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2024;
		29 October 2024: Local Services Franchises (Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/229);
		29 October 2024: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 15, 27, 51, 1, 28, 30, 32, 3, 29, 54, 59, 6, 25, 48, 2
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	3	29 October 2024: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 5, 61, 63
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (draft)	772	23 April 2025	No Response
5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill	760	19 March 2025	24 March 2025
4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 (draft)	754	12 March 2025	No Response
3rd report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on a further supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill	739	19 February 2025	No Response
2nd report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill	736	04 February 2025	No Response
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 (draft)	727	22 January 2025	No Response
17th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025 (draft)	703	04 December 2024	No Response
16th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024	702	04 December 2024	No Response
15th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Local Services Franchises (Traffic Commissioner Notices and Panels) (Scotland) Regulations 2024	671	29 October 2024	No Response
14th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on Environmental Standards Scotland's Investigation into Climate Change Delivery	666	25 October 2024	No Response
13th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024 (draft)	665	22 October 2024	No Response
12th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	657	09 October 2024	No Response
11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill	656	04 October 2024	09 October 2024
10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Environmental Protection (Single-Use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (draft)	648	19 September 2024	No Response
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2024 (draft)	641	11 September 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 2023-24	611	31 May 2024	n/a
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Transport Partnerships (Transfer of Functions) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]	592	17 May 2024	No Response

4.3.12. 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 (Lab)

Deputy Convener:

- Jamie Greene (Con) (until 3 April 2025)
- Jamie Greene (Ind) (3 April 2025 – 4 April 2025)
- Jamie Greene (LD) (from 4 April 2025)

Membership: The committee has **5** members

Committee meetings

There were **32** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	32
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	2

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Colin Beattie	SNP	31 (32)
Willie Coffee (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	2 (2)
James Dornan (11 September 2024 - 7 January 2025)	SNP	8 (12)
Jamie Greene (until 3 April 2025)	Con	25 (29)
Jamie Greene (3 April 2025 - 4 April 2025)	Ind	0 (0)
Jamie Greene (from 4 April 2025)	LD	2 (3)
Richard Leonard	Lab	32 (32)
Fulton MacGregor (18 June 2024 - 11 September 2025)	SNP	4 (4)
Stuart McMillan (from 7 January 2025)	SNP	13 (14)
Graham Simpson	Con	32 (32)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Craig Hoy	Con	0
Bill Kidd	SNP	2
Colin Smyth	Lab	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	1
Scottish Government officials	42
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	123
Representatives of the private sector	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	2
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	11	Additional support for Learning; Administration of Scottish income tax 2023/24; Alcohol and drug services; NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance; Scotland's colleges 2024; Sustainable transport: Reducing car use; Tackling digital exclusion; The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited; The 2023/24 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts; The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service; The 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission in Scotland
Consultations/Call for views	0	
AGS Scotland Section 22 reports reviewed	5	The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service; The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission in Scotland; The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited; The 2023/24 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts; The 2023/24 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland
AGS Scotland Section 23 reports reviewed	5	Alcohol and drug services; NHS in Scotland 2023; NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance; Sustainable transport: Reducing car use; Tackling digital exclusion
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	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	22 May 2024: S6M-13291

	number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service	613	10 June 2024	20 August 2024
2nd report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Public Audit Committee 2023-24	595	30 May 2024	n/a

4.3.13. Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Established: 1 February 2023

Remit:

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, with the exception of matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland, and Royal Botanic Garden. (As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09372)

Convener: Finlay Carson (Con)

Deputy Convener: Beatrice Wishart (LD)

Membership: The committee has **9** members

Committee meetings

There were **34** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	34
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	28
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	10

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alasdair Allan (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	6 (6)
Colin Beattie (18 June 2024 - 20 January 2025)	SNP	13 (15)
Ariane Burgess (until 29 April 2025)	Green	29 (32)
Finlay Carson	Con	34 (34)
Tim Eagle (from 10 October 2024)	Con	20 (21)
Rhoda Grant	Lab	32 (34)
Rachael Hamilton (until 10 October 2024)	Con	12 (13)
Emma Harper	SNP	34 (34)
Emma Roddick (from 14 May 2024)	SNP	30 (34)
Mark Ruskell (from 29 April 2025)	Green	2 (2)
Evelyn Tweed (from 22 January 2025)	SNP	9 (12)
Elena Whitham	SNP	28 (34)
Beatrice Wishart	LD	30 (34)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Karen Adam (until 28 September 2024)	SNP	4
Ariane Burgess (from 29 April 2025)	Green	0
Christine Grahame (from 18 September 2024)	SNP	2
Jamie Halcro Johnstone (until 10 October 2024)	Con	4
Daniel Johnson (from 25 September 2024)	Lab	0
Liam McArthur	LD	2
Mark Ruskell (until 29 April 2025)	Green	3
Mercedes Villalba (until 25 September 2024)	Lab	0
Brian Whittle (from 6 November 2024)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Emma Johnston

Advisers

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

Visits

- The Committee undertook a fact-finding visit to the Marine Directorate science laboratories in Aberdeen on 2 September 2024.
- The Committee undertook a fact-finding visit to Oban in September 2024. It also visited the marine research facilities at the Scottish Association for Marine Science and the Dunstaffnage fish farm operated by Scottish Sea Farms.
- As part of their scrutiny of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill, Members of the Committee attending a community engagement event at the Cairngorms National

Park Authority Offices in Grantown-on-Spey, 11 May 2025.

Events

- In Oban, the Committee hosted a community engagement event on salmon farming with local stakeholders.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	16
Scottish Government officials	61
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	27
Representatives of the private sector	0
Representatives of the private sector	37
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
NHS	0
Higher Education	10
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	4

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Amendment to the Joint Fisheries Statement; Budget scrutiny 2025 to 2026; Inshore fisheries policy; Salmon farming in Scotland
Consultations/ Call for views	4	Amendment to the joint fisheries statement; Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill; Pre-budget Scrutiny for 2025-26; The Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre- legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill; Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill; Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	11	The Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024; The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2024; The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Animal and Plant Health) Regulations 2024; The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) and Plant Health (Frequency of Checks) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024; The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025; The Official Controls (Plant Health) and Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025; The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2025; Ivory Prohibitions (Exemptions) (Process and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2025; Fair Dealing Obligations (Pigs) Regulations 2025; Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 - PH/057; REACH Fees and Charges (Amendment of Commission Regulation (EC) No 340/2008) Regulations 2025
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	17	7 draft affirmative;

Business	No	Details
		5 laid only;
		5 negative:SSI 2024/146; SSI 2024/218; SSI 2024/268; SSI 2024/368; SSI 2025/108
Petitions considered	1	Petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland
		15 May 2024: Agriculture and Rural Communities Stage 2 amendments 190, 87, 64, 186, 85, 91, 166, 183, 90, 68, 140, 62, 59, 148, 54, 145, 84, 197, 162, 139, 203, 172, 77, 138, 137, 191, 136, 50, 134, 188, 141, 199, 196, 161, 156, 195, 150, 202
Divisions held	61	18 September 2024: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 63, 59, 48, 46, 45, 66, 11, 73, 47, 71, 16, 62, 61,12, 60, 78, 79, 5, 75, 74, 65
		09 October 2024: Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
		20 November 2024: Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 draft
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	20 March 2025: S6M-16852

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 19 March 2025	763	21 March 2025	No Response
3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 19 February 2025	740	24 February 2025	No Response
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 22 January 2025	726	24 January 2025	No Response
1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland	720	17 January 2025	13 March 2025
13th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 20 November 2024	696	03 December 2024	No Response
12th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Interim report on petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland	693	27 November 2024	No Response
11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 30 October 2024	679	07 November 2024	No Response
10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 9 October 2024	667	28 October 2024	No Response
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 25 September 2024	651	27 September 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 1 May 2024	604	30 May 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 2023-24	603	30 May 2024	n/a

4.3.14. 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 excluding matters relating to housing and tenants' rights. (As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09372)

Convener: Collette Stevenson (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Bob Doris (SNP)

Membership: The committee has **8** members

Committee meetings

There were **34** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	34
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	30
Joint meetings with other Committees	2
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	15

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour	Con	31 (34)
Katy Clark (until 15 January 2025)	Lab	(16) 21
Bob Doris	SNP	34 (34)
Mark Griffin (from 15 January 2025)	Lab	8 (13)
Gordon MacDonald (from 13 November 2024)	SNP	17 (18)
John Mason (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	6 (6)
Roz McCall (until 10 October 2024)	Con	12 (12)
Marie McNair	SNP	33 (34)
Paul O'Kane	Lab	33 (34)
Liz Smith (from 10 October 2024)	Con	18 (22)
Collette Stevenson	SNP	31 (34)
Kevin Stewart (18 June 2024 - 13 November 2025)	SNP	8 (8)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Miles Briggs (until 6 November 2024)	Con	0
Mark Griffin (until 15 January 2025)	Lab	1
Roz McCall (from 6 November 2024)	Con	4
Carol Mochan (from 15 January 2025)	Lab	0
David Torrance	SNP	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Diane Barr

Advisers: None

Visits

- Some Members visited the safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow, The Thistle, prior to its opening to hear about how it was to operate and what it hoped to achieve.

As part of the Committee's inquiry into financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship, some Members visited Financially Included on 25 April 2025.

Events:

- The People’s Panel, to discuss the joint committee inquiry into reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use, met in October and November 2024 and gave their findings at a meeting in February 2025.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	16
Scottish Government officials	32
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	24
Representatives of the private sector	0
Representatives of private sector	2
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	2
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	7
NHS	0
Higher Education	7
Representatives of voluntary sector	36
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Delivering new benefits; Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship; Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use; Pensioner Poverty
Consultations/Call for views	3	Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship; Post Legislative Scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017; Pre-budget 2025-26 scrutiny - Third sector funding principles
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Housing (Scotland) Bill; Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	1	SI 2024/989: Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2024
SSIs considered	15	5 draft affirmative; 1 laid only; 1 instrument/document subject to approval; 8 negative: SSI 2024/141; SSI 2024/230; SSI 2024/241; SSI 2024/310; SSI 2024/311; SSI 2025/24; SSI 2025/55; SSI 2025/112
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	9	19 September 2024: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 116, 118, 5, 29; 26 September 2024: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 126, 73, 58; 31 October 2024: Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [Draft]; 24 April 2025: Housing (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 1022
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	8	19 September 2024: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 3, 1; 26 September 2024: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 9, 10, 12, 13, 14; 24 April 2025: Housing (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 1022
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 6 March 2025	752	12 March 2025	No Response
1st report, 2025 (Session 6): Post-legislative scrutiny of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017	733	31 January 2025	03 March 2025
14th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 21 November 2024	698	28 November 2024	No Response
13th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 7 November 2024	686	14 November 2024	No Response
12th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2025-26: Third sector funding principles	683	13 November 2024	12 December 2024
11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 31 October 2024	681	07 November 2024	No Response
10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on Housing (Scotland) Bill: Part 5 (homelessness prevention) and Part 6 (other housing matters - fuel poverty)	645	20 September 2024	18 November 2024
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Document subject to parliamentary control considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 06 June 2024	623	20 June 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 30 May 2024	617	06 June 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee 2023 to 2024	602	29 May 2024	n/a

4.3.15. SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

Established: 5 December 2024

Remit:

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

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

Duration: 5 December 2024 to 30 September 2025

Convener: Ben Macpherson (SNP) (from 12 December 2024)

Deputy Convener: N/A

Membership: The committee has 5 members

Committee meetings

There were **12** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	12
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	10
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	3

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Murdo Fraser	Con	12 (12)
Richard Leonard	Lab	12 (12)
Ben Macpherson	SNP	12 (12)
Ash Regan	Alba	11 (12)
Lorna Slater	Green	12 (12)

Substitute members

This Committee has no substitute members

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: David Millett

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	1
Members of the Scottish Parliament	3
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	12
Representatives of the private sector	0
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	2
NHS	0
Higher Education	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations/Call for views	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	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

No reports were published during the parliamentary year.

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 falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

2. Where the Committee considers it appropriate, it may by motion recommend that a member's rights and privileges be withdrawn to such extent and for such period as are specified in the motion. (As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09371)

Convener: Martin Whitfield (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Ruth Maguire (SNP) (from 20 June 2024)

Membership: The committee has **5** members

Committee meetings

There were **21** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	21
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	15
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	4

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Dunbar (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	5 (5)
Joe Fitzpatrick (18 June 2024 - 9 April 2025)	SNP	13 (13)
Ruth Maguire (from 18 June 2024)	SNP	5 (16)
Oliver Mundell (until 10 October 2024)	Con	9 (9)
Emma Roddick (from 22 April 2025)	SNP	2 (2)
Sue Webber (from 10 October 2024)	Con	12 (12)
Annie Wells	Con	14 (21)
Martin Whitfield	Lab	21 (21)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alasdair Allan (until 17 June 2024)	SNP	3
Rona Mackay (from 26 June 2024)	SNP	11
Edward Mountain	Con	4
Colin Smyth	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Catherine Fergusson

Advisers: Dr Danielle Beswick, University of Birmingham, advisor on the Committee Effectiveness Inquiry

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	3
Members of the Scottish Parliament	4
Representatives of public bodies (including local authorities and health boards)	14
Representatives of private sector	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	10
Representatives of voluntary sector	1
Other categories of witnesses	2

Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	Committee effectiveness
Consultations/Call for Views	2	Committee Effectiveness; Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill; Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) 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	1	1 laid only
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	07 November 2024: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at Stage 2 amendment 60
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	1	07 November 2024: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at Stage 2 amendment 60
Plenary debates	2	29 May 2024: S6M-13746; 27 June 2024: S6M-13746

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Standing Order rule changes - Procedures on consent in relation to UK Parliament Bills	627	20 June 2024	No Response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill	622	18 June 2024	24 June 2024
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 2023-24	610	30 May 2024	n/a
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Complaint against Michael Matheson MSP	597	23 May 2024	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 with a consultation attached	2
Draft proposals lodged with a statement of reasons	0
Draft proposals fell	0
Draft proposals withdrawn	1
Final proposals lodged after no consultation	0
Final proposals lodged after consultation	6
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	6

Bills Introduced

Type of Bill	Bill Title	Number
Government Bills	Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill	10
	Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill	
	Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill	
	Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill	
	Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill	
	Education (Scotland) Bill	
	Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill	
	Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill	
	Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill	
	UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill	
Emergency Government Bills	Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill	2
	Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill	
Members' Bills	Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill	9
	Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill	
	Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill	
	Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill	
	Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill	
	Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill	
	Schools (Residential Outdoor Education (Scotland) Bill	
	Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill	
	Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill	
Committee Bills		0
Private Bills		0
Total		21

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	Bill Title	Number
Government Bills		0
Members' Bills		0
Emergency Bills		0
Committee Bills		0
Private Bills		0
Total		0

Bills withdrawn

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

Bills passed

Type of Bill	Bill Title	Number
Government Bills	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill	15
	Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill	
	Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill	
	Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill	
	Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill	
	Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill	
	Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill	
	Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill	
	Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill	
	Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill	
	Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill	
	Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill	
	Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill	
	Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill	
	Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill	
Emergency Bills	Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill	2
	Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill	
Members' Bills	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill	2
	Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill	
Committee Bills		0
Private Bills		0
Total		19

Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Received Royal Assent (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	Number
Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 10)	18
Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 14)	
Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 11)	
Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 9)	
Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 (asp 7)	
Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 5)	
Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 13)	
Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 15)	
Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 12)	
Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 7)	
Judicial Factors (Scotland) Act 2025 (asp 3)	
Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 (asp 5)	
Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 6)	
Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (asp 1)	
Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (asp 4)	
Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2025 (asp 2)	
Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 8)	
Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2025 (asp 6)	
The average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	351

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.

Type of statutory challenge	Bill Title	Number
Challenge under section 32A of the Scotland Act 1998		0
Challenge under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998		0
Section 35 Order of the Scotland Act 1998		0
Total		0

Reconsideration stage

Following the conclusion of the statutory challenge, on 24 May 2022, Deputy First Minister John Swinney MSP announced that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill would return to the Parliament for reconsideration. The European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill had not been reintroduced by the end of the 2024-2025 parliamentary year so is not included in this table.

Type of Bill	Bill Title	Number
Government Bills		0
Members' Bills		0
Committee Bills		0
Private Bills		0
Total		0

5.1.2. Progress of Public Bills

These tables list all Bills that were in progress during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6. The Bills are listed in order of introduction. Some of the tables only contain limited information and many contain mostly blank entries. This is because Committee meetings, plenary debates and reports out with the parliamentary year of 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025, 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.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

The UK Government announced on Monday 16 January 2023 that it would use powers under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 to prohibit the Presiding Officer from submitting the Bill for Royal Assent.

On Tuesday 17 January 2023, the Secretary of State for Scotland, made an order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998. The Order was laid on 17 January and came into force on 18 January 2023.

On 12 April 2023, the Scottish Government announced it would lodge a petition for judicial review on the Secretary of State for Scotland's use of Section 35.

The hearing was held at the Court of Session on 19 and 20 September 2023.

The Court of Session delivered its judgement on 8 December 2023. They ruled that "the challenge to the Order pronounced under section 35 of the 1998 Act, laid on 17 January 2023, fails while recognising the novelty and complexity of the arguments."

On 20 December 2023, the Scottish Government announced it would not appeal the judgment. The ruling means that the Bill cannot proceed to Royal Assent and be enacted. The Cabinet Secretary made a statement that said the Scottish Government would be willing to work together with the current UK Government or future UK Government to lift Section 35 and make progress on the Bill."

No further action was taken during this parliamentary year.

The Section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 means that this Bill cannot receive Royal Assent in its current form.

Care Reform (Scotland) Bill

Introduced as the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 17) Renamed on 4 March 2025 to the Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 17).

SP Bill number	17
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	33
Date introduced	20 Jun 22
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 referral back to lead committee debate	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	HSCS 24 Sep 24 HSCS 1 Oct 24 HSCS 8 Oct 24 HSCS 26 Nov 24
Stage 2 committee discussions	HSCS 25 Feb 25 HSCS 4 Mar 25
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 22 Apr 25
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	22
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	34
Date introduced	13 Dec 22
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	
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	539
Date of Royal Assent	4 Jun 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 5)

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	25
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	113
Date introduced	20 Apr 23
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	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	EHRCJ 26 Nov 24
Stage 2 committee discussions	EHRCJ 21 Jan 25 EHRCJ 28 Jan 25
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 18 Mar 25
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 766
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	26
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	60
Date introduced	25 Apr 23
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	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	CJ 4 Dec 24
	CJ 11 Dec 24
	CJ 26 Feb 25
Stage 2 committee discussions	CJ 12 Mar 25
	CJ 19 Mar 25
	CJ 26 Mar 25
	CJ 2 Apr 25
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	27
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	9
Date introduced	27 Apr 23
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	
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	6 Jun 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	6 Jun 24
Length of Bill as passed	19
Length of passage in calendar days	445
Date of Royal Assent	15 Jul 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 4)

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	28
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	30
Date introduced	24 May 23
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	
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	28 May 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	28 May 24
Length of Bill as passed	37
Length of passage in calendar days	408
Date of Royal Assent	5 Jul 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 8)

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	29
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	19
Date introduced	6 Jun 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	CJ 15 May 24 CJ 16 May 24 CJ 22 May 24 CJ 23 May 24 CJ 29 May 24 CJ 12 Jun 24 CJ 19 Jun 24 CJ 26 Jun 24
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 633
Stage 1 plenary debate	10 Sep 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	CJ 2 Oct 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 26 Nov 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 694
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	15 Jan 25
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	15 Jan 25
Length of Bill as passed	25
Length of passage in calendar days	637
Date of Royal Assent	4 March 25
Act Number	2025 (asp 5)

Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

SP Bill number	30
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	13
Date introduced	8 Jun 23
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	
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 fell	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	31
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	23
Date introduced	13 Jun 23
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	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	NZET 14 May 24 NZET 21 May 24 NZET 28 May 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 18 Jun 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 628
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	25 Jun 24 26 Jun 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	26 Jun 24
Length of Bill as passed	31
Length of passage in calendar days	422
Date of Royal Assent	8 Aug 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 13)

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	32
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	7
Date introduced	20 Jun 23
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	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	18 Sep 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 3 Dec 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 706
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	23 Jan 25
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	23 Jan 25
Length of Bill as passed	5
Length of passage in calendar days	638
Date of Royal Assent	19 Mar 25
Act Number	2025 (asp 6)

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	33
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	29
Date introduced	28 Sept 23
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	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	15 May 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 11 Jun 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 621
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	18 Jun 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	18 Jun 24
Length of Bill as passed	35
Length of passage in calendar days	306
Date of Royal Assent	30 Jul 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 11)

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	34
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	8
Date introduced	5 Oct 23
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	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	HSCS 28 May 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 11 Jun 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 619
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	12 Jun 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	12 Jun 24
Length of Bill as passed	9
Length of passage in calendar days	291
Date of Royal Assent	22 Jul 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 10)

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	35
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	51
Date introduced	31 Oct 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 581
Stage 1 plenary debate	4 Jun 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	19 Sep 24 26 Sep 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 12 Nov 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 688
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	3 Dec 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	3 Dec 24
Length of Bill as passed	54
Length of passage in calendar days	754
Date of Royal Assent	23 Jan 24
Act Number	2025 (asp 2)

Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	36
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	17
Date introduced	1 Nov 23
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	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 14 May 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 586
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	14 May 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	14 May 24
Length of Bill as passed	24
Length of passage in calendar days	233
Date of Royal Assent	21 Jun 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 7)

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	37
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	1
Date introduced	7 Nov 23
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	
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	20 Jun 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	20 Jun 24
Length of Bill as passed	1
Length of passage in calendar days	268
Date of Royal Assent	01 Aug 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 12)

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	38
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	37
Date introduced	14 Nov 23
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	16 May 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	FPA 11 Jun 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 10 Sep 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 646
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	1 Oct 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	1 Oct 24
Length of Bill as passed	39
Length of passage in calendar days	364
Date of Royal Assent	12 Nov 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 14)

Scottish Languages Bill

SP Bill number	39
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	27
Date introduced	29 Nov 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 15 May 24
	ECYP 22 May 24
	ECYP 19 Jun 24
	ECYP 26 Jun 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 634
Stage 1 plenary debate	17 Sep 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	11 Dec 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 18 Feb 25
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 744
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	40
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	32
Date introduced	5 Dec 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	DPLR 14 May 24 DPLR 11 Jun 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 620
Stage 1 plenary debate	19 Sep 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	DPLR 19 Nov 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 3 Dec 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 700
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	10 Dec 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	10 Dec 24
Length of Bill as passed	36
Length of passage in calendar days	419
Date of Royal Assent	27 Jan 25
Act Number	2025 (asp 3)

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill

SP Bill number	42
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	34
Date introduced	23 Jan 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SPPA 6 Jun 24 SPPA 13 Jun 24 SPPA 31 Oct 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 622
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 Jun 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	SPPA 5 Sep 24 SPPA 19 Sep 24
Stage 2 committee discussions	SPPA 7 Nov 24 SPPA 14 Nov 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 3 Dec 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 707
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	17 Dec 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	17 Dec 24
Length of Bill as passed	61
Length of passage in calendar days	327
Date of Royal Assent	29 Jan 2025
Act Number	2025 (asp 4)

Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	43
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	16
Date introduced	8 February 2024
Preliminary discussions in committee	EHRCJ 21 May 24
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRCJ 4 Jun 24 EHRCJ 11 Jun 24 EHRCJ 18 Jun 24 EHRCJ 3 Sep 24 EHRCJ 17 Sep 24 EHRCJ 5 Nov 24 EHRCJ 12 Nov 24 EHRCJ 19 Nov 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	FPA 25 Jun 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 705
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	44
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	110
Date introduced	13 Mar 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	NZET 4 Jun 24
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	NZET 11 Jun 24 NZET 18 Jun 24 NZET 25 Jun 24 NZET 5 Nov 24 NZET 19 Nov 24 NZET 26 Nov 24 NZET 3 Dec 24 NZET 10 Dec 24 NZET 17 Dec 24 NZET 28 Jan 25 NZET 4 Feb 25 NZET 18 Feb 25 NZET 11 Mar 25 NZET 18 Mar 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 18 Jun 24 DPLR 17 Sept 24 DPLR 29 Oct 24 DPLR 26 Nov 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 721 SP 760
Stage 1 plenary debate	26 Mar 25
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Housing (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	45
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	65
Date introduced	26 Mar 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	LGHP 17 Apr 24 (SJSS secondary)
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGHP 28 May 24 LGHP 4 Jun 24 LGHP 11 Jun 24 LGHP 18 Jun 24 LGHP 25 Jun 24 LGHP 3 Sep 24 LGHP 10 Sep 24 LGHP 1 Oct 24 LGHP 8 Oct 24 LGHP 29 Oct 24 LGHP 5 Nov 24 LGHP 12 Nov 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 4 Jun 24 SJSS 6 Jun 24 SJSS 13 Jun 24 SJSS 20 Jun 24 DPLR 25 Jun 24 SJSS 27 Jun 24 DPLR 3 Sep 24 SJSS 5 Sep 24 SJSS 12 Sep 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 637 SP 645 SP 684
Stage 1 plenary debate	28 Nov 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	LGHP 28 Jan 25
Stage 2 committee discussions	SJSS 20 Mar 25 SJSS 27 Mar 25 SJSS 3 Apr 25 SJSS 24 Apr 25 LGHP 6 May 25
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	

Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	46
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	22
Date introduced	27 Mar 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	HCSC 21 May 24 HCSC 24 Sep 24 HCSC 1 Oct 24 HCSC 5 Nov 24 HCSC 11 Nov 24 HCSC 12 Nov 24 HCSC 19 Nov 24
Lead committee appointed	HCSC 16 Apr 24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HSCS 14 Jan 25 HCSC 21 Jan 25 HCSC 28 Jan 25 HCSC 4 Feb 25 HCSC 25 Mar 25 HCSC 22 Apr 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 28 May 24 DPLR 10 Sep 24 FPA 17 Dec 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 647 SP 770
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	47
Type of Bill	G (Emergency)
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	5
Date introduced	14 May 24
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	21 May 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	23 May 24 (whole Parliament)
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	30 May 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	30 May 24
Length of Bill as passed	5
Length of passage in calendar days	30
Date of Royal Assent	13 June 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 6)

Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	48
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	6
Date introduced	14 May 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	HSCS 29 Oct 24 HSCS 10 Dec 24 HSCS 21 Jan 25 HSCS 4 Feb 25
Lead committee appointed	HSCS 21 May 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HSCS 18 Mar 25 HSCS 25 Mar 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 24 Sep 24 DLPR 29 Oct 24 FPA 11 Mar 25
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 673
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Education (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	49
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	42
Date introduced	4 June 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	ECYP 11 Jun24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 18 Sep 24 ECYP 25 Sep 24 ECYP 2 Oct 24 ECYP 9 Oct 24 ECYP 20 Nov 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DLPR 10 Sep 24 DLPR 1 Oct 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 655 SP 697
Stage 1 plenary debate	18 Dec 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	ECYP 23 Apr 25 ECYP 30 Apr 25 ECYP 7 May 25
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	50
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	20 Jun 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	ECYP 25 Jun 24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 6 Nov 24 ECYP 13 Nov 24 ECYP 27 Nov 24 ECYP 18 Dec 24 ECYP 29 Jan 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 29 Oct 24 FPA 19 Nov 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 674 SP 734
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 Mar 25
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	51
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	8
Date introduced	5 Sep 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	NZET 10 Sep 24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	NZET 10 Sep 24 NZET 17 Sep 24 NZET 24 Sep 24 NZET 1 Oct 24 NZET 3 Oct 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 10 Sep 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 643 SP 656
Stage 1 plenary debate	10 Oct 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	29 Oct 24
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	5 Nov 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	5 Nov 24
Length of Bill as passed	11
Length of passage in calendar days	78
Date of Royal Assent	22 Nov 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 15)

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	52
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	32
Date introduced	24 Sept 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	CJ 30 Oct 24 CJ 18 Dec 24 CJ 15 Jan 25
Lead committee appointed	CJ 2 Oct 24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CJ 22 Jan 25 CJ 29 Jan 25 CJ 5 Feb 25 CJ 19 Feb 25 CJ 26 Feb 25 CJ 5 Mar 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 26 Nov 24 DPLR 17 Dec 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 718 SP 749
Stage 1 plenary debate	1 Apr 25
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	53
Type of Bill	G (Emergency)
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	7
Date introduced	18 Nov 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	CJ 13 Nov 24
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	21 Nov 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	26 Nov 24 (Whole Parliament)
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	26 Nov 24
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	26 Nov 24
Length of Bill as passed	9
Length of passage in calendar days	65
Date of Royal Assent	22 Jan 25
Act Number	2025 (asp 1)

Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	54
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	31
Date introduced	DPLR 11 December 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	DPLR 7 Jan 25 DPLR 18 Feb 25 DPLR 25 Mar 25
Lead committee appointed	DPLR 18 December 24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	DPLR 29 Apr 25 DPLR 6 May 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 742
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

SP Bill number	55
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	19
Date introduced	17 Dec 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	SPPA 20 Feb 25
Lead committee appointed	SPPA 7 Jan 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SPPA 8 May 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 25 Mar 25
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

SP Bill number	56
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	13
Date introduced	18 Dec 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 7 Jan 25
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 715
	SP 730
Stage 1 plenary debate	4 Feb 25
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	18 Feb 25
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	25 Feb 25
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	25 Feb 25
Length of Bill as passed	13
Length of passage in calendar days	100
Date of Royal Assent	28 Mar 25
Act Number	2025 (asp 7)

Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	57
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	12
Date introduced	5 Feb 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	ECYP 19 Feb 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 7 May 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 18 Mar 25 DPLR 29 Apr 25
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	58
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	5
Date introduced	17 Feb 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	RAI 26 Feb 25
Lead committee appointed	RAI 26 Feb 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RAI 26 Mar 25
	RAI 23 Apr 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 25 Mar 25
	DPLR 22 Apr 25
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 771
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	59
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	31
Date introduced	19 Feb 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	RAI 5 Mar 25 RAI 12 Mar 25 RAI 2 Apr 25
Lead committee appointed	RAI 5 Mar 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RAI 30 Apr 25 RAI 7 May 25
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 29 Apr 25
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	60
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	27
Date introduced	12 Mar 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	CEEAC 19 Mar 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CEEAC 8 May 25
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	61
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	4
Date introduced	17 Mar 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	ECYP 26 Mar 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	62
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	8
Date introduced	20 Mar 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	EFW 26 Mar 25
	EFW 2 Apr 25
Lead committee appointed	EFW 2 Apr 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	63
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	16
Date introduced	27 Mar 25
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	
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	64
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	16
Date introduced	2 Apr 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EHRCJ 23 Apr 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	65
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	13
Date introduced	23 Apr 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	RAI 30 Apr 24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC

SP Bill number	66
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	4
Date introduced	30 Apr 25
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EHRCJ 7 May 25
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	67
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	20
Date introduced	7 May 25
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	
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 / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

5.1.3. Progress of Private Bills

There were no Private Bills during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6.

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.

0 draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn by the Scottish Government during this period.

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

- The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)
- The Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)
- The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024 (SI 2024/Draft)
- Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)
- Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft)

Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, 13 May 2024 to November 2024

Subordinate Legislation Type	May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Draft Affirmative Instruments	2	3	0	0	10	4	7
Negative Instruments	5	4	0	4	20	9	15
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	3	8	0	1	5	1	3
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Instruments	11	15	0	5	3	14	25

Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, December 2024 to 12 May 2025)

Subordinate Legislation Type	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 24 ⁵ (until 12 May)	Total
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Draft Affirmative Instruments	4	14	6	2	3	4	59
Negative Instruments	9	8	16	6	9	3	108
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	5	3	4	5	4	2	44
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Instruments	19	25	27	13	17	9	215

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.

Number of consent notifications received

These figures include “non-notifications”. Non-notifications are situations where the UK Government has made regulations without seeking consent or has told the Scottish Government that it has decided to seek consent. In these situations, the Scottish Government will still notify the Scottish Parliament though the statutory instrument protocol is not triggered.

	Number received
May 24 (from 13 May)	3
Jun 2024	2
Jul 2024	0
Aug 2024	0
Sep 2024	1
Oct 2024	0
Nov 2024	5
Dec 2024	2
Jan 2025	1
Feb 2025	0
Mar 2025	7
Apr 2025	0
May 25 (until 12 May)	0
Total	21

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 two 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.

123 Cross-Party Group carried over from the previous parliamentary year.

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

18 Cross-Party Groups ended during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6.

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups active during the fourth parliamentary year of Session 6, **125** in total.

Cross-Party Groups

Dates have only been included for those CPGs established and/or ended during this parliamentary year

Cross-Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness		
Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse		
Animal Welfare		
Armed Forces and Veterans Community		
Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions		
Autism		
Aviation		
Bangladesh		
Beers and Pubs		
Brain Tumours		
Building Bridges with Israel		
Cancer		
Care Leavers		5 Mar 25
Carers		5 Mar 25
Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice		
Changing Places Toilets		5 Mar 25
Children and Young People		
China		
Chronic Pain		
Circular Economy		
Civil Nuclear Industry		
Colleges and Universities		
Commercial Sexual Exploitation		
Construction		
Co-Operatives		
Creative Economy		5 Mar 25
Credit Unions		
Crofting		
Cuba		
Culture and Communities		
Deafness		
Diabetes		
Disability		
Drug and Alcohol Misuse		
Dyslexia		
End of Life Choices		
Epilepsy		
Europe		
Fair Trade		
Families Supporting Children's Learning		
Fisheries and Coastal Communities		
Food		
France	16 Jan 25	
Freedom of Religion or Belief		

Cross-Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Funerals and Bereavement		
Future of Football in Scotland		5 Mar 25
Gaelic		
Gardening and Horticulture		
Germany		
Health Inequalities		
Heart and Circulatory Diseases		
Housing		
Human Trafficking		
Ice Sports		5 Mar 25
Improving Scotland's Health		
Independent Convenience Stories		
India		
Industrial Communities		
Inflammatory Bowel Disease		
International Development		
Islands		
Japan		
Learning Disability		
LGBTI+		
Life Sciences		
Long Covid		
Lung Health		
Malawi		
Maritime and Shipbuilding		
Medicinal Cannabis		
Men's Violence Against Women and Children		
Mental Health		31 Jan 25
Migration		
MS		5 Mar 25
Muscular Dystrophy		5 Mar 25
Music		
Nature and Climate		
Nordic Countries		31 Jan 25
Nuclear Disarmament		
Oil and Gas		5 Mar 25
Older People, Age and Ageing		
Outdoor Education		
Pakistan		5 Mar 25
Palestine		
Palliative Care		
Poland		5 Mar 25
Poverty		
Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences		
Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions		5 Mar 25
Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism		
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency		
Rugby Development in Scotland		5 Mar 25

Cross-Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Rural Policy		
Science and Technology		
Scotch Whisky		
Scots Language		5 Mar 25
Scottish Games Ecosystem		
Scottish Gypsy/Traveller Community		5 Mar 25
Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries		
Scottish Showmen's Guild		5 Mar 25
Shared Parenting		
Skills		
Social Enterprise		
Social Work		
Space		
Sport		
St Andrew's Day		
Stroke		
Substance Use	30 May 24	
Sustainable Transport		
Taiwan		
Tibet		
Tourism		
Towns and Town Centres		
Ukraine		
USA		
Visual Impairment		
Volunteering		
WASPI		
Wellbeing Economy		
Women in Enterprise		
Women, Families and Justice		
Women's Health		
Wood Panel Industry		

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.

387 documents were laid before Parliament during the parliamentary year.

Documents laid other than Statutory Instruments

May 24 (from 13 May)	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
19	19	21	31	44	75	34

Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25 (until 12 May)
54	15	14	28	30	3

6.3. Rule Changes to Standing Orders

Chapter 5.4

- 5.4.2 Paragraph amended, 2.7.24, 4th Report 2024 (S6)

Chapter 9

- 9B Chapter replaced, 2.7.24, 4th Report 2024 (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 McNeill (Lab)

Fund Trustees

- Gordon MacDonald (SNP)
- Murdo Fraser (Con)
- Mark Ballard

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)

Members

- Jamie Greene (Con) (until 3 April 2025)
- Jamie Greene (Ind) (from 3 April 2025 to 4 April 2025)
- Jamie Greene (LD) (from 4 April 2025)
- Daniel Johnson (Lab)
- Richard Leonard (Lab)
- Mark Ruskell (Green)

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:

- Jackie Dunbar (SNP)
- Jamie Halcro-Johnston (Con)
- Paul O’Kane (Lab)
- Collette Stevenson (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) and 3-5 Executive 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

Elected Members:

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

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

Full Member:

Keith Brown (SNP)

Alternative Member:

Alexander Stewart (Con)

Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group

The Committee of the Regions is a political assembly and the official voice of sub-national authorities within the European Union (EU) and it provides a forum for the consultation of local and regional authorities on issues affecting them, giving formal recognition to the role of sub-national government in the EU decision making process.

Membership of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) ended when the UK left the EU on 31 January 2020. However CoR established a Contact Group for relations with representatives of UK local government and devolved administrations to ensure that political dialogue with these representatives continued after the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

Full Member:

George Adam (SNP) (from 17 September 2024)

Kate Forbes (SNP) (until 17 September 2024)

Alternative Member

Neil Bibby (Lab) (from 17 September 2024)

7. Staff

7.1. MSP Staff

Number of MSP staff (as at 31 March 2025)

These figures are based on head count as opposed to full time equivalent.

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
SNP	336	143	193	42.56	57.44
Con	160	86	74	53.75	46.25
Lab	108	44	64	59.26	40.74
Green	41	20	21	51.22	48.78
LD	25	11	14	44	56
Alba	5	2	3	60	40
Ind	2	1	1	50	50
MSP Staff	677	307	370	45.35	54.65

Percentages rounded to nearest whole number

7.2. Parliamentary Staff in Post by Group (as at 31 March 2025)

Parliamentary Staff (Headcount)

These figures are based on head count as opposed to full time equivalent. The figures do not include inward secondees or agency staff.

Directorate	Total staff	Female	Male	% Female	% Male
Clerk/Chief Executive					
Chief Executive Office	5	4	1	80	20
Clerk/Chief Executive	1	0	1	0	100
International Relations Office	5	3	2	60	40
Lobbying Registrar	6	4	2	66.67	33.3
Presiding Officer Office	4	3	1	75	25
Head of Operations	1	0	1	0	100
Officeholders	1	1	0	100	0
Deputy Chief Executive Office					
Deputy Clerk/Chief Executive	1	1	0	100	0
Deputy Chief Executive Team	3	1	2	33.33	66.67
Parliamentary Business					
Broadcasting	17	3	14	17.65	82.35
Chamber Office	42	23	19	54.76	45.24
Committee Office	67	39	28	58.21	41.79
Legal Services	24	19	5	79.17	20.83
Official Report	39	22	17	56.41	43.59
SPICe	53	34	19	64.15	35.85
Director of Parliamentary Business	1	0	1	0	100
Head of Legislation and Parliamentary Operations	1	1	0	100	0
Head of Scrutiny	1	1	0	100	0
Solicitor to the Parliament	1	1	0	100	0
Operations and Digital					
BIT	61	27	34	44.26	55.74
Events and Exhibitions	11	7	4	63.64	36.36
Facilities Management	31	15	16	48.39	51.61
Information Management and Governance	6	4	2	66.67	33.33
Resilience	5	2	3	40	60
Security	102	39	63	38.24	61.76
Sustainability	2	1	1	50	50
Director of Operations and Digital	1	1	0	100	0
Head of Digital Services	1	0	1	0	100
Finance and Resilience					
Allowances	17	14	3	82.35	17.65
Finance	12	10	2	83.33	16.67
Procurement Services	10	5	5	50	50
Director of Finance and Resilience	2	1	1	50	50
Audit	1	0	1	0	100
People, Communications and Inclusion					
Organisational Development and Colleague Experience	9	6	3	66.67	33.33
Parliamentary Communications	21	11	10	52.38	47.62
Pay and Pensions	9	7	2	77.78	22.22
People Services	21	18	3	85.71	14.29
Public Engagement Services	44	30	14	68.18	31.82

Directorate	Total staff	Female	Male	% Female	% Male
Director of People, Communications and Inclusion	1	1	0	100	0
Participation and Communities	11	8	3	72.73	27.27
Centrally Managed Budget					
Centrally Managed Budget	18	16	2	88.89	11.11
Total Parliament Staff in Post					
	651	367	284	56.3	43.6
Total Parliament Staff (All - Including Centrally Managed Budget)					
	669	383	286	57.2	42.7

Parliament Staff (Full Time Equivalent)

These figures are based on full time equivalent (37-hour measure). The figures do not include inward secondees or agency staff.

Directorate	Total staff	Female	Male	% Female	% Male
Clerk/Chief Executive					
Chief Executive Office	4	3	1	75	25
Clerk/Chief Executive	1	0	1	0	100
International Relations Office	5	3	2	60	40
Lobbying Registrar	6	4	2	66.7	33.3
Presiding Officer Office	4	3	1	75	25
Head of Operations	1	0	1	0	100
Officeholders	0.86	0.9	0	100	0
Deputy Chief Executive Office					
Deputy Clerk/Chief Executive	1	1	0	100	0
Deputy Chief Executive Team	2	1	1	50	50
Parliamentary Business					
Broadcasting	13.63	2.7	10.9	19.8	80.2
Chamber Office	33.61	17	16.6	50.6	49.4
Committee Office	58.01	34.1	23.9	58.8	41.2
Legal Services	20.69	15.9	4.8	76.8	23.2
Official Report	32.18	16.5	15.7	51.3	48.7
SPICe	47.88	29.3	18.6	61.2	38.8
Director of Parliamentary Business	1	0	1	0	100
Head of Legislation and Parliamentary Operations	1	1	0	100	0
Head of Scrutiny	1	1	0	100	0
Solicitor to the Parliament	1	1	0	100	0
Operations and Digital					
BIT	57.98	24.6	33.4	42.4	57.6
Events and Exhibitions	10.81	7	3.8	64.8	35.2
Facilities Management	28.30	13.7	14.7	48.2	51.8
Information Management and Governance	5.30	3.3		62.3	37.7
Resilience	4.66	1.7	3	35.6	64.4
Security	93.67	34.1	59.5	36.4	63.6
Sustainability	1.86	0.9	1	46.2	53.8
Director of Operations and Digital	1	1	0	100	0
Head of Digital Services	1	0	1	0	100
Finance and Resilience					
Allowances	15.37	12.4	3	80.5	19.5
Finance	11.50	9.5	2	82.6	17.4
Procurement Services	9.92	4.9	5	49.6	50.4
Director of Finance and Resilience	1	1	0	100	0
Audit	1	0	1	0	100
People, Communications and Inclusion					
Organisational Development and Colleague Experience	7.24	4.9	2.4	67	33
Parliamentary Communications	19.69	9.7	10	49.2	50.8
Pay and Pensions	7.61	5.6	2	73.7	26.3
People Services	17.33	14.3	3	82.7	17.3
Public Engagement Services	31.97	20.6	11.4	64.3	35.7

Directorate	Total staff	Female	Male	% Female	% Male
Director of People, Communications and Inclusion	1.00	1	0	100	0
Participation and Communities	9.68	6.7	3	69	31
Centrally Managed Budget					
Centrally Managed Budget	9.80	8.8	1	89.8	10.2
Total Parliament Staff in Post					
	572.8	311.1	261.7	54.3	45.7
Total Parliament Staff (All - Including Centrally Managed Budget)					
	582.6	319.9	262.7	54.9	45.1

8. Outreach and External Engagement

8.1. Visitors

Visitors and Tours

	Visitor Numbers	Tour Numbers
May 24	20060	1519
Jun 24	17862	1249
Jul 24	20855	2582
Aug 24	20530	1421
Sep 24	16826	1269
Oct 24	15241	1586
Nov 24	12146	1096
Dec 24	6415	630
Jan 25	7709	637
Feb 25	8574	663
Mar 25	14589	1183
Apr 25	16565	1532
Total	177402	15367

* During the months May to August 'tour numbers' reflects the number of tours booked rather than actual attendance. Due to a change to the booking system, from September 23 onwards 'tour numbers' reflects attendance.

8.2. Public Enquiries

Public Enquiries

The figures for 'Public Enquiries' include enquiries by phone, email, letter, text message and in person.

	Public Enquiries	Switchboard Calls
May 24	569	914
Jun 24	470	848
Jul 24	466	744
Aug 24	441	784
Sep 24	470	1,023
Oct 24	659	1,160
Nov 24	520	942
Dec 24	337	533
Jan 25	507	912
Feb 25	420	772
Mar 25	612	1,177
Apr 25	535	908
Totals	6,006	10,717

While the switchboard was operating throughout this period, data is not available for June to 13 September because of changes in the system for extracting reports. The figure for September is, therefore, only a partial figure

8.3. Educational Visits and Outreach

School engagement through the Education Service, by academic year 2023/24

The pupil numbers are based on an average of 30 pupils for primary and secondary visits

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils
Sep 24	89	2670	19	570
Oct 24	29	870	8	240
Nov 24	64	660	23	690
Dec 24	30	900	15	450
Jan 25	36	1080	12	360
Feb 25	39	1170	8	240
Mar 25	48	1440	24	720
Apr 25	38	1140	6	180
May 25	58	1740	17	510
Jun 25	46	1290	11	330
Totals	474	12960	143	4290

FE / HE engagement through the Education Service, by academic year 2023/24

The student numbers are based on an average of 20 per FE/HE session

	FE/ HE Institutions	FE/ HE Students
Sep 24	2	40
Oct 24	2	40
Nov 24	0	0
Dec 24	3	60
Jan 25	7	140
Feb 25	2	40
Mar 25	6	120
Apr 25	1	20
May 25	2	40
Jun 25	2	40
Totals	27	540

Number of groups and visitors engaging with the Education Service

	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 24	110	3280
Oct 24	39	1150
Nov 24	87	1170
Dec 24	48	1410
Jan 25	55	1680
Feb 25	49	1450
Mar 25	78	2280
Apr 25	45	1340
May 25	77	2290
Jun 25	61	1760
Totals	648	17810

Number of sessions delivered to groups across visits to the Parliament, visits to schools and digital sessions

Visits to schools' reflects the total number of sessions held in schools. Multiple sessions may have been held at one or more schools.

	Visits to Holyrood	Visits to schools	Digital sessions
Sep 24	38	55	17
Oct 24	18	19	2
Nov 24	39	32	16
Dec 24	27	14	7
Jan 25	25	24	6
Feb 25	26	20	3
Mar 25	32	28	18
Apr 25	20	21	4
May 25	33	33	11
Jun 25	32	22	6
Totals	290	267	90

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
May 24 (from 13 May)	21	0	0
Jun 24	14	0	0
Jul 24	22	0	0
Aug 24	24	1	0
Sep 24	23	0	0
Oct 24	26	3	0
Nov 24	14	0	0
Dec 24	14	0	0
Jan 25	18	0	0
Feb 25	25	1	0
Mar 25	22	0	0
Apr 25	13	0	0
May 25 (until 12 May)	10	0	0
Totals	246	5	0

8.4.1. Environmental Information Requests

[The Environmental Information \(Scotland\) Regulations 2004](#) (the EIRs) provide public access to environmental information held by public authorities. The Regulations apply only to the environmental information held by public authorities. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOI(S)A) gives people access to most other types of information held by public authorities.

EIRs can be used to request information on:

- environmental information and statistics
- environmental policies and best practice
- carbon footprint information
- information about our grounds and environment at Holyrood

Environmental Information Requests

	Number of EIR Requests
May 24 (from 13 May)	1
Jun 24	0
Jul 24	0
Aug 24	0
Sep 24	1
Oct 24	2
Nov 24	0
Dec 24	0
Jan 25	0
Feb 25	0
Mar 25	0
Apr 25	0
May 25 (until 12 May)	0
Totals	4

8.5. Official Inward Visits and Outward Delegations

Official visits and delegations supported by the International Relations Office

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

	Official visits to the Parliament	Delegations to other Parliaments, Assemblies, Bodies
May 24 (from 13 May)	3	1
Jun 24	9	0
Jul 24	0	0
Aug 24	1	0
Sep 24	5	0
Oct 24	1	2
Nov 24	4	1
Dec 24	2	0
Jan 25	5	0
Feb 25	4	0
Mar 25	4	0
Apr 25	2	2
May 25 (until 12 May)	3	1
Total	43	7

8.6. Official Gifts

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

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