

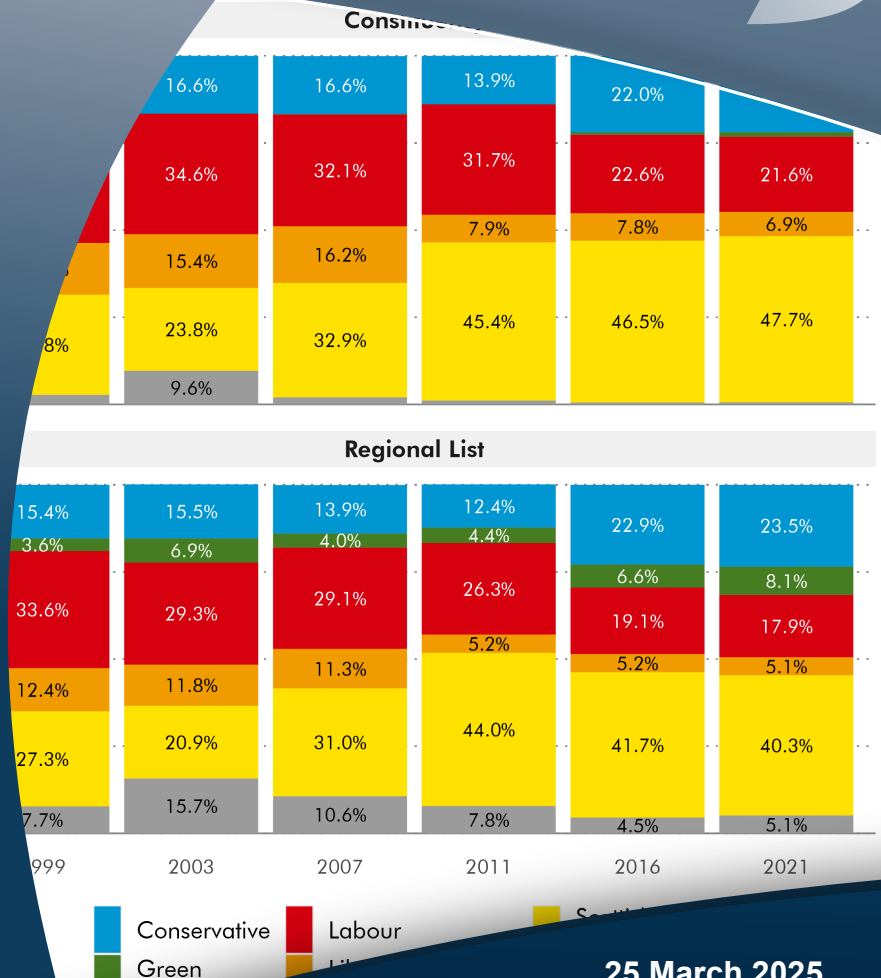


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# Scottish Parliament Statistics 2023-2024

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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 third parliamentary year of Session 6, 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024.

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## Introduction

This parliamentary year was the first time the Scottish Parliament held ‘Reconsideration Stage’ proceedings. The Scottish Parliament passed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (‘UNCRC Bill’) and the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (‘European Charter Bill’) on 16 March 2021 and 23 March 2021 respectively. Both Bills were subsequently referred to the Supreme Court by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland under section 33(1) of the Scotland Act 1998.

On 24 May 2022, the then Deputy First Minister, John Swinney MSP, announced in the Parliament that both Bills would return to the Parliament for reconsideration. The UNCRC Bill was finally passed, in amended form, on 7 December 2023. The European Charter Bill had not been submitted for reconsideration by the end of this parliamentary year.

On 17 January 2023, the Secretary of State for Scotland made an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 preventing the Presiding Officer from submitting the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill for Royal Assent. This meant that the Bill would not become law in its current form.

Legal proceedings on the Scottish Government’s challenge to the Secretary of State’s use of section 35 in relation to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill began in the Court of Session during early September 2023. On 8 December 2023, the Court of Session decided to reject the Scottish Government’s challenge.

A new approach to asking parliamentary questions was introduced in 2023. At the end of summer recess, the Presiding Officer wrote to all Members to set out time limits for asking and answering questions in the Chamber. This new approach meant questions would be put within 45 seconds and answers concluded within one minute. This resulted in an immediate increase in the number of questions asked, with a particular impact on those put to the First Minister at First Minister’s questions.

In February 2024, the Scottish Parliament introduced a year-long programme of engagement activities designed to celebrate 25 years of the Scottish Parliament. The 25th anniversary year also explored several themes from the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee’s [report on public participation](#). This work identified a gap in activities around making the Parliament visible in and engaged with local communities.

On 25 April 2024, the Scottish Cabinet agreed to end the 'Bute House agreement' with immediate effect. The original agreement set out how the Scottish Government and the Scottish Greens would work together for the duration of Session 6 and was the first of its type since devolution in Scotland. The First Minister also confirmed that the Scottish Government would govern as a minority government.

On 26 April 2024, the first ever Motion of No Confidence in the Scottish Government was lodged; it was taken in the Chamber on Wednesday on 1 May 2024. The motion was disagreed to (For 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70, Abstentions 0).

Humza Yousaf tendered his resignation as First Minister on 7 May 2024 after John Swinney was elected as the SNP's new leader. John Swinney was officially sworn into office as First Minister on 8 May 2024.

# Abbreviations

AGS - Auditor General for Scotland

Alba – The Alba Party

asp - Act of Scottish Parliament

BIPA - British Irish Parliamentary Assembly

C - Constituency

CALRE - Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies

CEEAC - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

CJ - Criminal Justice Committee

CLRAE - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

Con - Scottish Conservative & 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

CVDR - COVID-19 Recovery 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

F - Female

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

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

HMP – His Majesty’s Prison

Hrs - Hours

HSCS - Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Lab - Scottish Labour Party

LCM - Legislative Consent Memorandum

LD - Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

LGHP - Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

M - Male

M - Member’s Bill

Mins - Minutes

MP - Member of the UK Parliament

MS - Multiple Sclerosis

MSP - Member of the Scottish Parliament

n/a - not applicable, or not available

No. - Number

NPA - No Party Affiliation

NZET - Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

PA - Public Audit Committee

PE – Petition

PO – Presiding Officer

PY - Parliamentary year (13 May 2023–12 May 2024)

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

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

YOI – Young Offenders Institution

% - 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 2023, start of the third parliamentary year of Session 6

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	62	2	<b>64</b>
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	26	<b>31</b>
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	<b>22</b>
Scottish Green Party	0	7	<b>7</b>
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	<b>4</b>
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>129</b>

**As at 28 October 2023, following Ash Regan’s move to the Alba Party, following her resignation from the SNP**

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

**As at 9 February 2024, following the resignation of Donald Cameron**

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	61	2	<b>63</b>
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	25	<b>30</b>
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	<b>22</b>
Scottish Green Party	0	7	<b>7</b>
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	<b>4</b>
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	<b>1</b>
Alba Party	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>128</b>

**As at 13 February 2024, following the appointment of Tim Eagle**

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

## 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 third 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 **130** MSPs served during the third parliamentary year of Session 6.

## Alba Party

Ash Regan resigned from the SNP and joined the Alba Party on 28 October 2023

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Ash Regan (from 28 October 2023)	Edinburgh Eastern (C)

## Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Donald Cameron resigned on 9 February 2024 and was replaced by Tim Eagle who was appointed on 13 February 2024

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Jeremy Balfour	Lothian (R)
Miles Briggs	Lothian (R)
Alexander Burnett	Aberdeenshire West (C)
Donald Cameron (until 9 February 2024)	Highlands and Islands (R)
Jackson Carlaw	Eastwood (C)
Finlay Carson	Galloway and West Dumfries (C)
Sharon Dowey	South Scotland (R)
Tim Eagle (from 13 February 2024)	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	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)
Foysol 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

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

## Scottish National Party

Ash Regan resigned from the SNP and joined the Alba Party on 28 October 2023

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	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	Glasgow Shettleston (C)
Michael Matheson	Falkirk West (C)
Màiri McAllan	Clydesdale (C)
Ivan McKee	Glasgow Provan (C)
Christina McKelvie	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse (C)
Paul McLennan	East Lothian (C)
Stuart McMillan	Greenock and Inverclyde (C)

MSPs	Constituency or Region
Marie McNair	Clydebank and Milngavie (C)
Jenni Minto	Argyll and Bute (C)
Audrey Nicoll	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine (C)
Ash Regan (until 28 October 2023)	Edinburgh Eastern (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)

### 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 third 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)

### 1.3.4. MSPs by gender and ethnic minority background

#### MSPs by gender on 13 May 2023, start of the parliamentary year

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

#### MSPs by gender on 12 May 2024, end of the parliamentary year

Donald Cameron (Con) resigned on 9 February 2024 and was replaced by Tim Eagle (Con)

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

#### MSPs from ethnic minority backgrounds on 13 May 2023, start of the parliamentary year

There were no changes during the parliamentary year

	Female	Male	Total
From minority ethnic backgrounds	2	4	6

### 1.3.5. Female MSPs by Party

#### Female MSPs by Party on 13 May 2023, start of the parliamentary year

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	32	2	34	53	26
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1	8	9	29	7
Scottish Labour Party	1	9	10	45	8
Scottish Green Party	0	4	4	67	3
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	25	1
No Party Affiliation	0	1	1	100	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>46</b>

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

#### As at 28 October 2023, after Ash Regan left the SNP and joined the Alba Party

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	31	2	33	53	25
Scottish Labour Party	1	9	10	45	8
Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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 Party	1	0	1	100	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>46</b>

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

### 1.3.6. MSP Age Profile

#### Average ages of MSPs on 13 May 2023, start of the parliamentary year

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	53
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	51
Scottish Labour Party	49
Scottish Green Party	44
Scottish Liberal Democrats	56
No Party Affiliation	57
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	51
Males- all parties	51
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>51</b>

### Average ages of MSPs on 28 October 2023, following Ash Regan’s move to the Alba Party, following her resignation from the SNP

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	53
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	51
Scottish Labour Party	49
Scottish Green Party	44
Scottish Liberal Democrats	56
Alba Party	58
No Party Affiliation	49
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	51
Males- all parties	52
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>52</b>

### Average ages of MSPs on 9 February 2024, following the resignation of Donald Cameron

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	53
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	51
Scottish Labour Party	50
Scottish Green Party	45
Scottish Liberal Democrats	57
Alba Party	58
No Party Affiliation	49
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	52
Males- all parties	52
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>52</b>

### Average ages of MSPs on 13 February 2024, following the appointment of Tim Eagle MSP

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	53
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	51
Scottish Labour Party	50
Scottish Green Party	45
Scottish Liberal Democrats	57
Alba Party	58
No Party Affiliation	49
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	52
Males- all parties	52
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>52</b>

## Average ages of MSPs on 12 May 2024, end of the parliamentary year

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	54
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	52
Scottish Labour Party	50
Scottish Green Party	45
Scottish Liberal Democrats	57
Alba Party	58
No Party Affiliation	50
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	52
Males- all parties	52
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>52</b>

## 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 2023 to 12 May 2024**

SPCB Member	Meetings attended (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone)	22 (27)
Claire Baker (Lab)	25 (27)
Jackson Carlaw (Con)	26 (27)
Maggie Chapman (Green)	25 (27)
Christine Grahame (SNP)	22 (27)

**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)
- George Adam (SNP) (until 8 May 2024)

- Alexander Burnett (Con)
- Jamie Hepburn (SNP) (from 8 May 2024)
- Gillian Mackay (Green)
- 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>131</b>

### Oath and affirmations by gender, cumulative total for Session 6

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	47	25	72
Female	23	36	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>131</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>

## 2. Plenary Meetings

During the third parliamentary year of Session 6, 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024, the total time spent in plenary sessions was **464 hours 07 minutes**.

The Parliament sat on **108** calendar days

### 2.1. Calendar of Meetings (May 2023 to August 2023)

#### May 2023

The parliament sat on **8** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 16 May 2023	14:00	15:13	15:14	17:12	3	57
	17:14	18:00				
Wednesday 17 May 2023	14:00	17:29	17:31	18:34	4	32
Thursday 18 May 2023	11:40	12:48	12:50	13:16	4	42
	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:11		
Tuesday 23 May 2023	14:00	17:02	17:06	17:38	3	34
Wednesday 24 May 2023	14:00	17:12	17:16	17:48	3	44
Thursday 25 May 2023	11:40	12:51	12:52	13:34	4	52
	14:00	16:59				
Tuesday 30 May 2023	14:00	17:01	17:05	18:12	4	08
Wednesday 31 May 2023	14:00	17:11	17:13	18:02	4	00
<b>Total May 23 (from 13 May)</b>					<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>

## June 2023

The parliament sat on **13** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Thursday 1 June 2023	11:40	12:51	12:53	13:48	4	39
	14:30	17:03				
Tuesday 6 June 2023	14:00	17:00	17:02	18:04	4	02
Wednesday 7 June 2023	14:00	17:44	17:46	18:48	4	46
Thursday 8 June 2023	11:40	12:53	12:56	13:50	5	09
	14:00	16:59	17:01	17:04	3	54
Tuesday 13 June 2023	14:00	17:54				
Wednesday 14 June 2023	14:00	17:25	17:28	18:09	4	06
Thursday 15 June 2023	11:40	12:50	12:51	13:25	4	45
	14:00	17:01				
Tuesday 20 June 2023	14:00	17:32	17:33	18:38	4	37
Wednesday 21 June 2023	14:00	15:23	15:28	17:38	7	24
	17:53	20:41	20:56	21:59		
Thursday 22 June 2023	11:40	12:48	12:50	13:32	5	27
	14:00	17:33	17:35	17:39		
Tuesday 27 June 2023	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:40	3	37
Wednesday 28 June 2023	14:00	16:08	16:12	17:45	3	41
Thursday 29 June 2023	11:40	12:49	12:51	15:33	3	51
<b>Total June 2023</b>					<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>

There was no parliamentary business in July and August

## 2.1. Calendar of Meetings (September 2023 to December 2023)

### September 2023

The parliament sat on **12** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 5 September 2023	14:00	17:43			3	43
Wednesday 6 September 2023	13:59	17:01	17:04	18:12	4	08
Thursday 7 September 2023	11:40	12:48	12:50	13:41	5	55
	14:00	17:51	17:54	17:59		
Tuesday 12 September 2023	14:00	17:01	17:04	18:03	4	00
Wednesday 13 September 2023	14:00	17:12	17:14	18:03	4	01
Thursday 14 September 2023	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:45	5	06
	14:00	17:02				
Tuesday 19 September 2023	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:48	3	45
Wednesday 20 September 2023	14:00	17:16	17:18	18:17	4	15
Thursday 21 September 2023	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:24	4	28
	14:30	17:15				
Tuesday 26 September 2023	14:00	17:01	17:04	18:29	4	26
Wednesday 27 September 2023	14:00	15:07	15:12	19:12	5	07
Thursday 28 September 2023	11:40	12:50	12:51	13:37	4	26
	14:30	17:00				
<b>Total September 2023</b>					<b>53</b>	<b>20</b>

### October 2023

The parliament sat on **7** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 October 2023	14:00	17:02	17:05	17:48	3	45
Wednesday 4 October 2023	14:00	17:22	17:25	18:11	4	08
Thursday 5 October 2023	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:23	4	07
	14:30	16:55				
Tuesday 24 October 2023	14:00	18:12	18:15	19:12	5	09
Wednesday 25 October 2023	14:00	17:50	17:52	18:42	4	40
Thursday 26 October 2023	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:33	4	23
	14:30	17:02				
Tuesday 31 October 2023	14:00	17:15	17:17	18:29	4	27
<b>Total October 2023</b>					<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>

## November 2023

The parliament sat on **14** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 November 2023	14:00	17:10	17:12	17:49	3	47
Thursday 2 November 2023	11:40	12:48	12:49	13:48	4	38
	14:30	16:56	16:58	17:03		
Tuesday 7 November 2023	14:00	18:33			4	33
Wednesday 8 November 2023	14:00	17:11	17:13	18:04	4	02
Thursday 9 November 2023	11:40	12:50	12:52	13:51	4	44
	14:30	17:00	17:03	17:08		
Tuesday 14 November 2023	14:00	17:01	17:03	17:38	3	36
Wednesday 15 November 2023	14:00	17:17	17:20	18:19	4	16
Thursday 16 November 2023	11:40	12:49	12:51	13:41	5	10
	14:01	17:12				
Tuesday 21 November 2023	14:00	17:00	17:03	17:45	3	42
Wednesday 22 November 2023	14:00	17:29	17:31	18:27	4	25
Thursday 23 November 2023	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:18	4	28
	14:15	17:01	17:03	17:08		
Tuesday 28 November 2023	14:00	17:43			3	43
Wednesday 29 November 2023	14:00	17:44			3	44
Thursday 30 November 2023	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:26		
	14:30	17:02	17:04	17:07	4	19
<b>Total November 2023</b>					<b>59</b>	<b>07</b>

## 2.1. Calendar of Meetings (December 2023 to February 2024)

### December 2023

The parliament sat on **9** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 5 December 2023	14:00	16:52	16:54	17:50	3	48
Wednesday 6 December 2023	14:00	17:06	17:08	18:13	4	11
Thursday 7 December 2023	11:40	12:50	12:52	13:33	3	41
	14:30	16:17	16:20	16:23		
Tuesday 12 December 2023	14:00	17:40			3	40
Wednesday 13 December 2023	14:00	17:12	17:15	18:08	4	05
Thursday 14 December 2023	11:39	12:46	12:47	13:27	4	05
	14:30	16:53	16:55	17:00		
Tuesday 19 December 2023	14:00	17:51	17:54	18:51	4	48
Wednesday 20 December 2023	14:00	17:22	17:24	18:07	4	05
Thursday 21 December 2023	11:40	11:57	12:00	12:47	2	48
	12:48	13:40	13:43	14:35		
<b>Total December 2023</b>					<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>

## January 2024

The parliament sat on **11** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 9 January 2024	14:00	17:45			3	45
Wednesday 10 January 2024	14:00	16:57	16:59	17:45	3	43
Thursday 11 January 2024	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:38	4	33
	14:30	17:01	17:02	17:10		
Tuesday 16 January 2024	14:00	17:52	17:55	18:45	4	42
Wednesday 17 January 2024	14:00	17:15	17:16	18:06	4	05
Thursday 18 January 2024	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:27	4	21
	14:30	17:02	17:04	17:08		
Tuesday 23 January 2024	14:00	16:55	16:59	17:56	3	52
Wednesday 24 January 2024	14:00	17:02	17:05	17:56	3	53
Thursday 25 January 2024	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:37	4	31
	14:30	17:01	17:03	17:08		
Tuesday 30 January 2024	14:00	16:48	16:50	17:48	3	46
Wednesday 31 January 2024	14:00	17:16	17:18	18:23	4	21
<b>Total January 2024</b>					<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>

## February 2024

The parliament sat on **10** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Thursday 1 February 2024	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:21	4	25
	14:30	17:15				
Tuesday 6 February 2024	14:00	17:35			3	35
Wednesday 7 February 2024	14:00	16:59	17:01	17:42	3	40
Thursday 8 February 2024	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:47	5	11
	14:00	17:03	17:05	17:08		
Tuesday 20 February 2024	14:00	14:49	14:52	16:55	3	46
	16:58	17:52				
Wednesday 21 February 2024	14:00	17:16	17:19	18:23	4	20
Thursday 22 February 2024	11:40	12:54	12:55	13:53	5	23
	14:01	17:05	17:07	17:14		
Tuesday 27 February 2024	14:00	17:35	17:38	18:33	4	30
Wednesday 28 February 2024	14:00	17:32	17:34	18:21	4	19
Thursday 29 February 2024	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:36	5	01
	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:10		
<b>Total February 2024</b>					<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>

## 2.1. Calendar of Meetings (March 2024 to May 2024)

### March 2024

The parliament sat on 12 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 5 March 2024	14:00	17:04	17:07	17:53	3	50
Wednesday 6 March 2024	14:00	17:11	17:13	17:51	3	49
Thursday 7 March 2024	11:40	12:07	12:08	12:17	4	36
	12:17	12:24	12:24	12:28		
	12:29	12:33	12:34	12:37		
	12:37	12:40	12:40	12:48		
	12:48	12:53	12:53	12:57		
	12:59	13:34	14:30	17:18		
Tuesday 12 March 2024	14:00	17:40			3	40
Wednesday 13 March 2024	14:00	17:13	17:14	18:18	4	17
Thursday 14 March 2024	11:40	13:33	14:30	17:01	4	24
Tuesday 19 March 2024	14:00	14:59	15:04	16:43	6	09
	16:56	17:57	18:07	20:37		
Wednesday 20 March 2024	14:00	17:40	17:43	18:32	4	29
Thursday 21 March 2024	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:26	3	43
	14:15	16:10	16:12	16:15		
Tuesday 26 March 2024	14:00	14:30	14:41	14:41	4	28
	14:46	17:41	17:43	18:46		
Wednesday 27 March 2024	14:00	17:20	17:23	18:12	4	09
Thursday 28 March 2024	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:21	4	10
	14:30	17:00				
<b>Total March 2024</b>					<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>

### April 2024

The parliament sat on 7 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 16 April 2024	14:00	14:10	14:17	17:26	4	01
	17:30	18:12				
Wednesday 17 April 2024	14:00	17:19	17:21	18:57	4	55
Thursday 18 April 2024	11:40	12:58	12:59	13:37	4	58
	14:00	17:00	17:03	17:05		
Tuesday 23 April 2024	14:00	17:33	17:36	18:35	4	32
Wednesday 24 April 2024	14:00	15:21	15:27	16:50	5	40
	17:02	19:58				
Thursday 25 April 2024	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:37	3	25
	14:30	15:56	15:58	16:01		
Tuesday 30 April 2024	14:00	14:13	14:18	16:51	3	31
	16:53	17:38				
<b>Total April 2024</b>					<b>31</b>	<b>02</b>

## May 2024

The parliament sat on **5** days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 May 2024	14:00	15:27	15:30	17:49	3	46
Thursday 2 May 2024	11:40	12:49	12:54	14:01	4	28
	14:30	16:42				
Tuesday 7 May 2024	14:00	14:11	14:16	14:49	2	34
	15:00	15:22	15:27	15:35		
	15:38	16:58				
Wednesday 8 May 2024	14:00	17:42	17:43	18:31	4	30
Thursday 9 May 2024	11:40	12:50	12:52	13:36	4	37
	14:00	14:34	14:39	15:02		
	15:05	16:51				
<b>Total May 24 (until 12 May)</b>					<b>19</b>	<b>55</b>

## 2.2. Recess Dates

First day of recess	Last day of recess
1 July 2023	3 September 2023
7 October 2023	22 October 2023
23 December 2023	7 January 2024
10 February 2024	18 February 2024
30 March 2024	14 April 2024

## 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 third parliamentary year Session 6, 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024 , the total time spent on parliamentary business was **464 hours 07 mins**

### 3.1.1. Time Spent on Bills

This section contains a breakdown of time spent on Bills. For more information on each bill, [see Chapter 5](#).

#### Total Time Spent on Bills

Bill Type	Time Hrs:Mins
Government (excluding Emergency Bills)	55:36
Emergency	0:00
Members'	5:22
Committee	0:00
Hybrid	0:00
Private	0:00
<b>Total</b>	<b>60:58</b>

#### Time spent on Government Bills (excludes Emergency Government Bills)

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	14	26	47
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	9	21	20
Business Motions	3	0	05
Financial Resolutions	7	0	07
Motion to pass	5	5	57
Reconsideration Stage	1	0	15
Reconsideration Stage - Motion to pass	1	1	05
<b>Total time spent on Government Bills (excluding Emergency Bills)</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>

#### Time spent on Emergency Bills

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

No time was spent on Emergency Bills.

### Time spent on Members' Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	3	5	22
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Financial Resolution	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Members' Bills</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>

### 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)	11	1	17
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
Withdrawal of Scottish Statutory Instruments	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Statutory Instruments</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>

## 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	11	3	04
Public Body Consent Memorandums	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on other Motions</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>04</b>

### 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)	50	2	29
Committee establishment and membership	12	0	08
Designation of lead committee	15	0	08
Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders	0	0	0
Amendment to Standing Orders	0	0	0
Suspension of Standing Orders	3	0	02
<b>Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>

### 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	48	93	27
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	10	23	12
Scottish Labour Party	8	16	25
Scottish Green Party	0	0	00
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	2	18
Alba Party	0	0	00
Committee	14	26	42
Members' Business	105	77	00
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	1	0	02
<b>Total time spent on Motions</b>		<b>239</b>	<b>06</b>

### 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	0	0	00
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	0	0	00
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	0	0	00
Gender -sensitive Audit Board	1	1	58
<b>Total time spent on Debates without Motions</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>

### 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	36	11	52
Topical Question Time	36	11	24
Portfolio Question Time	70	46	43
First Minister's Question Time	36	28	32
Urgent Question Time	8	1	46
Urgent Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) Question Time	0	0	0
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) Question Time	3	0	59
<b>Total time spent on question times</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>16</b>

### 3.1.8. Time spent on Statements

#### Statements

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government Statements	43	32	11
Presiding Officer Statements	2	0	35
Personal Statements	2	0	02
<b>Total time spent on statements</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>

### 3.1.9. Time spent on Other Matters

#### Other Matters

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Decision Time	106	10	30
Points of order	61	2	35
Committee announcement	4	0	13
Time for Reflection	36	2	13
Motion without notice	44	0	30
Election of First Minister	1	0	58
Elections/ Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	3	1	17
Oaths and Affirmations	1	0	01
Complaint	1	0	16
Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator	1	0	01
Motion of Condolence	1	1	10
Motion of No Confidence	2	0	29
Anniversary of the Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II	1	0	04
Environmental Standards Scotland (Appointment of Board Members)	1	0	01
Poverty and Inequality Commission (Chair)	2	0	01
Appointment of Scottish Information Commissioner	1	0	02
Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners	1	0	29
Standards Commission for Scotland (Appointment of Member)	1	0	02
His Majesty the King	1	0	01
<b>Total time spent on other matters</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>53</b>

### 3.2. Time for Reflection

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

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
Baptist	1	0	1
Christian	3	1	4
Church of Scotland	4	4	8
Episcopal	1	0	1
Free Church of Scotland	2	0	2
Interfaith	1	0	1
Jesuit	1	0	1
Jewish	2	0	2
Muslim	1	0	1
Non-Faith	5	5	9
Pagan	0	1	1
Pentecostal	1	0	1
Quaker	1	0	1
Roman Catholic	1	1	2
Scottish Iranian Association	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>

## 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 **265**.

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 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	7	12	0	0	11	4	10
Con	6	9	0	0	9	4	13
Lab	2	9	0	0	7	4	13
Green	0	3	0	0	2	1	1
LD	0	2	0	0	3	3	0
Alba	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	7	5	15	8	4	6	89
Con	8	6	8	8	5	5	81
Lab	3	8	8	8	3	4	69
Green	1	1	0	3	3	1	16
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Alba	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>265</b>

### 3.3.1.(b) First Minister's questions

The total number of First Minister's questions selected during the parliamentary year was **209**.

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 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	2	6	0	0	5	2	7
Con	4	11	0	0	9	4	11
Lab	4	9	0	0	7	4	9
Green	1	3	0	0	2	1	2
LD	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Alba	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	3	4	4	4	2	1	40
Con	6	7	8	9	4	3	76
Lab	6	5	8	8	4	2	66
Green	2	1	2	2	0	1	17
LD	1	1	2	1	1	0	10
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>209</b>

### 3.3.1.(c) Portfolio questions

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

From 1 May 2023

Week 1: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero and Just Transition

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

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

From 4 September 2023

Week 1: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero and Just Transition

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

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

Week 1: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

Week 2: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero and Just Transition

Week 3: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Social Justice

From 8 January 2024

Week 1: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

Week 2: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business; Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

Week 3: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Social Justice

From 19 February 2024

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

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

From 4 March 2024

Week 1: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business; Transport

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

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

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

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

Week 3: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business; Transport

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

The total number of portfolio questions answered during the parliamentary year was **784**.

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

### Portfolio questions

Party	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	21	36	0	0	40	23	44
Con	13	37	0	0	26	12	36
Lab	15	19	0	0	18	7	24
Green	5	3	0	0	7	2	3
LD	1	3	0	0	0	0	2
Alba	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>109</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	27	30	32	35	16	13	<b>317</b>
Con	15	31	16	34	15	19	<b>254</b>
Lab	19	10	17	17	9	9	<b>164</b>
Green	3	2	4	1	0	1	<b>31</b>
LD	0	0	4	0	2	2	<b>14</b>
Alba	1	1	0	1	0	1	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>784</b>

### 3.3.1.(d) Topical questions

The total number of topical questions selected during the parliamentary year was **79**.

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

Party	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Con	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
Lab	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Alba	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	1	2	1	2	1	0	8
Con	3	4	3	4	3	1	36
Lab	1	3	2	4	3	1	32
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>79</b>

#### 3.3.1.(e) Urgent questions

The total number of urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was **8**.

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

#### Urgent Questions

Party	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Con	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lab	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Con	0	1	0	2	0	0	6
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

### 3.3.1.(f) SPCB questions

The total number of SPCB questions answered during the parliamentary year was **28**

Total number of SPCB oral questions which were withdrawn during the parliamentary year was **0**

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

Party	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
Con	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alba	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	0	0	4	0	0	0	<b>10</b>
Con	0	0	6	0	0	0	<b>12</b>
Lab	0	0	2	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>

### 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 **9063**. This does not include **15** written questions that were withdrawn.

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

Party	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	19	80	39	35	35	37	43
Con	285	583	282	204	405	291	404
Lab	142	354	281	255	432	242	326
Green	9	27	16	17	19	13	12
LD	21	38	71	68	61	54	44
Alba	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>838</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	31	58	26	89	46	44	<b>582</b>
Con	372	328	359	236	190	109	<b>4048</b>
Lab	308	319	393	276	264	77	<b>3669</b>
Green	16	9	9	14	13	34	<b>208</b>
LD	41	28	19	26	15	22	<b>508</b>
Alba	4	21	4	1	1	8	<b>48</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>9063</b>

### 3.3.2.(b) Written questions to the SPCB

The total number of written questions to the SPCB lodged during the parliamentary year was **31**.

#### Written questions to the SPCB

Party	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
SNP	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Con	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Lab	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Alba	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>

Party	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
SNP	0	0	2	1	0	0	<b>6</b>
Con	0	1	1	1	0	0	<b>9</b>
Lab	4	1	1	1	0	0	<b>14</b>
Green	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Alba	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>

## 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 **4193**. This does not include **23** motions that were withdrawn.

### 3.4.1. Motions by Party

#### Motions lodged by Party, 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	Alba
May 23 (from 13 May)	117	67	46	13	7	n/a
Jun 23	262	234	68	21	14	n/a
Jul 23	95	77	33	10	3	n/a
Aug 23	97	69	28	2	6	n/a
Sep 23	172	140	51	11	10	n/a
Oct 23	145	119	37	17	8	0
Nov 23	226	131	56	11	14	1
Dec 23	89	68	35	11	3	2
Jan 24	120	86	32	7	5	1
Feb 24	159	69	34	14	11	1
Mar 24	141	107	41	15	7	0
Apr 24	167	99	35	11	4	2
May 24 (until 12 May)	35	41	16	4	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1825</b>	<b>1307</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>7</b>

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 2023 to 12 May 2024

	Committee	Parliamentary Bureau	SPCB	Lord Advocate	Solicitor General
May 23 (from 13 May)	1	23	0	0	0
Jun 23	0	36	0	0	0
Jul 23	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 23	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 23	0	22	0	0	0
Oct 23	0	20	0	0	0
Nov 23	0	31	0	0	0
Dec 23	0	17	0	0	0
Jan 24	0	18	0	0	0
Feb 24	0	19	0	0	0
Mar 24	0	33	0	0	0
Apr 24	0	21	0	0	0
May 24 (until 12 May)	0	5	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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	18	0	18
to change decision time	25	0	25
that rule 13.8 of standing orders be varied to enable an urgent question to be lodged later than 10 am [on that day]	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>

### 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	3	S6M-10342; S6M-10960; S6M-11310.1
Suspension and variation of standing orders	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	

### 3.4.4. Members' Business Motions

The total number of Members' Business debates during the parliamentary year was **106**.

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	29	23	<b>52</b>
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	5	19	<b>24</b>
Scottish Labour Party	8	11	<b>19</b>
Scottish Green Party	4	3	<b>7</b>
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	3	<b>4</b>
Alba Party	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>106</b>

### 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:

- **11** Legislative Consent Memorandums published
- **6** Supplementary memorandums published
- **8** Legislative Consent Motions lodged

- **7** Legislative Consent Motions passed
- **1** Legislative Consent Motions withheld
- **5** 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 third parliamentary year of Session 6.

## **3.5. Ministerial Statements**

The total number of Ministerial Statements during the parliamentary year was **51**.

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	2
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery	0
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance	5
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	4
Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care	3
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care	0
Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy	3
Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy	3
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy	0
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs	5
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans	0
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands	1
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	0
Cabinet Secretary for Transport	0
Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition	4
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice	4
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government	0
Minister for Independence	0
Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy	3
Minister for Drugs Policy	0
Minister for Parliamentary Business	0
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade	0
Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise	0
Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance	2
Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning	0
Minister for Public Health and Women's Health	3
Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport	1
Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport	0
Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care	0
Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise	0
Minister for Environment and Land Reform	0
Minister for Transport	1
Minister for Victims and Community Safety	1
Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development	0
Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights	1
Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity	2
Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees	0
Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans	1
Minister for Further and Higher Education, Youth Employment and Training	0
Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work	0
Minister for Energy, Just Transition and Fair Work	0
Minister for Energy and Environment	1
Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity	0
Minister for Housing	0
Lord Advocate	1
Solicitor General	0

Cabinet Secretary, Minister or Law Officer	Number of Statements
Total	51

## 3.6. Committee Announcements

Committee announcements were introduced as a result of the Commission on Parliamentary Reform's recommendation that committees be allowed 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 **4**.

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

### Committee Announcements

Committee	Number of announcements
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee	2
Economy and Fair Work Committee	1
Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

## 3.7. Presiding Officer's Rulings and Statements

The Presiding Officer made **1** ruling during the parliamentary year:

- On 31 May 2023, the Presiding Officer made a ruling that she understood that embargoed copies of a report were provided to assist members in their preparation for the debate.

The Presiding Officer made **1** statement during the parliamentary year:

- On 22 June 2023, the Presiding Officer made a statement that Members would be deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Winnie Ewing, and she had asked for the flags outside the Parliament to be lowered that day as a mark of respect.

## 3.8. Votes

### 3.8.1. Electronic Votes

The total number of electronic votes during the parliamentary year was **362**

## Electronic Votes

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

	Electronic votes
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	19
Jun 23	55
Jul 23	0
Aug 23	0
Sept 23	43
Oct 23	17
Nov 23	29
Dec 23	22
Jan 24	26
Feb 24	26
Mar 24	75
Apr 24	37
May 24 (until 12 May)	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>362</b>

### 3.8.2. Proxy Votes

On 6 December 2022 the Parliament agreed to Motion S6M-07078 which introduced a pilot proxy voting scheme, with effect from 4 January 2023.

The scheme is set out in the Scottish Parliament Standing Orders Temporary Rule 5 – Proxy Voting Pilot 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:

- Illness where the Member is unable to attend the Parliament (when a Member has a severe illness, requires medical intervention or has an illness that prevents them from attending the Parliament for a sustained period of time).
- Parental leave (including mothers and fathers taking leave in relation to the birth or adoption of a child; Members fostering or taking on a kinship role; and Members who experience complications relating to pregnancy).
- Bereavement

A Member can designate any other Member as their proxy. A Member can only designate one proxy at a time.

## Use of a proxy vote

Date	Cast by	On behalf of
10 January 2023	Kaukab Stewart	Stuart McMillan
02 February 2023	George Adam	Jamie Hepburn

### 3.8.3. Presiding Officer's Exercise of a Casting Vote

There were **0** instances of the Presiding Officer using a casting vote during parliamentary year.

## 4. Committees

### Committee Abbreviations

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

### 4.1. Committee Membership

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.

MSPs marked as \* served as Ministers, PO or DPOs during this parliamentary year and would not have served on committees during that time. Dates of service are given under each individual committee in section 4.3.

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

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

MSP	Convener	Deputy Convener	Committee Member	Substitute Member
Oliver Mundell			DPLR, SPPA	CPPP
Audrey Nicoll	CJ			CEEAC, FPA
Paul O'Kane			EHRCJ, SJSS	
Ash Regan			NZET, EFW	CVDR
Willie Rennie			ECYP	
Angus Robertson*				
Shona Robison*				
Emma Roddick*				
Douglas Ross				
Alex Rowley			CVDR	LGHP
Mark Ruskell			NZET, CEEAC	EHRCJ, RAI
Anas Sarwar				
Graham Simpson			EFW, PA	CEEAC, LGHP, NZET
Lorna Slater*				
Liz Smith			FPA	EFW
Colin Smyth			EFW, DPLR	SPPA, PA
Shirley-Anne Somerville*				
Collette Stevenson	SJSS		CJ	NZET
Alexander Stewart		CEEAC	SPPA, CPPP, CEEAC,	DPLR
Kaukab Stewart*	EHRCJ			
Kevin Stewart*			EFW	EHRCJ, CEEAC
Nicola Sturgeon				
Paul Sweeney		HSCS		CPPP
John Swinney*		CJ		
Michelle Thomson			EFW, FPA, ECYP	
Maree Todd*				
David Torrance		CPPP	HSCS	SJSS
Evelyn Tweed			HSCS, SPPA, EFW, EHRCJ	RAI
Mercedes Villalba			DPLR	RAI
Sue Webber	ECYP			HSCS
Annie Wells			LGHP, SPPA, EHRCJ	
Tess White			HSCS	SJSS
Martin Whitfield	SPPA			ECYP
Elena Whitham*			RAI	
Brian Whittle			CVDR, EFW	NZET, LGHP
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	50
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	36
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	49
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	6
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	23
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	4
Substitute Member of only 1 Committee	11
Substitute Member of 2 Committees	5

### 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) (from 20 February 2024)
- Clare Adamson (SNP)
- Claire Baker (Lab)
- Ariane Burgess (Green)
- Jackson Carlaw (Con)

- Finlay Carson (Con)
- Jim Fairlie (SNP) (20 April 2023 – 14 July 2023)
- Kenneth Gibson (SNP) (until 15 May 2023); (from 20 June 2023)
- Clare Haughey (SNP)
- Richard Leonard (Lab)
- John Mason (SNP) (23 May 2023 – 19 June 2023)
- Stuart McMillan (SNP)
- Edward Mountain (Con)
- Audrey Nicoll (SNP)
- Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (until 12 February 2024)
- Collette Stevenson (SNP)
- Sue Webber (Con)
- 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 third parliamentary year of Session 6.

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	Alba
Conveners	10	4	3	1	0	0
Acting Conveners	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy Conveners	12	6	2	1	1	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 third parliamentary year of Session 6

	Male	Female
Conveners	10	9
Acting Conveners	0	0
Deputy Conveners	17	5

## 4.2. Committee Meetings

### 4.2.1. Number of Committee Meetings

The total number of committee meetings held during the parliamentary year was **493**

#### Number of committee meetings held, by each committee (13 May 23 to November 23)

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

	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
<b>CPPP</b>	2	2	0	0	2	2	2
<b>CEEAC</b>	2	5	0	0	4	2	5
<b>CVDR</b>	1	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>CJ</b>	3	3	0	0	4	2	6
<b>DPLR</b>	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
<b>EFW</b>	3	4	0	0	3	2	4
<b>ECYP</b>	3	4	0	0	3	2	4
<b>EHRCJ</b>	3	1	0	0	3	3	4
<b>FPA</b>	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
<b>HSCS</b>	3	4	0	0	5	3	5
<b>LGHP</b>	3	2	0	0	4	3	3
<b>NZET</b>	3	4	0	0	4	3	4
<b>PA</b>	1	5	0	0	4	2	5
<b>RAI</b>	3	3	0	0	4	2	5
<b>SJSS</b>	1	5	0	0	5	2	6
<b>SPPA</b>	1	3	0	0	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63</b>

[List of Committee abbreviations](#)

## Number of committee meetings held, by each committee (November 23 to 12 May 24)

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

	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
<b>CPPP</b>	2	1	2	2	1	2	<b>20</b>
<b>CEEAC</b>	2	3	2	4	0	2	<b>31</b>
<b>CVDR</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>4</b>
<b>CJ</b>	3	5	4	4	2	2	<b>38</b>
<b>DPLR</b>	2	4	3	4	3	1	<b>35</b>
<b>EFW</b>	2	4	3	4	1	2	<b>32</b>
<b>ECYP</b>	1	4	3	3	2	2	<b>31</b>
<b>EHRCJ</b>	3	3	3	3	2	0	<b>28</b>
<b>FPA</b>	3	6	2	4	3	1	<b>37</b>
<b>HSCS</b>	3	3	3	4	3	2	<b>38</b>
<b>LGHP</b>	3	4	3	3	3	1	<b>32</b>
<b>NZET</b>	3	4	4	4	3	1	<b>37</b>
<b>PA</b>	2	3	4	4	2	2	<b>34</b>
<b>RAI</b>	3	3	3	3	1	2	<b>32</b>
<b>SJSS</b>	2	2	4	4	2	2	<b>35</b>
<b>SPPA</b>	2	1	4	3	2	2	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>488</b>

[List of Committee abbreviations](#)

## Total number of meetings by committee

Committee	Number of meetings
CPPP	20
CEEAC	31
CVDR	4
CJ	38
DPLR	35
EFW	32
ECYP	31
EHRCJ	28
FPA	37
HSCS	38
LGHP	32
NZET	37
PA	34
RAI	32
SJSS	35
SPPA	24
<b>Total number of committee meetings</b>	<b>488</b>

[List of Committee abbreviations](#)

## Number of committee meetings by month

	Number of meetings
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	38
Jun 23	56
Jul 23	0
Aug 23	0
Sep 23	55
Oct 23	36
Nov 23	63
Dec 23	36
Jan 24	50
Feb 24	47
Mar 24	53
Apr 24	30
May 24 (until 12 May)	24
<b>Total number of committee meetings</b>	<b>488</b>

## 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 h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
CPPP	32:57	04:10	<b>37:07</b>
CEEAC	41:31	09:33	<b>51:04</b>
CVDR	04:32	01:15	<b>05:47</b>
CJ	72:02	31:00	<b>103:02</b>
DPLR	20:36	16:40	<b>37:16</b>
EFW	52:31	15:45	<b>68:16</b>
ECYP	62:03	23:13	<b>85:16</b>
EHRCJ	30:22	22:37	<b>52:59</b>
FPA	71:13	09:49	<b>81:02</b>
HSCS	65:09	35:04	<b>100:13</b>
LGHP	73:26	14:56	<b>88:22</b>
NZET	65:46	40:10	<b>105:56</b>
PA	58:21	20:32	<b>78:53</b>
RAI	67:15	25:53	<b>93:08</b>
SJSS	48:39	20:13	<b>68:52</b>
SPPAC	14:48	21:06	<b>35:54</b>

[List of committee abbreviations](#)

### 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
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	55:27	23:37	79:04
Jun 23	82:38	36:31	119:09
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	86:54	39:09	126:03
Oct 23	53:58	22:33	76:31
Nov 23	113:06	31:14	144:20
Dec 23	54:52	23:36	78:28
Jan 24	89:13	23:56	113:09
Feb 24	70:08	37:12	107:20
Mar 24	81:09	41:59	123:08
Apr 24	42:52	21:43	64:35
May 24 (until 12 May)	50:54	10:26	61:20
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>781:11</b>	<b>311:56</b>	<b>1093:07</b>

### 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
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	03:04	00:45	03:49
Jun 23	04:41	00:05	04:46
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	02:13	00:19	02:32
Oct 23	03:11	00:27	03:38
Nov 23	02:45	00:03	02:48
Dec 23	02:45	00:35	03:20
Jan 24	02:26	00:11	02:37
Feb 24	04:06	00:31	04:37
Mar 24	03:17	00:33	03:50
Apr 24	02:05	00:21	02:26
May 24 (until 12 May)	02:24	00:20	02:44
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>32:57</b>	<b>04:10</b>	<b>37:07</b>

## Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

CEEAC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	03:04	00:45	03:49
Jun 23	04:41	00:05	04:46
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	02:13	00:19	02:32
Oct 23	03:11	00:27	03:38
Nov 23	02:45	00:03	02:48
Dec 23	02:45	00:35	03:20
Jan 24	02:26	00:11	02:37
Feb 24	04:06	00:31	04:37
Mar 24	03:17	00:33	03:50
Apr 24	02:05	00:21	02:26
May 24 (until 12 May)	02:24	00:20	02:44
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>32:57</b>	<b>04:10</b>	<b>37:07</b>

## COVID-19 Recovery Committee

CVDR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	00:00	00:16	00:16
Jun 23	04:32	00:59	05:31
Jul 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Aug 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sep 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nov 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Feb 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr 24	n/a	n/a	n/a
May 24 (until 12 May)	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>04:32</b>	<b>01:15</b>	<b>05:47</b>

### Criminal Justice Committee

CJ	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	07:04	01:21	08:25
Jun 23	03:43	00:52	04:35
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	07:52	01:53	09:45
Oct 23	04:28	00:54	05:22
Nov 23	12:06	04:07	16:13
Dec 23	05:07	01:10	06:17
Jan 24	15:15	00:36	15:51
Feb 24	06:33	05:49	12:22
Mar 24	01:02	12:34	13:36
Apr 24	03:33	00:53	04:26
May 24 (until 12 May)	05:19	00:51	06:10
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>72:02</b>	<b>31:00</b>	<b>103:02</b>

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

DPLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	04:33	01:09	05:42
Jun 23	01:42	02:18	04:00
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	01:03	02:25	03:28
Oct 23	02:17	01:42	03:59
Nov 23	02:49	01:55	04:44
Dec 23	00:03	00:46	00:49
Jan 24	00:09	02:10	02:19
Feb 24	00:13	00:37	00:50
Mar 24	00:55	01:59	02:54
Apr 24	05:36	01:10	06:46
May 24 (until 12 May)	01:16	00:29	01:45
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>20:36</b>	<b>16:40</b>	<b>37:16</b>

## Economy and Fair Work Committee

EFW	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	01:48	01:53	03:41
Jun 23	04:33	02:40	07:13
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	05:47	01:22	07:09
Oct 23	03:03	00:32	03:35
Nov 23	10:06	01:29	11:35
Dec 23	04:38	01:11	05:49
Jan 24	05:20	02:04	07:24
Feb 24	04:06	01:50	05:56
Mar 24	06:39	01:46	08:25
Apr 24	01:27	00:17	01:44
May 24 (until 12 May)	05:04	00:41	05:45
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>52:31</b>	<b>15:45</b>	<b>68:16</b>

## Education, Children and Young People Committee

ECYP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	02:31	04:39	07:10
Jun 23	05:44	04:29	10:13
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	06:56	02:09	09:05
Oct 23	02:04	01:06	03:10
Nov 23	09:41	01:56	11:37
Dec 23	01:43	00:52	02:35
Jan 24	11:53	01:15	13:08
Feb 24	06:35	01:10	07:45
Mar 24	06:55	01:49	08:44
Apr 24	01:40	03:07	04:47
May 24 (until 12 May)	06:21	00:41	07:02
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>62:03</b>	<b>23:13</b>	<b>85:16</b>

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

<b>EHRCJ</b>	<b>Public h:min</b>	<b>Private h:min</b>	<b>Total h:min</b>
May 23 (from 13 May)	03:11	03:09	06:20
Jun 23	02:11	00:14	02:25
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	01:08	05:55	07:03
Oct 23	05:10	01:00	06:10
Nov 23	07:03	01:06	08:09
Dec 23	01:05	02:56	04:01
Jan 24	02:27	02:46	05:13
Feb 24	01:06	02:42	03:48
Mar 24	03:06	02:24	05:30
Apr 24	03:55	00:25	04:20
May 24 (until 12 May)	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>30:22</b>	<b>22:37</b>	<b>52:59</b>

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

<b>FPA</b>	<b>Public h:min</b>	<b>Private h:min</b>	<b>Total h:min</b>
May 23 (from 13 May)	05:41	00:53	06:34
Jun 23	07:18	01:51	09:09
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	10:39	00:36	11:15
Oct 23	03:46	01:03	04:49
Nov 23	06:17	01:16	07:33
Dec 23	06:05	00:33	06:38
Jan 24	12:13	01:18	13:31
Feb 24	04:21	00:33	04:54
Mar 24	08:40	01:14	09:54
Apr 24	03:37	00:32	04:09
May 24 (until 12 May)	02:36	00:00	02:36
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>71:13</b>	<b>09:49</b>	<b>81:02</b>

## Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

HSCS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	06:50	01:36	08:26
Jun 23	08:09	03:24	11:33
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	07:19	04:15	11:34
Oct 23	06:53	02:12	09:05
Nov 23	08:25	02:21	10:46
Dec 23	05:11	02:41	07:52
Jan 24	02:10	06:17	08:27
Feb 24	05:33	03:42	09:15
Mar 24	09:10	02:47	11:57
Apr 24	00:25	04:53	05:18
May 24 (until 12 May)	05:04	00:56	06:00
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>65:09</b>	<b>35:04</b>	<b>100:13</b>

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

LGHP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	06:51	00:19	07:10
Jun 23	03:08	00:48	03:56
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	10:52	01:05	11:57
Oct 23	06:57	01:34	08:31
Nov 23	06:40	01:20	08:00
Dec 23	05:59	03:49	09:48
Jan 24	09:34	01:50	11:24
Feb 24	06:25	02:22	08:47
Mar 24	06:33	00:43	07:16
Apr 24	07:22	01:02	08:24
May 24 (until 12 May)	03:05	00:04	03:09
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>73:26</b>	<b>14:56</b>	<b>88:22</b>

**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**

<b>NZET</b>	<b>Public h:min</b>	<b>Private h:min</b>	<b>Total h:min</b>
May 23 (from 13 May)	03:59	03:31	07:30
Jun 23	03:46	07:57	11:43
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	06:15	04:12	10:27
Oct 23	06:45	01:45	08:30
Nov 23	10:59	01:45	12:44
Dec 23	05:06	03:34	08:40
Jan 24	09:53	02:12	12:05
Feb 24	01:55	09:26	11:21
Mar 24	09:50	01:26	11:16
Apr 24	03:57	04:22	08:19
May 24 (until 12 May)	03:21	00:00	03:21
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>65:46</b>	<b>40:10</b>	<b>105:56</b>

**Public Audit Committee**

<b>PA</b>	<b>Public h:min</b>	<b>Private h:min</b>	<b>Total h:min</b>
May 23 (from 13 May)	01:08	00:55	02:03
Jun 23	07:51	02:40	10:31
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	06:58	02:59	09:57
Oct 23	02:44	01:48	04:32
Nov 23	09:02	01:56	10:58
Dec 23	03:36	01:05	04:41
Jan 24	05:37	01:24	07:01
Feb 24	06:53	02:54	09:47
Mar 24	08:33	01:37	10:10
Apr 24	03:07	01:13	04:20
May 24 (until 12 May)	02:52	02:01	04:53
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>58:21</b>	<b>20:32</b>	<b>78:53</b>

## Rural Affairs and Islands

RAI	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	05:55	01:05	07:00
Jun 23	09:42	00:54	10:36
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	05:58	04:37	10:35
Oct 23	01:34	03:05	04:39
Nov 23	09:20	05:51	15:11
Dec 23	08:58	00:42	09:40
Jan 24	04:58	00:02	05:00
Feb 24	12:38	00:52	13:30
Mar 24	01:27	07:52	09:19
Apr 24	01:45	00:53	02:38
May 24 (until 12 May)	05:00	00:00	05:00
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>67:15</b>	<b>25:53</b>	<b>93:08</b>

## Social Justice and Social Security Committee

SJSS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	01:37	00:17	01:54
Jun 23	08:22	01:15	09:37
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	08:37	03:27	12:04
Oct 23	02:18	02:11	04:29
Nov 23	08:02	04:00	12:02
Dec 23	01:30	01:44	03:14
Jan 24	02:15	00:36	02:51
Feb 24	03:47	02:13	06:00
Mar 24	06:28	02:45	09:13
Apr 24	02:05	00:47	02:52
May 24 (until 12 May)	03:38	00:58	04:36
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>48:39</b>	<b>20:13</b>	<b>68:52</b>

## Standards, Procedure and Public Appointments Committee

SPPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	00:05	00:46	00:51
Jun 23	00:13	04:28	04:41
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	00:15	01:34	01:49
Oct 23	01:17	01:35	02:52
Nov 23	02:17	01:09	03:26
Dec 23	00:15	01:41	01:56
Jan 24	00:03	00:45	00:48
Feb 24	03:03	02:31	05:34
Mar 24	03:41	01:41	05:22
Apr 24	02:18	01:48	04:06
May 24 (until 12 May)	01:21	03:08	04:29
<b>Total h:min</b>	<b>14:48</b>	<b>21:06</b>	<b>35:54</b>

### 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 23 (from 13 May)	01:55
Jun 23	02:09
Jul 23	00:00
Aug 23	00:00
Sep 23	02:13
Oct 23	02:05
Nov 23	02:14
Dec 23	02:06
Jan 24	02:08
Feb 24	02:16
Mar 24	02:19
Apr 24	02:00
May 24 (until 12 May)	02:24

## Annual average length of meetings by committee

Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

Committee	Average h:min
CPPP	01:37
CEEAC	01:14
CVDR	01:03
CJ	02:14
DPLR	00:56
EFW	01:48
ECYP	02:17
EHRCJ	01:29
FPA	01:51
HSCS	02:16
LGHP	02:19
NZET	02:26
PA	01:57
RAI	02:25
SJSS	01:37
SPPA	01:12
<b>Annual average all committees</b>	<b>01:47</b>

[List of committee abbreviations](#)

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

	CPPP	CEEAC	CVDR	CJ	DPLR	EFW
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	01:54	01:06	00:16	02:48	01:54	01:13
Jun 23	02:23	01:44	01:50	01:31	01:00	01:48
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	01:16	01:50	n/a	02:26	00:52	02:23
Oct 23	01:49	01:35	n/a	02:41	01:19	01:47
Nov 23	01:24	01:42	n/a	02:42	01:11	02:53
Dec 23	01:40	01:34	n/a	02:05	00:24	02:54
Jan 24	02:37	01:50	n/a	03:10	00:34	01:51
Feb 24	02:18	01:27	n/a	03:05	00:16	01:58
Mar 24	01:55	01:25	n/a	03:24	00:43	02:06
Apr 24	02:26	00:00	n/a	02:13	02:15	01:44
May 24 (until 12 May)	01:22	01:55	n/a	03:05	01:45	02:52
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>01:37</b>	<b>01:14</b>	<b>01:03</b>	<b>02:14</b>	<b>00:56</b>	<b>01:48</b>

[List of committee abbreviations](#)

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

	ECYP	EHRCJ	FPA	HSCS	LGHP
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	02:23	02:06	02:11	02:48	02:23
Jun 23	02:33	02:25	02:17	02:53	01:58
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	03:01	02:21	02:48	02:18	02:59
Oct 23	01:35	02:03	01:36	03:01	02:50
Nov 23	02:54	02:02	01:53	02:09	02:40
Dec 23	02:35	01:20	02:12	02:37	03:16
Jan 24	03:17	01:44	02:15	02:49	02:51
Feb 24	02:35	01:16	02:27	03:05	02:55
Mar 24	02:54	01:50	02:28	02:59	02:25
Apr 24	02:23	02:10	01:23	01:46	02:48
May 24 (until 12 May)	03:31	00:00	02:36	03:00	03:09
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>02:17</b>	<b>01:29</b>	<b>01:51</b>	<b>02:16</b>	<b>02:19</b>

[List of committee abbreviations](#)

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

	NZET	PA	RAI	SJSS	SPPA
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
May 23 (from 13 May)	02:30	02:03	02:20	01:54	00:51
Jun 23	02:55	02:06	03:32	01:55	01:33
Jul 23	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 23	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 23	02:36	02:29	02:38	02:24	00:54
Oct 23	02:50	02:16	02:19	02:14	01:26
Nov 23	03:11	02:11	03:02	02:00	01:43
Dec 23	02:53	02:20	03:13	01:37	00:58
Jan 24	03:01	02:20	01:40	01:25	00:48
Feb 24	02:50	02:26	04:30	01:30	01:23
Mar 24	02:49	02:32	03:06	02:18	01:47
Apr 24	02:46	02:10	02:38	01:26	02:03
May 24 (until 12 May)	03:21	02:26	02:30	02:18	02:14
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>02:26</b>	<b>01:57</b>	<b>02:25</b>	<b>01:37</b>	<b>01:12</b>

[List of committee abbreviations](#)

## 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 **20** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	20
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	17
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)
Jackson Carlaw	Con	19 (20)
Foyso Choudhury	Lab	18 (20)
Fergus Ewing	SNP	18 (20)
Maurice Golden (from 29 June 2023)	Con	15 (16)
Alexander Stewart (until 29 June 2023)	Con	3 (3)
David Torrance	SNP	16 (20)

**Substitute members**

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sharon Dowey (until 29 June 2023)	Con	0
Marie McNair	SNP	1
Oliver Mundell (from 29 June 2023)	Con	2
Paul Sweeney	Lab	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Jyoti Chandola

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:**

- Members of the Committee met an Edinburgh-based youth group, 6VT, and visited Milton in Glasgow to meet the petitioner and families with lived experience to inform their work on the petition PE1947: Address Scotland’s culture of youth violence.

**Events:** None

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

**Business transacted**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	A9 Dualling Project; Public Participation Inquiry
Consultations	1	Dualling the A9: Petition PE1992
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	102	
Divisions held	0	
Convener’s Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	2	26 October 2023: S6M-10765; 2 May 2024: S6M-12995

**Reports**

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament: Summary version	428	12 September 2023	n/a
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament	427	12 September 2023	n/a
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Annual Report 2022 - 2023	394	5 June 2023	n/a

## Petitions Considered

	No. of petitions
<b>New petitions lodged from May 2023 until May 2024:</b> PE2027, PE2028, PE2029, PE2030, PE2031, PE2032, PE2033, PE2034, PE2035, PE2036, PE2037, PE2038, PE2039, PE2040, PE2041, PE2042, PE2043, PE2044, PE2045, PE2046, PE2047, PE2048, PE2049, PE2050, PE2051, PE2052, PE2053, PE2054, PE2055, PE2056, PE2057, PE2058, PE2059, PE2060, PE2061, PE2062, PE2063, PE2064, PE2065, PE2066, PE2067, PE2068, PE2069, PE2070, PE2073, PE2074, PE2075, PE2076, PE2076, PE2077, PE2078, PE2079, PE2080, PE2082, PE2083, PE2084, PE2085, PE2086, PE2087, PE2088, PE2089, PE2090, PE2091, PE2092, PE2093, PE2094, PE2095	67
<b>Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee from May 2023 to May 2024 (petitions may have been considered by committees multiple times):</b> PE1610, PE1657, PE1723, PE1812, PE1854, PE1856, PE1859, PE1862, PE1864, PE1865, PE1871, PE1876, PE1877, PE1885, PE1887, PE1896, PE1900, PE1902, PE1905, PE1906, PE1911, PE1912, PE1913, PE1916, PE1918, PE1919, PE1926, PE1928, PE1930, PE1931, PE1933, PE1934, PE1936, PE1937, PE1939, PE1941, PE1945, PE1946, PE1947, PE1948, PE1951, PE1952, PE1953, PE1956, PE1957, PE1958, PE1960, PE1961, PE1962, PE1964, PE1966, PE1967, PE1968, PE1969, PE1970, PE1971, PE1973, PE1974, PE1975, PE1976, PE1977, PE1978, PE1979, PE1980, PE1981, PE1982, PE1983, PE1984, PE1985, PE1986, PE1988, PE1989, PE1990, PE1991, PE1992, PE1993, PE1994, PE1995, PE1997, PP1999, PE2000, PE2001, PE2002, PE2004, PE2006, PE2008, PE2009, PE2012, PE2013, PE2014, PE2015, PE2016, PE2017, PE2018, PE2019, PE2020, PE2021, PE2022, PE2023, PE2024, PE2025, PE2026	102
<b>Petitions referred to Scottish Parliament Committees from May 2023 to May 2024:</b> PE1949: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee	1
<b>Petitions closed from May 2023 to May 2024:</b> PE1854, PE1867, PE1906, PE1913, PE1918, PE1928, PE1937, PE1948, PE1950, PE1955, PE1956, PE1957, PE1960, PE1961, PE1968, PE1969, PE1970, PE1971, PE1973, PE1974, PE1977, PE1977, PE1978, PE1980, PE1981, PE1983, PE1991, PE1994, PE1995, PE1996, PE1998, PE2000, PE2001, PE2002, PE2004, PE2007, PE2014, PE2015, PE2023, PE2036, PE2043, PE2044, PE2045, PE2046, PE2047, PE2052, PE2054, PE2055, PE2057, PE2059, PE2063, PE2066, PE2069, PE2072, PE2076, PE2077	56

### 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 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)

**Previous remits:** 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 Scottish Parliament committees: cumulative list of members, Session 6 4 (d) any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and any matter relating to intergovernmental relations within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

**Convener:** Clare Adamson (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Donald Cameron (Con) (until 9 February 2024)
- Alexander Stewart (Con) (from 14 March 2024)

**Membership:** The committee has **7** members

**Committee meetings**

There were **31** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	17
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	12

**Committee members**

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Clare Adamson	SNP	30 (31)
Alasdair Allan (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	7 (7)
Neil Bibby	Lab	29 (31)
Keith Brown (from 29 June 2023)	SNP	21 (24)
Donald Cameron (until 9 February 2024)	Con	24 (25)
Kate Forbes (from 29 June 2023 to 10 May 2024)	SNP	23 (24)
Meghan Gallacher (from 21 March 2024)	Con	3 (4)
Maurice Golden (until 29 June 2023)	Con	6 (7)
Ben Macpherson (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	7 (7)
Mark Ruskell	Green	30 (31)
Alexander Stewart (from 29 June 2023)	Con	24 (24)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Foyso Choudhury	Lab	1
Jim Fairlie (until 16 November 2023)	SNP	3
Pam Gosal (from 29 June 2023)	Con	1
Ross Greer (from 29 November 2023)	Green	0
Audrey Nicoll (until 16 November 2023)	SNP	1
Graham Simpson (until 29 June 2023)	Con	0
Kevin Stewart (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** James Johnston

### Advisers:

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

### Visits:

- The Convener attended the fifth meeting at the House of Lords in February 2024.
- The Committee undertook a visit to Belfast and Dublin in November 2023 to further consider several of its ongoing workstreams, including the operation of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the Windsor Framework, and alignment with EU law.
- In July 2023 and December 2023, the Convener and Deputy Convener attended the third and fourth meetings of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly.
- As part of the inquiry into culture in communities, the Committee visited community arts organisations based in Edinburgh, Dumfries, and Orkney.

### Events:

- The Convener hosted the fourth meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum in October 2023

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	20
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	22
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	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	25
Other categories of witnesses	45

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
		Culture in communities;
		How Devolution is Changing Post EU;
Inquiries	5	National Outcomes;
		Pre-budget scrutiny 2024-25;
		Review of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement inquiry
Consultations	1	Review of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement inquiry
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered		
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	2	The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023;
		Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act (Consequential Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	1	1 draft affirmative
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	2	16 November 2023: S6M-11153;
		9 January 2024: S6M-11698

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: Report on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]	483	24 November 2023	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25: Funding for Culture	463	7 November 2023	19 December 2023
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): How Devolution is Changing Post-EU	453	24 October 2023	21 December 2023
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Culture in Communities: The challenges and opportunities in delivering a place-based approach	431	14 September 2023	9 November 2023
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	395	8 June 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report 2022-23	387	31 May 2023	n/a

### 4.3.3. COVID-19 Recovery Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Ended:** 14 July 2023

**Remit:**

To consider and report on matters relating to COVID-19 falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery and other Scottish Ministers where relevant, including—

- (a) Cross government coordination of COVID-19 recovery policies and strategic review;
- (b) the operation of powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19;
- (c) any secondary legislation arising from the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act; and
- (d) and any other legislation or policy in relation to the response to COVID-19.

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

The duration of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee was revised from “For the whole session of the Parliament” to “Until Friday 14 July 2023” (As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 26 June 2023)

**Convener:** Jim Fairlie (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** Murdo Fraser (Con)

**Membership:** The committee has **6** members

**Committee meetings**

There were **4** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	4
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	3
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	1

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jim Fairlie	SNP	4 (4)
Murdo Fraser	Con	4 (4)
John Mason	SNP	4 (4)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	3 (4)
Alex Rowley	Lab	2 (4)
Brian Whittle	Con	4 (4)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie	Lab	3
Sandesh Gulhane	Con	0
Ash Regan	SNP	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Sigrid Robinson

**Advisers:**

- Professor Helen Stagg, Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Professor Peter Donnelly, Professor of Public Health Medicine and Director of the Sir James Mackenzie Institute for early diagnosis, University of St Andrews
- Professor Susie Dunachie, National Institute for Health Research, Global Research Professor

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	2
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	4
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	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	3

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Recovery of NHS Dental Services
Consultations	1	Recovery of NHS Dental Services
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

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): COVID-19 Recovery Committee: Annual Report 2023-24	421	6 July 2023	n/a
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): COVID-19 Recovery Committee Legacy Report	420	6 July 2023	n/a
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): COVID-19 Recovery Committee: Annual Report 2022-23	419	30 June 2023	n/a

### 4.3.4. Criminal Justice Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and 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)

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

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

**Convener:** Audrey Nicoll (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** Russell Findlay (Con)

**Membership:** The committee has **8** members

**Committee meetings**

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

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	38
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	3
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)
Katy Clark	Lab	34 (38)
Sharon Dowey (from 29 June 2023)	Con	29 (32)
Russell Findlay	Con	38 (38)
Jamie Greene (until 29 June 2023)	Con	6 (6)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	36 (38)
Rona Mackay	SNP	36 (38)
Pauline McNeill	Lab	32 (38)
Audrey Nicoll	SNP	38 (38)
Collette Stevenson (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	6 (6)
John Swinney (from 29 June 2023)	SNP	28 (31)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Neil Bibby	Lab	1
Donald Cameron	Con	1
Jackie Dunbar	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Stephen Imrie

**Advisers:** None

## Visits

- Visit to HMP & YOI Stirling, Scotland's national facility housing remand and convicted young and adult women

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	21
Scottish Government officials	49
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	40
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	7
Representatives of voluntary sector	18
Other categories of witnesses	23

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Policing and Mental Health; Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use (joint inquiry with HSCS & SJSS committees)
Consultations	3	Criminal Justice Pre-Budget scrutiny: 2024-25; Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill - Call for views; Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill; Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill; Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	2	Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2022; Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill; Criminal Justice Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	21	3 draft affirmative; 7 laid only; 11 negative: SSI 2023/172; SSI 2023/239; SSI 2023/242; SSI 2023/364; SSI 2023/366; SSI 2023/369; SSI 2024/26; SSI 2024/30; SSI 2024/31; SSI 2024/70; SSI 2024/80
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	11	17 May 2023: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 71, 102, 9, 100, 93, 80, 68 21 June 2023: Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill 8 November 2023: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 21 February 2024: Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/31) 27 March 2024: Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/70)
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	5	17 May 2023: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 100, 102, 93, 80 8 November 2023: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 [Draft]
Plenary debates	1	21 September 2023: Debate without Motion

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	560	29 March 2024	16 April 2024
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Investigatory Powers Amendment Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	531	23 February 2024	No Response
15th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the International Organisations Immunities draft Order and the Coronavirus Recovery and Reform Scotland Act 2022 draft Regulations 2023	469	13 November 2023	No Response
14th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	415	23 June 2023	No Response
13th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	414	23 June 2023	No Response
12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	413	23 June 2023	No Response
11th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Police Negotiating Board for Scotland (Constitution, Arbitration and Qualifying Cases) Regulations 2023 [draft]	396	8 June 2023	No Response
10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report for the Criminal Justice Committee (13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023)	383	5 June 2023	n/a
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]	391	1 June 2023	No Response
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	382	30 May 2023	No Response

### 4.3.5. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

(a) any—

(i) subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament or requiring the consent of the Parliament under section 9 of the Public Bodies Act 2011;

(ii) [deleted]

(iii) pension or grants motion as described in Rule 8.11A.1; and, in particular, to determine whether the attention of the Parliament should be drawn to any of the matters mentioned in Rule 10.3.1;

(b) proposed powers to make subordinate legislation in particular Bills or other proposed legislation;

(c) general questions relating to powers to make subordinate legislation;

(d) whether any proposed delegated powers in particular Bills or other legislation should be expressed as a power to make subordinate legislation;

(e) any failure to lay an instrument in accordance with section 28(2), 30(2) or 31 of the 2010 Act;

(f) proposed changes to the procedure to which subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament is subject;

(g) any Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A.1;

(h) any draft proposal for a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in that Rule; and

(i) any Consolidation Bill as defined in Rule 9.18.1 referred to it in accordance with Rule 9.18.3.

**Convener:** Stuart McMillan (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** Bill Kidd (SNP)

**Membership:** The committee has **5** members

### Committee meetings

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

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	35
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	35
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	8

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour (to 21 March 2024)	Con	27 (30)
Foysoil Choudhury (from 31 January 2024)	Lab	10 (11)
Tim Eagle (from 21 March 2024)	Con	4 (5)
Bill Kidd	SNP	34 (35)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	34 (35)
Oliver Mundell	Con	31 (35)
Colin Smyth (from 16 November 2023 to 31 January 2024)	Lab	8 (8)
Mercedes Villalba (until 16 November 2023)	Lab	13 (16)

### Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Golden (until 29 June 2023)	Con	1
Rhoda Grant	Lab	1
Rona Mackay	SNP	2
Alexander Stewart (from 29 June 2023)	Con	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Greg Black

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

**Witnesses:** Data on the number of witnesses is not available for this parliamentary year

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	22	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill; Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill; Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill; Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill; Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill; Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill; Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill; Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill; Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill; Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill; Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill; Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill; Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill; Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill; Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill; Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill; Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill; Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill; Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill; Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill; Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	8	Electronic Trade Documents Bill; Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill; Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill; Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill; Automated Vehicles Bill; Criminal Justice Bill;

Business	No	Details
		Victims and Prisoners Bill; Renters (Reform) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	7	Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order: 2023/Draft; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2023: SI 2023/850; Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2023: SI 2023/995; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2): SI 2023/Draft; Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023: SI 2023/Draft; Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order: SI 2024/Draft; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024: SI 2024/192
SSIs considered	196	60 draft affirmative; 1 made affirmative; 38 laid only; 4 instruments/documents subject to approval; 97 negative:  SSI 2023/141; SSI 2023/142; SSI 2023/143; SSI 2023/150; SSI 2023/151; SSI 2023/160; SSI 2023/161; SSI 2023/165; SSI 2023/170; SSI 2023/171; SSI 2023/172; SSI 2023/173; SSI 2023/177; SSI 2023/178; SSI 2023/181; SSI 2023/184; SSI 2023/190; SSI 2023/193; SSI 2023/197; SSI 2023/207; SSI 2023/223; SSI 2023/239; SSI 2023/240; SSI 2023/241; SSI 2023/242; SSI 2023/243; SSI 2023/246; SSI 2023/247; SSI 2023/248; SSI 2023/249; SSI 2023/255; SSI 2023/257; SSI 2023/258; SSI 2023/266; SSI 2023/267; SSI 2023/268; SSI 2023/278; SSI 2023/281; SSI 2023/288; SSI 2023/300; SSI 2023/308; SSI 2023/311; SSI 2023/312; SSI 2023/335; SSI 2023/336; SSI 2023/337; SSI 2023/339; SSI 2023/364; SSI 2023/366; SSI 2023/367; SSI 2023/368; SSI 2023/369; SSI 2023/370; SSI 2023/371; SSI 2023/372; SSI 2023/375; SSI 2024/3; SSI 2024/4; SSI 2024/5; SSI 2024/6; SSI 2024/10; SSI 2024/12; SSI 2024/19; SSI 2024/21; SSI 2024/22; SSI 2024/23; SSI 2024/24; SSI 2024/25; SSI 2024/26; SSI 2024/30; SSI 2024/31; SSI 2024/35; SSI 2024/36; SSI 2024/37; SSI 2024/38; SSI 2024/39; SSI 2024/40; SSI 2024/41; SSI 2024/42; SSI 2024/43; SSI 2024/44; SSI 2024/45; SSI 2024/46; SSI 2024/48; SSI 2024/55; SSI 2024/56; SSI 2024/58; SSI 2024/59; SSI 2024/70; SSI 2024/74; SSI 2024/80; SSI 2024/81; SSI 2024/86; SSI 2024/101; SSI 2024/102; SSI 2024/111; SSI 2024/130
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	9	14 November 2023: Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 47, 50, 58, 54, 46, 51, 49, 53, 52
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
34th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24	583	8 May 2024	No Response
33rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	582	7 May 2024	No Response
32nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 May 2024	579	7 May 2024	No Response
31st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 30 April 2024	570	1 May 2024	No Response
30th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill	578	30 April 2024	No Response
29th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	575	26 April 2024	No Response
28th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 April 2024	568	24 April 2024	No Response
27th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Languages Bill at Stage 1	569	23 April 2024	No Response
26th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 April 2024	566	16 April 2024	No Response
25th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	565	4 April 2024	No Response
24th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	559	26 March 2024	No Response
23rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 March 2024	558	26 March 2024	No Response
22nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 March 2024	548	21 March 2024	No Response
21st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2)	555	19 March 2024	No Response
20th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at Stage 1	554	18 March 2024	No Response
19th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Automated Vehicles Bill	550	13 March 2024	No Response
18th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 March 2024	545	12 March 2024	No Response
17th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	547	12 March 2024	No Response
16th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 March 2024	538	6 March 2024	No Response
15th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Criminal Justice Bill	540	5 March 2024	No Response
14th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 February 2024	533	27 February 2024	No Response
13th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill	529	20 February 2024	No Response
12th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 February 2024	527	20 February 2024	No Response
11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Judicial Factors	523	7 February	No

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
(Scotland) Bill at Stage 1		2024	Response
10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 February 2024	521	6 February 2024	No Response
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 30 January 2024	516	31 January 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill	519	30 January 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24	518	30 January 2024	No Response
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	515	26 January 2024	No Response
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 January 2024	509	23 January 2024	No Response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill at Stage 1	507	16 January 2024	No Response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 January 2024	506	16 January 2024	No Response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	505	10 January 2024	No Response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 January 2024	503	9 January 2024	No Response
78th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	498	22 December 2023	No Response
77th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	501	20 December 2023	No Response
76th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 December 2023	496	19 December 2023	No Response
75th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	493	12 December 2023	No Response
74th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2	492	12 December 2023	No Response
73rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 December 2023	491	28 November 2023	No Response
72nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Employment Injury Advisory Council Bill at Stage 1	487	30 November 2023	No Response
71st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 November 2023	482	28 November 2023	No Response
70th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	481	23 November 2023	No Response
69th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24	480	22 November 2023	No Response
68th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 November 2023	475	22 November 2023	No Response
67th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 November 2023	471	15 November	No Response

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		2023	
66th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 November 2023	465	8 November 2023	No Response
65th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	462	2 November 2023	No Response
64th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	461	2 November 2023	No Response
63rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2022-23	459	1 November 2023	No Response
62nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 31 October 2023	457	1 November 2023	No Response
61st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	458	31 October 2023	No Response
60th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 October 2023	454	25 October 2023	No Response
59th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill	456	24 October 2023	No Response
58th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	449	5 October 2023	No Response
57th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill	448	5 October 2023	No Response
56th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 October 2023	442	4 October 2023	No Response
55th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	441	26 September 2023	No Response
54th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 September 2023	439	26 September 2023	No Response
53rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 September 2023	437	21 September 2023	No Response
52nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill	434	15 September 2023	No Response
51st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 September 2023	433	12 September 2023	No Response
50th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 September 2023	430	6 September 2023	No Response
49th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the fourth quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23	426	29 June 2023	No Response
48th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	423	29 June 2023	No Response
47th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	424	28 June 2023	No Response
46th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the	422	28 June	No

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 June 2023		2023	Response
45th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	416	22 June 2023	No Response
44th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) after Stage 2	409	21 June 2023	No Response
43rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 June 2023	402	21 June 2023	No Response
42nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Electronic Trade Documents Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	407	21 June 2023	No Response
41st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23	400	14 June 2023	No Response
40th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	404	15 June 2023	No Response
39th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2	401	14 June 2023	No Response
38th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 13 June 2023	399	13 June 2023	No Response
37th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 June 2023	393	8 June 2023	No Response
36th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill	385	30 May 2023	No Response
35th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 30 May 2023	380	30 May 2023	No Response
34th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Annual Report 2022-23	377	30 May 2023	n/a
33rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 May 2023	375	24 May 2023	No Response
32nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill	374	23 May 2023	No Response
31st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 May 2023	368	16 May 2023	No Response

### 4.3.6 Economy and Fair Work Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**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).

**Previous remits:**

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy with the exception of matters relating to energy; and on matters relating to just transition within the responsibility of the Cabinet

Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition.

(As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09372)

To consider and report on matters relating to the economy falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy.

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

**Convener:** Claire Baker (Lab)

**Deputy Convener:** Colin Beattie (SNP)

**Membership:** The committee has **9** 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	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	9

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claire Baker	Lab	31 (32)
Colin Beattie	SNP	26 (32)
Maggie Chapman	Green	32 (32)
Murdo Fraser (from 29 June 2023)	Con	24 (25)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (until 29 June 2023)	Con	7 (7)
Fiona Hyslop (until 14 June 2023)	SNP	5 (5)
Gordon Macdonald	SNP	28 (32)
Ash Regan (29 June 2023 – 20 October 2023)	SNP	4 (4)
Graham Simpson (until 29 June 2023)	Con	7 (7)
Colin Smyth	Lab	29 (32)
Kevin Stewart (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	25 (25)
Michelle Thomson (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	7 (7)
Evelyn Tweed (from 9 November 2023)	SNP	17 (19)
Brian Whittle (from 29 June 2023)	Con	24 (25)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Ariane Burgess (from 29 November 2023)	Green	0
Bob Doris (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	2
Jackie Dunbar (from 16 November 2023)	SNP	2
Daniel Johnson	Lab	1
John Mason (until 16 November 2023)	SNP	5
Liz Smith	Con	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Anne Peat

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:**

- INEOS Grangemouth site
- Glasgow Prestwick Airport in April 2024.

**Events:**

- A workshop with local organisations in the North East and Moray to find out their views on a just transition to net zero, prior to the Committee’s first external evidence session, held at Aberdeen Town House.
- Two engagement sessions, as part of its inquiry into the disability employment gap, first with service users and staff of ‘The Usual Place’ in Dumfries and then with Push Reuse Centre and the Giraffe Café in Perth.
- Witness Diversity Programme alongside the Institute of Directors and Women’s Enterprise Scotland, to encourage more women to be involved in the work of the Parliament.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	5
Scottish Government officials	7
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	0
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	5
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	8

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	A Just Transition for the Grangemouth area; A Just Transition for the North East and Moray; Disability Employment Gap; Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25
Consultations	4	Assessing the impact of the Procurement Reform Act; Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill; Just transition for the North East and Moray; Royal Mail's proposed service changes
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
Legislative Consent Memorandums	4	Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill; Electronic Trade Documents Bill; Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill; Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	4	1 draft affirmative; 1 laid only; 2 negative: SSI 2023/300; SSI 2024/48
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	7	20 March 2024: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 23, 4, 14, 26, 29, 5, 7
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Inquiry into a just transition for the North East and Moray	556	25 March 2024	11 June 2024
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 7 February 2024	528	16 February 2024	No Response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill	524	8 February 2024	No Response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill	508	23 January 2024	1 February 2024
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill	497	19 December 2023	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill	495	14 December 2023	No Response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Electronic Trade Documents Bill	410	22 June 2023	No Response
4th Report 2023 (Session 6): Inquiry into a Just Transition to net zero for the Grangemouth area	405	21 June 2023	22 September 2023
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Economy and Fair Work Committee 2022-23	371	19 May 2023	n/a

### 4.3.7. Education, Children and Young People Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry and redress falling within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

(As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09372)

**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 within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

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

**Convener:** Sue Webber (Con)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Ruth Maguire (SNP) (from 13 September 2023)
- Ben MacPherson (SNP) (until 5 September 2023)

**Membership:** The committee has **10** members

### Committee meetings

There were **31** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	25
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	4

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Stephanie Callaghan	SNP	27 (31)
Bob Doris (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	5 (6)
Pam Duncan-Glancy	Lab	30 (31)
Ross Greer	Green	26 (31)
Liam Kerr (from 29 June 2023)	Con	24 (24)
Stephen Kerr (until 29 June 2023)	Con	5 (6)
Bill Kidd	SNP	31 (31)
Ben Macpherson	SNP	27 (31)
Ruth Maguire	SNP	28 (31)
Willie Rennie	LD	30 (31)
Michelle Thomson (from 29 June 2023)	SNP	23 (24)
Sue Webber	Con	30 (31)

### Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	0
Meghan Gallacher (until 29 June 2023)	Con	2
Gillian Mackay (from 29 November 2023)	Green	0
Roz McCall (from 29 June 2023)	Con	0
Ivan McKee (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	2
Stuart McMillan (from 29 June 2023)	SNP	2
Martin Whitfield	Lab	3

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Pauline McIntyre

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

### Events

- In partnership with Who Cares? Scotland, the Committee organised an event at which

Members spoke with 27 care experienced young people.

**Witnesses:** Data on the number of witnesses is not available for this parliamentary year

### Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	3	Additional support for Learning; Education Reform: independent reviews of qualifications and assessment, and skills delivery; The Promise: next steps for care-system reform
Consultations	2	Scottish Languages Bill; Additional Support for Learning (ASL) in Scotland
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill; Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Languages Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums		
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	9	2 draft affirmative; 1 instrument/document subject to approval; 6 negative: SSI 2023/142; SSI 2023/171; SSI 2023/190; SSI 2023/241; SSI 2023/267; SSI 2024/40
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	71	24 January 2024: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 Amendments 189, 16, 179, 13, 17, 180, 178, 168, 188, 15, 187, 186, 164, 190, 122, 173, 172, 175 31 January 2024: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 200, 198, 74, 70, 55, 44, 40, 37, 30, 81, 68, 65, 34, 203, 72, 78, 45, 42, 38, 36, 35, 32, 82, 205, 77, 193, 73, 71, 69, 67, 66, 60-62, 79, 54, 51, 39, 76, 75, 33, 197, 31, 206, 21, 204, 194, 195 07 February 2024: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 Amendments 213, 210, 211, 112, 110
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	13 June 2023 S6M-09414

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Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]	526	8 February 2024	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland) Order 2023	477	22 November 2023	No Response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill	443	5 October 2023	21 November 2023
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report for Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill	397	13 June 2023	20 June 2023
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report 2022 - 2023	384	30 May 2023	n/a

### 4.3.8. Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- a. matters relating to equal opportunities, and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament; and
- b. matters relating to human rights.
- c. matters relating to civil justice within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs.

2. In these Rules

(a) “equal opportunities” includes the prevention, elimination or regulation of discrimination between persons on grounds of sex or marital status, on racial grounds or on grounds of disability, age, sexual orientation, language or social origin or of other personal attributes, including beliefs or opinions such as religious beliefs or political opinions; and

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

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

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) matters relating to equal opportunities, and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament;

(b) matters relating to human rights; and

(c) matters relating to civil justice within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans.

**Convener:**

- Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (until 12 February 2024)
- Karen Adam (SNP) (from 20 February 2024)

**Deputy Convener:** Maggie Chapman (Green)

**Membership:** The committee has **7** members

**Committee meetings**

There were **28** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	28
Meetings held wholly in private	6
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	9

**Committee members**

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam	SNP	27 (28)
Maggie Chapman	Green	27 (28)
Megan Gallacher (from 29 June 2023)	Con	24 (24)
Pam Gosal (until 29 June 2023)	Con	3 (4)
Rachael Hamilton (until 29 June 2023)	Con	4 (4)
Fulton MacGregor (until 5 March 2024)	SNP	24 (24)
Marie McNair (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	4 (4)
Paul O’Kane	Lab	27 (28)
Kaukab Stewart (until 12 February 2024)	SNP	19 (21)
Annie Wells (from 29 June 2023)	Con	24 (24)

**Substitute members**

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack	Lab	0
Craig Hoy	Con	0
Fulton MacGregor (from 13 March 2024)	SNP	0
Ben Macpherson (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	1
Mark Ruskell (from 29 November 2023)	Green	0
Kevin Stewart (from 29 June 2023 until 5 March 2024)	SNP	3

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Katrina Venters

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events**

- The Committee held a number of private informal engagement sessions.

**Witnesses**

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	22
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	18
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	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	11
Other categories of witnesses	18

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
		Asylum Seekers in Scotland;
Inquiries	4	HIV anti-stigma campaign/achieving zero new transmissions by 2030; Minimum Core Obligations; Suicide Prevention in Scotland
Consultations	6	Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill; Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill; How do the Scottish Government's capital spending plans affect you?; Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill; Suicide prevention strategy; What impact do the Scottish Government's spending and taxation plans have?
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill; Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill; Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	2	The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Saving Provision) Regulations 2023; The Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (2019 Hague Convention etc.) Regulations 2024
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	20	8 draft affirmative; 6 laid only; 6 negative: SSI 2023/165; SSI 2023/178; SSI 2023/223; SSI 2023/266; SSI 2023/375; SSI 2024/41
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	S5M-11608 12 December 2023

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Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): The Legal Aid (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]	557	26 March 2024	No Response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill	552	15 March 2024	19 March 2024
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill	525	8 February 2024	16 February 2024
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in Scotland	455	24 October 2023	21 February 2024
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 [draft]	444	4 October 2023	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft]	408	21 June 2023	No Response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Application to Civil Partnerships and Consequential Provision) Order 2023 [draft]	389	1 June 2023	No Response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for 2022-23	381	31 May 2023	n/a

### 4.3.9. Finance and Public Administration Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

(a) any report or other document containing proposals for, or budgets of, public revenue or expenditure or proposals for the making of a Scottish rate resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them;

(b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public revenue or expenditure;

(c) Budget Bills;

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

(e) matters relating to public service reform and the National Performance Framework within the responsibilities of the Deputy First Minister and public administration.

**Convener:**

- Kenneth Gibson (SNP) (until 15 May 2023); (from 20 June 2023)
- John Mason (SNP) (23 May 2023 –19 June 2023)

**Deputy Convener:** Michael Marra (Lab)

**Membership:** The committee has **7** 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	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)
Keith Brown (17 May 2023 – 14 June 2023)	SNP	6 (6)
Kenneth Gibson (until 15 May 2023); (from 14 June 2023)	SNP	32 (32)
Ross Greer	Green	31 (37)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 29 June 2023)	Con	28 (30)
Douglas Lumsden (until 29 June 2023)	Con	7 (7)
Michael Marra	Lab	33 (37)
John Mason	SNP	37 (37)
Liz Smith	Con	37 (37)
Michelle Thomson	SNP	35 (37)

### Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Keith Brown (until 17 May 2023)	SNP	1
Murdo Fraser (from 29 June 2023)	Con	0
Jamie Halcro Johnston (until 29 June 2023)	Con	0
Daniel Johnson	Lab	2
Gordon MacDonald (29 June 2023 – 16 November 2023)	SNP	0
Gillian Mackay (from 29 November 2023)	Green	2
Audrey Nicoll (from 16 November 2023)	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Joanne McNaughton

**Advisers:** None

### Visits

- Visit to an aggregates recycling facility in Livingston.
- Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum in the House of Commons, March 2024
- Pre-Budget 2024-25 engagement event in Largs with businesses, public bodies, local

authorities and members of the public.

**Events:** None

**Witnesses**

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	16
Scottish Government officials	44
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	25
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	4
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	11
Representatives of voluntary sector	10
Other categories of witnesses	4

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Public administration – effective Scottish Government decision making; Scotland’s Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach; National Performance Framework: Inquiry into Proposed National Outcomes; Replacing EU Structural Funds in Scotland
Consultations	25	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill; Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Housing (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Green Freeports Relief) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft); Land Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; National Performance Framework: Inquiry into proposed National Outcomes; Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Scotland’s Commissioner Landscape: A strategic approach; Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill: Financial Memorandum; Scottish Languages Bill: Financial Memorandum; Scottish Leids Bill: Financial Memorandum; Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; The Sustainability of Scotland’s Finances; Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum; Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: Financial Memorandum
Proposed Members’ Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	5	Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill; Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill; Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill;

Business	No.	Details
		National Care Service (Scotland) Bill;
		Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (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	5	4 draft affirmative; 1 made affirmative; 0 laid only; 0 instrument/document subject to approval; 0 negative
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	12 September 2023: That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Green Freeports Relief) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	1 February 2024: S6M-12035

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill	574	29 April 2024	15 May 2024
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]	551	14 March 2024	No Response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60)	544	12 March 2024	No Response
2nd report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/draft)	534	27 February 2024	No Response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Budget Scrutiny 2024-25	517	31 January 2024	16 February 2024
10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Financial Memorandum for the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill	484	30 November 2023	No Response
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]	474	20 November 2023	No Response
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25: The Sustainability of Scotland's Finances	460	6 November 2023	19 December 2023
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Green Freeports Relief) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]	436	22 September 2023	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on Public Administration - effective Scottish Government decision-making	425	3 July 2023	31 August 2023
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee 2022-23	388	1 June 2023	n/a

### 4.3.10. Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for 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)

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs policy.

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

**Convener:** Clare Haughey (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:** Paul Sweeney (Lab)

**Membership:** The committee has **10** members

#### Committee meetings

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

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	38
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	35
Joint meetings with other Committees	3
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	20

#### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Stephanie Callaghan (until 31 October 2023)	SNP	9 (15)
Sandesh Gulhane	Con	36 (38)
Emma Harper	SNP	33 (38)
Clare Haughey	SNP	38 (38)
Gillian Mackay	Green	34 (38)
Ruth Maguire (from 9 November 2023)	SNP	19 (21)
Ivan McKee (from 31 October 2023)	SNP	20 (23)
Carol Mochan	Lab	35 (38)
Paul Sweeney	Lab	34 (38)
David Torrance	SNP	30 (38)
Evelyn Tweed (until 9 November 2023)	SNP	15 (17)
Tess White	Con	29 (38)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie	Lab	0
James Dornan	SNP	7
Ross Greer (from 5 October 2023)	Green	7
Sue Webber	Con	3

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Alex Bruce

**Advisers:** None

## Visits

- Broadford Hospital as part of an engagement visit to Skye.

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	15
Scottish Government officials	50
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	43
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	3
Representatives of professional associations	21
NHS	0
Higher Education	4
Representatives of voluntary sector	24
Other categories of witnesses	13

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Female participation in sport and physical activity;
		Healthcare in remote and rural areas;
Consultations	7	Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use (joint inquiry with CJ & SJSS committees);
		Winter planning 2023-24
		Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill;
		Healthcare in remote and rural areas (August 23);
		Healthcare in remote and rural areas (October 23);
		Post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013;
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25;
		Questions to the Cabinet Secretary: September '23;
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	Winter planning 2023-24
Bills considered	3	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill;
		National Care Service (Scotland) Bill;
		Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	3	Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012;
		Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019;
		Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Tobacco and Vapes Bill;
		Victims and Prisoners Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	2	Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2023: SI 2023/995;
		Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024: SI 2024/Draft
SSIs considered	36	7 draft affirmative; 5 laid only; 3 instruments/documents subject to approval; 21 negative: SSI 2023/161; SSI 2023/173; SSI 2023/181; SSI 2023/243; SSI 2023/246; SSI 2023/247; SSI 2023/257; SSI 2023/281; SSI 2023/337; SSI 2023/339; SSI 2024/12; SSI 2024/20; SSI 2024/21; SSI 2024/22; SSI 2024/38; SSI 2024/43; SSI 2024/44; SSI 2024/45; SSI 2024/56; SSI 2024/74; SSI 2024/130
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	19	13 June 2023: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: Stage 2 amendments 18, 15, 13, 14, 32, 29, 20, 12, 34, 30, 24, 22, 21, 31, 27, 26;
		7 November 2023: Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service:

Business	No.	Details
		Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023; 16 January 2024: Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 [draft]; 26 March 2024: Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [Draft]
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	28 November 2023: S6M-11455

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
9th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013: Phase 1	577	3 May 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): The Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]	573	2 May 2024	No Response
7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Victims and Prisoners Bill	576	30 April 2024	No Response
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill	567	22 April 2024	29 April 2024
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered on 26 March 2024 - Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol	563	28 March 2024	No Response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill	530	22 February 2024	28 February 2024
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]	522	20 February 2024	No Response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG 2023/300)	511	24 January 2024	No Response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): The Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 [draft]	510	24 January 2024	No Response
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]	468	9 November 2023	No Response
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Female participation in sport and physical activity	445	9 October 2023	11 December 2023
6th report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Health, Social Care, and Sport Committee 2022-23	386	30 May 2023	n/a
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Powers of Attorney Bill	369	16 May 2023	No Response

### 4.3.11. Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on matters relating to local government 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.

(As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023)

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to local government, housing and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

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

**Convener:** Ariane Burgess (Green)

**Deputy Convener:** Willie Coffey (SNP)

**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	0
Meetings held partly in private	32
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	20

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Miles Briggs	Con	30 (32)
Ariane Burgess	Green	32 (32)
Stephanie Callaghan (from 31 October 2023)	SNP	19 (20)
Willie Coffey	SNP	31 (32)
Pam Gosal (from 29 June 2023)	Con	25 (27)
Mark Griffin	Lab	26 (32)
Gordon MacDonald (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	3 (6)
Ivan McKee (until 31 October 2023)	SNP	12 (12)
Marie McNair (until 6 March 2024)	SNP	24 (26)
Annie Wells (until 29 June 2023)	Con	3 (5)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Colin Beattie (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	2
Maggie Chapman (from 29 November 2023)	Green	0
Murdo Fraser (until 29 June 2023)	Con	0
Gordon MacDonald (16 November 2023 – 5 March 2024)	SNP	0
Ruth Maguire (until 16 November 2023)	SNP	0
Alex Rowley	Lab	0
Graham Simpson (29 June 2023 – 8 February 2024)	Con	0
Brian Whittle (from 8 February 2024)	Con	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Euan Donald

**Advisers:** None

## Visits

- Orkney, to hear views from the council and local tourism industry representatives on the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill, in June 2023.
- Cumbrae island, in North Ayrshire, to see examples of local businesses and community action.

## Events

- Members of the Welsh Parliament’s Local Government and Housing Committee visited the Scottish Parliament in June 2023 to hold a joint, informal meeting with Committee members in which issues relating to housing and local government sustainability were discussed.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence.

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	45
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	50
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	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	14
Other categories of witnesses	81

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
		Community Wealth Building;
		New Deal for Local Government;
		Building Safety and Maintenance: Cladding Remediation;
Inquiries	7	Damp and mould in rented housing;
		Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC);
		Housing Emergency and Housing to 2040;
		Understanding barriers to participation in local politics
Consultations	2	Housing (Scotland) Bill;
		Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
		Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill;
Bills considered	3	Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill;
		Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment Act 2015
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Renters (Reform) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
		5 draft affirmative; 2 laid only; 18 negative:
SSIs considered	25	SSI 2023/177; SSI 2023/207; SSI 2023/240; SSI 2023/255; SSI 2023/278; SSI 2023/288; SSI 2024/3; SSI 2024/4; SSI 2024/5; SSI 2024/10; SSI 2024/19; SSI 2024/24; SSI 2024/25; SSI 2024/37; SSI 2024/46; SSI 2024/55; SSI 2024/59; SSI 2024/102
Petitions considered	0	
		12 September 2023: Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Date) Regulations 2023 [Draft]
		5 December 2023: Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [Draft]
Divisions held	9	5 March 2024: Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [Draft]
		12 March 2024: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 16, 5, 6, 3, 27
		23 April 2024: Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendment 17
Convener's Exercise of a	0	

Business	No.	Details
Casting Vote		
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation under the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2024	542	7 March 2024	No Response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024	541	7 March 2024	No Response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill	536	29 February 2024	8 March 2024
10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill	502	21 December 2023	12 January 2024
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 5 December 2023	488	7 December 2023	No Response
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report tracking the work of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 2022-23	450	13 October 2023	n/a
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation under the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 12 September 2023	435	13 September 2023	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Community Planning: Post-legislative scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015	411	22 June 2023	7 August 2023
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee for 2022-23	392	1 June 2023	n/a

### 4.3.12. Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for 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)

**Previous Remits:**

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; 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; and on matters relating to energy within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy.(As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023, motion S6M-09372)

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, with the exception of matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare. (As agreed by Parliament on 31 January 2023, motion S6M-07746)

**Convener:** Edward Mountain (Con)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Ben Macpherson (SNP) (from 5 September 2023)
- Fiona Hyslop (SNP) (until 14 June 2023)

**Membership:** The committee has **7** members

### Committee meetings

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

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	37
Meetings held wholly in private	6
Meetings held partly in private	30
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	12

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bob Doris (from 9 November 2023)	SNP	22 (22)
Jackie Dunbar	SNP	35 (37)
Fiona Hyslop (until 14 June 2023)	SNP	4 (5)
Liam Kerr (until 29 June 2023)	Con	7 (7)
Monica Lennon	Lab	35 (37)
Douglas Lumsden (from 29 June 2023)	Con	30 (30)
Ben Macpherson (from 29 June 2023)	SNP	26 (30)
Edward Mountain	Con	36 (37)
Ash Regan (until 30 October 2023)	SNP (until 23 Oct 23); Alba (from 28 Oct 23)	12 (13)
Mark Ruskell	Green	35 (37)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack	Lab	2
Maggie Chapman (from 29 November 2023)	Green	0
Bob Doris (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	2
Jim Fairlie (29 June 2023 – 9 February 2024)	SNP	3
Graham Simpson (from 8 February 2024)	Con	0
Collette Stevenson (from 6 March 2023)	SNP	0
Brian Whittle (until 2 February 2024)	Con	0

**Reporters:** Edward Mountain MSP

**Committee Clerk:** Peter McGrath

### Advisers:

- Dr Dan Barlow, Honorary Fellow, Edinburgh Climate Change Institute (October 2022 – October 2023)
- Professor Colin Reid, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee (October 2022 – to present)
- Dr Kirsten E H Jenkins, Senior Lecturer in Energy, Environment and Society, the University of Edinburgh (January 2024 – to present)

### Visits

- As part of its work on the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill, the committee went to see two waste and resource management companies operating in Perthshire and Edinburgh, and visited a number of circular economy social enterprises and businesses in Leith.
- Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow shipyard, February 2024.
- Two Committee members attended the Arctic Circle assembly in Reykjavik in 2024.

### Events

- As part of its work on the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill, the Committee held an online engagement event with small and medium sized enterprises that had been identified as illustrating circular economy business models.
- The Committee established a People’s Panel on Climate Change, which met over two weekends at the Scottish Parliament and held two online sessions.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	25
Scottish Government officials	65
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	39
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	2
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	9
Representatives of voluntary sector	21
Other categories of witnesses	28

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Ferry services in Scotland; Natural Capital Finance; Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme; Scottish Biodiversity Strategy; The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland
Consultations	3	Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill; Land Reform (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Biodiversity Strategy
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill; Land Reform (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Automated Vehicles Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	9	The Persistent Organic Pollutant (Amendment) Regulations 2023; The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations 2023; The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act (Revocation and Sunset Disapplication) Regulations 2023; The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023; The Public Service Obligations in Transport Regulations 2023; The Heavy Goods Vehicle (Charging for the use of certain infrastructure on the Trans-European Road Network) Regulations 2023; The Biocidal Products (Health and Safety) (Amendment and Transitional Provision etc.) Regulations 2024; The Green Gas Support Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2023 - Draft Affirmative; Green Gas Support Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024
SIs considered	4	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2023: SI 2023/850; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023: SI 2023/Draft; Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023: SI 2023/Draft; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024: SI 2024/192
SSIs considered	24	10 draft affirmative; 4 laid only; 1 instrument/document subject to approval; 9 negative: SSI 2023/160; SSI 2023/248; SSI 2023/249; SSI 2023/335; SSI 2023/336; SSI 2023/368; SSI 2024/23; SSI 2024/39; SSI 2024/42

Business	No.	Details
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	13	7 November 2023: Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] 7 May 2024: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 137, 140, 137A, 190, 80, 211, 92, 136, 135, 133, 93, 3
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	7 November 2023: S6M-11075

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	561	27 March 2024	No Response
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024	546	25 March 2024	No Response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]	543	12 March 2024	No Response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]	537	5 March 2024	No Response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill	429	28 February 2024	14 March 2024
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [Draft]	514	26 January 2024	No Response
21st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on appointments to the Scottish Land Commission	499	19 December 2023	No Response
20th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Flytipping (Fixed Penalties) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/335)	490	13 December 2023	No Response
19th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Vehicle Emission Trading Schemes Order 2023 [draft]	479	27 November 2023	No Response
18th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]	473	23 November 2023	No Response
17th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Heat Networks (Heat Network Supply Target) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]	470	17 November 2023	No Response
16th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 [draft]	464	8 November 2023	No Response
15th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]	447	23 October 2023	No Response
14th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft]	446	5 October 2023	No Response
13th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Energy Bill (UK Parliament Legislation)	440	26 September 2023	No Response
12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Scotland's electricity infrastructure: inhibitor or enabler of our energy ambitions?	432	12 September 2023	11 November 2023
11th Report, 2023 (Session 6): A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland	417	26 June 2023	28 August 2023
10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]	406	21 June 2023	No Response
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 2022-23	373	25 May 2023	n/a

### 4.3.13. Public Audit Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) any accounts laid before the Parliament;
- (b) any report laid before or made to the Parliament by the Auditor General for Scotland; and
- (c) any other document laid before the Parliament, or referred to it by the Parliamentary Bureau or by the Auditor General for Scotland, concerning financial control, accounting and auditing in relation to public expenditure.

**Convener:** Richard Leonard (Lab)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Sharon Dowey (Con) (until 8 February 2024)
- Jamie Greene (Con) (from 21 February 2024)

**Membership:** The committee has **5** 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	34
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)
Colin Beattie	SNP	27 (34)
Willie Coffey	SNP	34 (34)
Sharon Dowey (until 8 February 2024)	Con	24 (24)
Jamie Greene (from 8 February 2024)	Con	10 (10)
Craig Hoy (until 29 June 2023)	Con	6 (6)
Richard Leonard	Lab	34 (34)
Graham Simpson (from 29 June 2023)	Con	27 (28)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Craig Hoy (from 29 June 2023)	Con	0
Bill Kidd	SNP	2
Roz McCall (until 29 June 2023)	Con	1
Colin Smyth	Lab	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Lynn Russell

**Advisers:** None

## Visits

- The Convener and Deputy Convener attended a UK Public Accounts Committee event, hosted by the UK Parliament's Public Accounts Committee, September 2023.

## Events

- The Committee Convener, along with two witnesses who gave evidence on adult mental health, took part in a Parliament podcast, May 2024.
- The Committee hosted Members of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee from the Welsh Parliament (Senedd Cymru), November 2023.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	47
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	128
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	3
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	5
Representatives of voluntary sector	10
Other categories of witnesses	6

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
AGS Scotland Section 22 reports reviewed	7	The 2021/22 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited; The 2021/22 audit of Scottish Canals; The 2021/22 audit of South Lanarkshire College; The 2022/23 audit of NHS Forth Valley; The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Government's Consolidated Accounts; The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service; The 2022-23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland
AGS Scotland Section 23 reports reviewed	7	Adult mental health; Criminal courts backlog; Early Learning and Childcare: Progress on deliver of the 1,140 hours of expansion; How the Scottish Government is set to deliver climate change goals; How the Scottish Government is set up to deliver climate change goals; NHS in Scotland 2023; Scotland's colleges 2023
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	13 June 2023 S6M-09327

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Adult mental health	532	28 February 2024	24 April 2024
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report 2022-23	372	24 May 2023	n/a

## 4.3.14. 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)

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands; and on matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport. (As agreed by Parliament on 1 February 2023)

**Convener:** Finlay Carson (Con)

**Deputy Convener:** Beatrice Wishart (LD)

**Membership:** The committee has **9** members

### Committee meetings

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

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	32
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	20
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	7

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam (until 14 February 2024)	SNP	21 (24)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	31 (32)
Ariane Burgess	Green	32 (32)
Finlay Carson	Con	30 (32)
Jim Fairlie (until 9 February 2024)	SNP	20 (24)
Kate Forbes (29 June 2023 – 10 May 2024)	SNP	26 (26)
Christine Grahame (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	5 (6)
Rhoda Grant	Lab	32 (32)
Rachael Hamilton	Con	31 (32)
Emma Harper (from 20 February 2024)	SNP	8 (8)
Elena Whitham (from 20 February 2024)	SNP	8 (8)
Beatrice Wishart	LD	30 (32)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Karen Adam (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	2
Christine Grahame (5 September 2023 – 1 November 2023)	SNP	3
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 29 June 2023)	Con	3
Emma Harper (until 29 June 2023); (31 October 2023 – 20 February 2024)	SNP	3
Liam McArthur	LD	1
Edward Mountain (until 29 June 2023)	Con	1
Mark Ruskell (from 29 November 2023)	Green	1
Evelyn Tweed (29 June 2023 – 5 September 2023)	SNP	0
Mercedes Villalba	Lab	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Emma Johnston

### Advisers

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

### Visits

- As part of its work on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill, the Committee went on evidence gathering visits to an arable farm in Berwickshire in June 2023 and several dairy farms in Kirkcudbrightshire in August 2023.

### Events

- As part of its work on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill, the Committee held a consultative event with approximately 40 farmers, crofters, other land managers and representatives from rural community and development organisations on 19 February 2024.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	16
Scottish Government officials	62
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	32
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	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	7
Other categories of witnesses	40

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Future agriculture policy in Scotland; National islands plan
Consultations	5	Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill; Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM); Pre-budget Scrutiny; Quality Meat Scotland (Amendment) Order 2023; Shark Fins Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM)
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill; Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill; Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	26	The Validating Alternative Methods for Salmonella Typing (Amendment) Regulations 2023; The Organic Production (Control of Imports) (Amendment) Regulations 2023; The Persistent Organic Pollutant (Amendment) Regulations 2023; The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme) Regulations 2023; The Windsor Framework (Plant Health) Regulations 2023; The Windsor Framework (Enforcement etc.) Regulations 2023; The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme: Public Health, Marketing and Organic Product Standards and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2023; The Windsor Framework (Financial Assistance) (Marking of Retail Goods) Regulations 2023; The Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023; The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 - Made Negative - PH/044; The Official Controls (Establishment Lists) Regulations 2023; Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 AFC/048; The Windsor Framework (Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals) Regulations 2024; The Official Controls (End of Transitional Periods and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023;

Business	No	Details
		<p>The Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2023;</p> <p>The Movement of Goods (Northern Ireland to Great Britain) (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) Regulations 2024;</p> <p>Amendment to The Definition of Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods (EU Exit) Regulations;</p> <p>The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2024;</p> <p>The Official Controls (Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations 2024;</p> <p>The Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024;</p> <p>The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Revocation) Regulations 2024;</p> <p>Fair Dealing Obligations (Milk) Regulations 2024;</p> <p>The Plant Health (Fees) (England) and Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) (Amendment) Regulations 2024;</p> <p>The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2024 - PH/051/R -;</p> <p>The Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024;</p> <p>The Ivory Act (Extension of Meaning of "Ivory") (Transitional Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024</p>
SSIs considered	1	Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2023: 2023/Draft
		9 draft affirmative; 8 laid only; 1 instrument/ document subject to approval; 16 negative:
SSIs considered	34	SSI 2023/143; SSI 2023/150; SSI 2023/151; SSI 2023/170; SSI 2023/184; SSI 2023/193; SSI 2023/308; SSI 2023/311; SSI 2023/312; SSI 2023/367; SSI 2023/370; SSI 2023/372; SSI 2024/6; SSI 2024/36; SSI 2024/81; SSI 2024/86
Petitions considered	0	
		<p>13 September 2023: Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/184); Deer (Firearms etc) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [Draft]</p> <p>7 February 2024: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 116, 53, 112, 119, 78, 117, 11, 54, 178, 179, 118, 111, 79, 177, 110</p> <p>21 February 2024: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 100, 150, 122, 168, 80, 57, 19, 40, 180, 127, 159, 163, 102, 74, 23, 88, 181, 64, 18, 182, 184, 105, 84, 130, 128, 68, 152, 66, 25, 174, 31, 21, 90, 89, 162, 161, 158, 173, 85C, 134, 132, 36, 172, 73, 28, 129, 153, 183, 93, 148, 125, 123, 43, 75, 147, 71, 140, 103, 16, 121, 41, 126, 34, 33, 17, 101, 85B, 137, 170, 155, 20, 136, 131, 63, 82</p> <p>28 February 2024: Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/6)</p> <p>1 May 2024: Sea Fisheries (Remote Electronic Monitoring and Regulation of Scallop Fishing) (Scotland) Regulations 2024</p> <p>8 May 2024: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 97, 5, 101, 133, 99, 127, 40, 96, 120, 45, 105, 117, 29, 111, 36, 109, 107, 28, 21, 95, 100, 122, 34, 20, 39, 132, 46, 35, 102, 106, 32, 104, 129, 118, 44, 98, 41, 38, 121, 92, 103, 123, 33, 110, 131</p>
Divisions held	138	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	1	13 September 2023: Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/184)
Plenary debates	1	25 May 2023 S6M-09146

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 20 March 2024	562	29 March 2024	No Response
5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill	553	18 March 2024	26 March 2024
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill	539	5 March 2024	9 May 2024
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 28 February 2024	535	28 February 2024	No Response
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative consent memorandum: the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill	520	2 February 2024	No Response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 24 January 2024	512	25 January 2024	No Response
10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 13 December 2023	500	20 December 2023	No Response
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 22 November 2023	486	1 December 2023	No Response
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill	472	20 November 2023	29 November 2023
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 13 September 2023	438	25 September 2023	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 28 June 2023	418	28 June 2023	No Response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 31 May 2023	398	8 June 2023	No Response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual report of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 2022/23	376	25 May 2023	n/a

### 4.3.15. Social Justice and Social Security Committee

**Established:** 15 June 2021

**Remit:**

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice excluding matters relating to housing and tenants' rights.

(As agreed by Parliament on 8 June 2023)

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, excluding matters relating to local government, housing and planning.

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

**Convener:** Collette Stevenson (SNP)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Bob Doris (SNP) (from 7 September 2023)
- Gordon MacDonald (SNP) (until 29 June 2023)

**Membership:** The committee has **8** 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	3
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	18

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour	Con	32 (35)
Miles Briggs (until 29 June 2023)	Con	5 (6)
Katy Clark	Lab	30 (35)
Bob Doris (from 29 June 2023)	SNP	26 (29)
James Dornan (until 30 October 2023)	SNP	10 (12)
Gordon MacDonald (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	6 (6)
John Mason (from 31 October 2023)	SNP	19 (22)
Roz McCall (from 29 June 2023)	Con	27 (29)
Marie McNair	SNP	31 (35)
Paul O’Kane	Lab	32 (35)
Collette Stevenson	SNP	33 (35)

### Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Miles Briggs (from 5 September 2023)	Con	0
Stephanie Callaghan (until 1 November 2023)	SNP	0
James Dornan (31 October 2023 – 29 February 2024)	SNP	1
Mark Griffin	Lab	0
David Torrance (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	
Tess White	Con	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Claire Menzies

**Advisers:** None

### Visits

- As part of its inquiry into child poverty and parental employment, the Committee

visited Rutherglen, North Ayrshire and the Western Isles.

- The Committee visited the Social Security Scotland Headquarters in Dundee on 15 January 2024.

**Events:** None

**Witnesses**

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	12
Scottish Government officials	22
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	24
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	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
NHS	0
Higher Education	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	45
Other categories of witnesses	9

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
		Child poverty and parental employment;
		Delivering new benefits;
Inquiries	5	Kinship care;
		Reducing drug deaths in Scotland and tackling problem drug use (joint inquiry with CJ & HSCS committees);
		The extra costs of living with a disability
Consultations	2	Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill;
		Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
		Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill;
Bills considered	3	Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill;
		Social Security (Amendment) (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	
		7 draft affirmative; 4 laid only; 8 negative:
SSIs considered	19	SSI 2023/141; SSI 2023/197; SSI 2023/258; SSI 2023/268; SSI 2023/371; SSI 2024/35; SSI 2024/58; SSI 2024/111
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	S6M-12468: 14 March 2024

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill	580	9 May 2024	No Response
3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Poverty and Inequality Commission: Public Appointments	572	26 April 2024	n/a
2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered on 22 February 2024	549	14 March 2024	No Response
1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill	504	11 January 2024	22 January 2024
12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 7 December 2023	494	13 December 2023	No Response
11th report, 2023 (Session 6): Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment	476	23 November 2023	22 January 2024
10th report, 2023 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25	467	7 November 2023	19 December 2023
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 26 October 2023	466	6 November 2023	No Response
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Short-Term Appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Commission	452	19 October 2023	24 January 2024
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 21 and 28 September 2023	451	19 October 2023	No Response
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee 2022-23	379	25 May 2023	n/a
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Scrutinising social justice: barriers and opportunities	370	17 May 2023	14 July 2023

### 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)

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business;
- (b) whether a member’s conduct is in accordance with these Rules and any Code of Conduct for members, matters relating to members interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their Parliamentary duties;
- (c) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members;
- (d) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland;
- (e) matters relating to the regulation of lobbying; and
- (f) matters relating to local government elections, Scottish general elections, implementation of the Referendums (Scotland Act) 2020 and Freedom of Information and open government falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

**Convener:** Martin Whitfield (Lab)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Ivan McKee (SNP) (from 7 September 2023)
- Bob Doris (SNP) (until 29 June 2023)

**Membership:** The committee has **5** members

**Committee meetings**

There were **24** meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	24
Meetings held wholly in private	5
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)
Bob Doris (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	4 (4)
Jackie Dunbar (from 6 March 2024)	SNP	7 (7)
Christine Grahame (29 June 2023 – 5 September 2023)	SNP	0 (1)
Emma Harper (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	4 (4)
Stephen Kerr (29 June 2023 - 28 March 2024)	Con	11 (13)
Ivan McKee (29 June 2023 - 8 May 2024)	SNP	19 (19)
Edward Mountain (until 29 June 2023)	Con	2 (4)
Oliver Mundell (from 28 March 2024)	Con	3 (4)
Alexander Stewart (until 29 June 2023)	Con	4 (4)
Evelyn Tweed (5 September 2023 - 6 March 2024)	SNP	11 (13)
Annie Wells (from 29 June 2023)	Con	19 (20)
Martin Whitfield	Lab	23 (24)

## Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alasdair Allan (from 29 June 2023)	SNP	2
Stephen Kerr (until 29 June 2023)	Con	1
Rona Mackay (until 29 June 2023)	SNP	0
Edward Mountain (from 29 June 2023)	Con	3
Colin Smyth	Lab	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Catherine Fergusson

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

**Witnesses:** Data on the number of witnesses is not available for this parliamentary year

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Committee effectiveness; Parliamentary privilege; Proxy Voting Pilot review; A Parliament for All - Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016.
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	1	1 negative: SSI 2024/101
Petitions considered	1	PE1949
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	20 December 2023 S6M-11616

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Standing Order Rule changes - Proxy Voting	489	7 December 2023	No Response
11th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Annual Report 2022-2023	378	24 May 2023	n/a

## 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	7
Draft proposals lodged with a statement of reasons	0
Draft proposals fell	0
Draft proposals withdrawn	0
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
<b>Government Bills</b>	Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill	14
	Agricultural and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill	
	Housing (Scotland) Bill	
	Budget (Scotland) Bill	
	Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill	
	Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill	
	Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill	
	Land Reform (Scotland) Bill	
	Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill	
	Scottish Languages Bill	
	Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill	
	Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill	
	Scottish Elections (Representative and Reform) Bill	
	Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill	
<b>Members' Bills</b>	Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill	5
	Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill	
	Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill	
	Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill	
<b>Emergency Bills</b>	Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill	
		0
<b>Committee Bills</b>		0
<b>Private Bills</b>		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>

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
<b>Government Bills</b>		0
<b>Members' Bills</b>	Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill	2
	Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill	
<b>Emergency Bills</b>		0
<b>Committee Bills</b>		0
<b>Private Bills</b>		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>

## Bills withdrawn

Type of Bill	Bill Title	Number
<b>Government Bills</b>		0
<b>Members' Bills</b>		0
<b>Emergency Bills</b>		0
<b>Committee Bills</b>		0
<b>Private Bills</b>		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>

## Bills passed

Type of Bill	Bill Title	Number
<b>Government Bills</b>	Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill	7
	Budget (Scotland) Bill	
	Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill	
	Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill	
	Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill	
	Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill	
	Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill	
<b>Members' Bills</b>		0
<b>Emergency Bills</b>		0
<b>Committee Bills</b>		0
<b>Private Bills</b>		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>

## Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Received Royal Assent (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	Number
Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Act 2023 (asp 4)	8
Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 3)	
Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 (asp 5)	
Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 (asp 3)	
Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Act 2023 (asp 6)	
Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 2)	
United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 (asp 1)	
Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act (asp 4)	
The average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	455

## 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>

## 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. However, the Bills had not been reintroduced by the end of the parliamentary year so are not included in this table.

Type of Bill	Bill Title	Number
<b>Government Bills</b>	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 80)	1
<b>Members' Bills</b>		0
<b>Committee Bills</b>		0
<b>Private Bills</b>		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>

## 5.1.2. Progress of Public Bills

These tables list all Bills that were in progress during the third 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 2023 to 12 May 2024, are listed in the previous year/s volume or subsequent volume/s.

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

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

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

No further action was taken during this parliamentary year.

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

SP Bill number	80
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	41
Date introduced	1 Sep 20
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	
Reconsideration stage committee discussions	26 Sep 23
	31 Oct 23
	7 Nov 23
	14 Nov 23
Reconsideration stage debate	14 Sep 23
	7 Dec 23
Length of Bill as approved	7 Dec 23
Date approved	45
Length of passage from introduction to approval in calendar days	1232
Date of Royal Assent	16 Jan 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 1)

## 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 judgment 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.”

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

SP Bill number	14
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	11
Date introduced	20 Apr 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 17 May 23 ECYP 28 Jun 23 ECYP 13 Sep 23 ECYP 4 Oct 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP443
Stage 1 plenary debate	23 Nov 23
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	23 Nov 23
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

## Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	15
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	63
Date introduced	25 May 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	67
Length of passage in calendar days	384
Date of Royal Assent	13 Jun 23
Act Number	2023 (asp 3)

## Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	16
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	19
Date introduced	8 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 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	CJC 17 May 23
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 13 Jun 23
Stage 2 report ref.	SP401
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	22 Jun 23
Date passed	22 Jun 23
Length of Bill as passed	30
Length of passage in calendar days	419
Date of Royal Assent	1 Aug 23
Act Number	2023 (asp 4)

## National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

On 28 February 2024, Parliament debated whether the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill be referred back to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee for a further report on the general principles of the Bill. MSPs voted against referring the Bill back to the lead committee.

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	HSCS 3 Oct 23
	HSCS 24 Oct 23
	HSCS 31 Oct 23
	HSCS 7 Nov 23
	HSCS 12 Dec 23
	HSCS 16 Jan 24
	HSCS 23 Jan 24
	HSCS 30 Jan 24
	HSCS 6 Feb 24
	HSCS 20 Feb 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	FPA 26 Sept 23
	FPA 23 Jan 24
	FPA 25 Jan 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP530
Stage 1 referral back to lead committee debate	28 Feb 24
Stage 1 plenary debate	29 Feb 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	HSCS 26 Mar 24
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	

## Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

SP Bill number	19
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	18
Date introduced	6 Oct 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	HSCS 13 Jun 23
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	27 Sept 23
Date passed	27 Sept 23
Length of Bill as passed	18
Length of passage in calendar days	397
Date of Royal Assent	7 Nov 23
Act Number	2023 (asp 6)

## Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	20
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	28
Date introduced	15 Nov 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	SJSS 1 Jun 23
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 20 Jun 23
Stage 2 report ref.	SP409
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	28 Jun 23
Date passed	28 Jun 23
Length of Bill as passed	32
Length of passage in calendar days	267
Date of Royal Assent	9 Aug 23
Act Number	2023 (asp 5)

## Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	21
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	51
Date introduced	22 Nov 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	DPLR 16 May 23 DPLR 23 May 23 DPLR 6 Jun 23 DPLR 20 Jun 23 DPLR 5 Sept 23 DPLR 12 Sept 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP434; SP492
Stage 1 plenary debate	28 Sept 23
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	DPLR 14 Nov 23
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 12 Dec 23
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	DPLR 19 Dec 23
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	20 Dec 23
Date passed	20 Dec 23
Length of Bill as passed	58
Length of passage in calendar days	434
Date of Royal Assent	30 Jan 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 2)

## 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	ECYP
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 31 May 23 ECYP 7 Jun 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP397
Stage 1 plenary debate	22 Jun 23
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	ECYP 25 Oct 23 ECYP 1 Nov 23
Stage 2 committee discussions	ECYP 24 Jan 24 ECYP 31 Jan 24 ECYP 7 Feb 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 26 Mar 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP565
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	24 Apr 24 25 Apr 24
Date passed	25 Apr 24
Length of Bill as passed	43
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

## Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	24
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	26
Date introduced	21 Mar 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RAI 31 May 23 RAI 14 Jun 23 RAI 21 Jun 23 RAI 28 Jun 23 RAI 13 Sept 23 RAI 20 Sept 23 RAI 4 Oct 23 RAI 25 Oct 23 RAI 1 Nov 23 RAI 8 Nov 23 RAI 15 Nov 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	13 Jun 23 12 Sept 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP404; SP555; SP472
Stage 1 plenary debate	30 Nov 23
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	7 Feb 24 21 Feb 24
After stage 2 discussions	19 Mar 24
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	21 Mar 24
Date passed	21 Mar 24
Length of Bill as passed	42
Length of passage in calendar days	406
Date of Royal Assent	30 Apr 24
Act Number	2024 (asp 4)

## 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	5 Sept 23
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRCJ 3 Oct 23 EHRCJ 7 Nov 23 EHRCJ 14 Nov 23 EHRCJ 21 Nov 23 EHRCJ 28 Nov 23 EHRCJ 5 Dec 23 EHRCJ 12 Dec 23 EHRCJ 23 Jan 24 EHRCJ 6 Feb 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 12 Sep 23 DPLR 24 Oct 23 DPLR 7 Nov 23 DPLR 14 Nov 23 DPLR 21 Nov 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP481; SP525
Stage 1 plenary debate	22 Feb 24
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	

## **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	CJC 24 May 23
Lead committee appointed	CJC 17 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CJC 27 Sept 23
	CJC 4 Oct 23
	CJC 25 Oct 23
	CJC 1 Nov 23
	CJC 15 Nov 23
	CJC 22 Nov 23
	CJC 29 Nov 23
	CJC 6 Dec 23
	CJC 13 Dec 23
	CJC 10 Jan 24
	CJC 17 Jan 24
	CJC 24 Jan 24
	CJC 31 Jan 24
	CJC 6 Feb 24
	CJC 7 Feb 24
	CJC 21 Feb 24
	CJC 28 Feb 24
	CJC 6 Mar 24
	CJC 13 Mar 24
	CJC 20 Mar 24
	CJC 27 Mar 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 24 Oct 23
	DPLR 19 Dec 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP498; SP560
Stage 1 plenary debate	23 Apr 24
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	

## 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	EFW 17 May 23
Lead committee appointed	EFW 17 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EFW 13 Sep 23 EFW 20 Sep 23 EFW 27 Sep 23 EFW 25 Oct 23 EFW 29 Nov 23 EFW 10 Jan 24 EFW 17 Jan 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	SJSS 11 May 23 DPLR 6 Jun 23 DPLR 20 Jun 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP416; SP508
Stage 1 plenary debate	6 Feb 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	20 Mar 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 30 Apr 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP583
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	

## 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	LGHP 20 Jun 23 LGHP 3 Oct 23
Lead committee appointed	LGHP 14 Jun 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGHP 24 Oct 23 LGHP 31 Oct 23 LGHP 7 Nov 23 LGHP 14 Nov 23 LGHP 12 Dec 23 LGHP 19 Dec 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DLPR 19 Sept 23 DLPR 24 Oct 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP458; SP502
Stage 1 plenary debate	16 Jan 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	12 Mar 24
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 23 Apr 24
Stage 2 report ref.	SP575
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	

## 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	CJC 20 Sep 23 CJC 7 Feb 24 CJC 21 Feb 24 CJC 13 Mar 24
Lead committee appointed	CJC 13 Jun 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CJC 17 Apr 24 CJC 24 Apr 24 CJC 8 May 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 12 Dec 23 FPA 26 Mar 24 FPA 7 May 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP493
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 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	SJSS 22 Jun 23 SJSS 5 Oct 23
Lead committee appointed	SJSS 28 Jun 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SJSS 16 Nov 23 SJSS 9 Nov 23 SJSS 16 Nov 23 SJSS 23 Nov 23 SJSS 30 Nov 23 SJSS 7 Dec 23 SJSS 21 Dec 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 7 Nov 23 DPLR 28 Nov 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP487; SP504
Stage 1 plenary debate	18 Apr 24
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	18 Apr 24
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	NZET 21 Jun 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	NZET 26 Sep 23 NZET 3 Oct 23 NZET 31 Oct 23 NZET 7 Nov 23 NZET 14 Nov 23 NZET 21 Nov 23 NZET 28 Nov 23 NZET 5 Dec 23 NZET 23 Jan 24 NZET 6 Feb 24 NZET 20 Feb 24 NZET 21 Feb 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 3 Oct 23 FPA 24 Oct 23 DPLR 31 Oct 23 FPA 7 Nov 23 FPA 28 Nov 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP461; SP484; SP429
Stage 1 plenary debate	20 Mar 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	NZET 7 May 24
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	

## 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	RAI 27 Jun 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RAI 6 Sep 23 RAI 20 Sep 23 RAI 25 Oct 23 RAI 22 Nov 23 RAI 28 Feb 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 26 Sept 23 DPLR 31 Oct 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP462; SP539
Stage 1 plenary debate	9 May 24
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	

## 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	RAI 4 Oct 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RAI 25 Oct 23 RAI 1 Nov 23 RAI 29 Nov 23 RAI 6 Dec 23 RAI 13 Dec 23 RAI 20 Dec 23 RAI 31 Jan 24 RAI 21 Feb 24 RAI 6 Mar 24 RAI 13 Mar 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 19 Dec 23 DPLR 23 Jan 23 FPA 6 Feb 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP553; SP515
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 Mar 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	RAI 8 May 24
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	

## 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	HSCS 24 Oct 23 HSCS 7 Nov 23 HSCS 28 Nov 23 HSCS 12 Dec 23 HSCS 16 Jan 24 HSCS 20 Feb 24
Lead committee appointed	HSCS 25 Oct 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HSCS 27 Feb 24 HSCS 5 Mar 24 HSCS 12 Mar 24 HSCS 19 Mar 24 HSCS 26 Mar 24 HSCS 18 Apr 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 12 Dec 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP501; SP567
Stage 1 plenary debate	30 Apr 24
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	

## 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 October 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	SJSS 9 Nov 23
	SJSS 8 Feb 24
Lead committee appointed	SJSS 8 Nov 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SJSS 7 Mar 24
	SJSS 14 Mar 24
	SJSS 21 Mar 24
	SJSS 28 Mar 24
	SJSS 18 Apr 24
	SJSS 9 May 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 6 Feb 24
	DPLR 19 Mar 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP559
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	

## 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	LGHP 7 Nov 23
Lead committee appointed	LGHP 8 Nov 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGHP 5 Dec 23
	LGHP 12 Dec 23
	LGHP 19 Dec 23
	LGHP 23 Jan 24
	LGHP 30 Jan 24
	LGHP 6 Feb 24
	LGHP 20 Feb 24
	LGHP 27 Feb 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 9 Jan 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP505; SP536
Stage 1 plenary debate	12 Mar 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	LGHP 23 Apr 24
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	

## 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	EHRCJ 12 Dec 23
	EHRCJ 6 Feb 24
Lead committee appointed	EHRCJ 15 Nov 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRCJ 20 Feb 24
	EHRCJ 5 Mar 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP552
Stage 1 plenary debate	26 Mar 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	30 Apr 24
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	

## 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	FPA 22 Nov 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	FPA 5 Mar 24 FPA 12 Mar 24 FPA 19 Mar 24 FPA 23 Apr 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 30 Jan 24 DPLR 5 Mar 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP574
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 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	ECYP 6 Dec 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 1 May 24 ECYP 8 May 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 5 Mar 24 DPLR 16 Apr 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP569
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	

## 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	DPLR 19 Dec 23
Lead committee appointed	DPLR 13 Dec 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	DPLR 30 Jan 24
	DPLR 6 Feb 24
	DPLR 26 Mar 24
	DPLR 16 Apr 24
	DPLR 23 Apr 24
	DPLR 30 Apr 24
	DPLR 7 May 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP523
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. 3) Bill

SP Bill number	41
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	13
Date introduced	21 Dec 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 16 Jan 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP507; SP517
Stage 1 plenary debate	8 Feb 24
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	20 Feb 24
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	27 Feb 24
Date passed	27 Feb 24
Length of Bill as passed	13
Length of passage in calendar days	98
Date of Royal Assent	28 Mar 24
Act Number	2024 (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	SPPA 1 Feb 24
Lead committee appointed	SPPA 31 Jan 24
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SPPA 21 Mar 24 SPPA 28 Mar 24 SPPA 18 Apr 24 SPPA 2 May 24
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	LGHP 6 Feb 24 DPLR 12 Mar 24
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 554
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	

## 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 Feb 24
Preliminary discussions in committee	5 Mar 24
Lead committee appointed	EHRCJ 21 Feb 23
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	

## 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 26 Mar 24 NZET 23 Apr 24
Lead committee appointed	NZET 20 Mar 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	

## 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	LGHP 16 Apr 24 SJSS 18 Apr 24
Lead committee appointed	LGHP 17 Apr 24 (SJSS secondary)
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	

## 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	
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 third 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

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

## Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, 13 May 2023 to November 2023

Subordinate Legislation Type	May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Draft Affirmative Instruments	3	4	0	0	9	6	3
Negative Instruments	4	12	1	5	11	6	6
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	3	7	0	0	3	1	4
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Instruments</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

## Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, December 2023 to 12 May 2024)

Subordinate Legislation Type	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	Total
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Draft Affirmative Instruments	2	11	8	3	10	6	65
Negative Instruments	9	14	18	7	2	1	96
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	3	3	4	5	3	1	37
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Instruments</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>203</b>

## 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

	Number received
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	2
Jun 2023	7
Jul 2023	0
Aug 2023	1
Sep 2023	7
Oct 2023	2
Nov 2023	5
Dec 2023	2
Jan 2024	5
Feb 2024	3
Mar 2024	3
Apr 2024	2
May 24 (until 12 May)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>

## 6. Other Parliamentary Business

### 6.1. Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament

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

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

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

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

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

**0** Cross-Party Group was re-established in the third parliamentary year of Session 6.

**2** Cross-Party Groups ended during the third parliamentary year of Session 6.

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups active during the third parliamentary year of Session 6, **123** in total.

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		
Beer and Pubs		
Building Bridges with Israel		
Cancer		
Care Leavers		
Carers		
Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice		
Changing Places Toilets		
Children and Young People		
China		
Chronic Pain		
Circular Economy		
Civil Nuclear Industry	15 Dec 23	
Colleges and Universities		
Commercial Sexual Exploitation		
Construction		
Co-Operatives		
Creative Economy		
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	21 Sep 23	
Food		
Freedom of Religion or Belief		
Funerals and Bereavement		
Future of Football in Scotland		
Gàidhlig		
Gardening and Horticulture		
Germany		
Health Inequalities		

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Heart and Circulatory Diseases		
Housing		
Human Trafficking		
Ice Sports		
Improving Scotland's Health		
Independent Convenience Stores		
India		
Industrial Communities		
Inflammatory Bowel Disease		
International Development		
Ireland		1 Jun 23
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		
Migration		
MS		
Muscular Dystrophy		
Music		
Nature and Climate		
Nordic Countries		
Nuclear Disarmament		
Oil and Gas		
Older People, Age and Ageing		
Outdoor Education		
Pakistan		
Palestine		
Palliative Care		
Poland		
Poverty		
Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences		
Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions		
Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism		
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency		
Rugby Development in Scotland		
Rural Policy		
Science and Technology		
Scotch Whisky		
Scots Language		
Scottish Games Ecosystem	16 May 24	

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Scottish Gypsy/Traveller Community		
Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries		
Scottish Showmen's Guild		
Shared Parenting		
Skills		
Social Enterprise		
Social Work		
Space		
Sport		
St Andrew's Day		
Stroke		
Sustainable Transport		
Sustainable Uplands Management		25 May 23
Taiwan		
Tibet		
Tourism		
Towns and Town Centres		
Ukraine	5 Oct 23	
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.

**376** documents were laid before Parliament during the parliamentary year.

### Documents laid other than Statutory Instruments

May 23 (from 13 May)	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23
20	24	29	11	34	44	57
Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24 (until 12 May)	
66	12	13	32	29	5	

## 6.3. Rule Changes to Standing Orders

### Chapter 11

- [11.5.2](#) Paragraph amended, 22.12.23, 12th Report 2023 (S6)
- [11.5A](#) Paragraph inserted, 22.12.23, 12th Report 2023 (S6)
- [Annexe 5](#) Temporary Rule deleted, Motion S6M-11616, 22.12.23, 12th Report 2023 (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)

### **Trustees**

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

## 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

### **Members**

- Jamie Greene
- Daniel Johnson
- Richard Leonard
- Mark Ruskell

## **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
- Emma Harper
- Ross Greer
- Pauline McNeill
- Tess White

### **Associate Members:**

- Jackie Dunbar
- Jamie Halcro-Johnston
- Paul O’Kane
- Collette Stevenson

## **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
- Sarah Boyack
- Stuart McMillan

## **Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies**

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

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

## **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe**

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

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

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

### **Scottish Members of the Regional Chamber**

#### **Full Member**

- Keith Brown (from 20 September 2023)

#### **Alternative Member:**

- Alexander Stewart (from 20 September 2023)

## **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:**

- Kate Forbes (from 20 September 2023)

## 7. Staff

### 7.1. MSP Staff

#### Number of MSP staff (as at 31 March 2024)

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

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
SNP	330	138	192	42%	58%
Con	177	99	78	56%	44%
Lab	107	48	59	45%	55%
Green	52	25	27	48%	52%
LD	26	14	12	54%	46%
Alba	5	2	3	40%	60%
<b>MSP Staff</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>53%</b>

Percentages rounded to nearest whole number

## **7.2. Parliamentary Staff in Post by Group (as at 31 March 2024)**

## 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.

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
<b>Business Assurance</b>					
Procurement Services	10	5	5	50.0%	50.0%
Solicitors Office	25	5	20	20.0%	80.0%
<b>Chief Executive's Group</b>					
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	5	1	4	20.0%	80.0%
International Relations Office	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
Presiding Officer's Office	4	1	3	25.0%	75.0%
<b>Deputy Chief Executive Group</b>					
Deputy Chief Executive Office (Includes Deputy Clerk/Chief Executive)	5	2	3	40.0%	60.0%
<b>Digital Services Group</b>					
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	64	38	26	59.4%	40.6%
Information Management and Governance	5	2	3	40.0%	60.0%
<b>Engagement and Communications Group</b>					
Events and Exhibitions (includes Group Head)	11	4	7	36.4%	63.6%
Lobbying Registrar	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
Outreach Services	14	2	12	14.3%	85.7%
Public Information and Publications	7	3	4	42.9%	57.1%
Visitor Services	19	11	8	57.9%	42.1%
Parliament Communications	22	11	11	50%	50%
Participation and Communities Team	9	2	7	22.2%	77.8%
<b>Financial Resources Group</b>					
Finance (includes Group Head)	14	4	10	28.6%	71.4%
Allowances	14	2	12	14.3%	85.7%
Pay and Pensions Office	9	2	7	22.2%	77.8%
<b>Legislation and Parliamentary Business Group</b>					
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	39	14	25	35.9%	64.1%
Official Report	35	16	19	45.7%	54.3%
Broadcasting	17	14	3	82.4%	17.6%
<b>Resilience and Sustainability Group</b>					
Security (Includes Group Head)	86	49	37	57.0%	43.0%
Sustainability Team	2	0	2	0.0%	100%
Resilience Team	5	3	2	60.0%	40.0%
Facilities Management	29	16	13	55.2%	44.8%
<b>People and Culture Group</b>					
People Services and Diversity & Inclusion (inc Group Head)	17	6	11	35.3%	64.7%
Organisational Development and Colleague Experience	8	1	7	12.5%	87.5%
<b>Scrutiny Group</b>					
Committee Office	64	26	38	40.6%	59.4%
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	53	20	33	37.7%	62.3%
<b>Centrally Managed Budget</b>					
	9	1	8	11.1%	88.9%
<b>Total Parliament Staff in Post</b>					
	602	264	338	43.9%	56.1%
<b>Total Parliament Staff (All - Inc Centrally Managed Budget)</b>					

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
	611	265	346	43.4%	56.6%

## 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.

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
<b>Business Assurance</b>					
Procurement Services	9.9	5	4.9	50.4%	49.6%
Solicitors Office	22.3	4.8	16.5	21.6%	73.9%
<b>Chief Executive's Group</b>					
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	4.9	1	3.9	20.6%	79.4%
International Relations Office	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
Presiding Officer's Office	4	1	3	25.0%	75.0%
<b>Deputy Chief Executive Group</b>					
Deputy Chief Executive Office (Includes Deputy Clerk/Chief Executive)	5	2	3	40.0%	60.0%
<b>Digital Services Group</b>					
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	60.8	37.1	23.8	60.9%	39.1%
Information Management and Governance	4.8	2	2.8	41.7%	58.3%
<b>Engagement and Communications Group</b>					
Events and Exhibitions (includes Group Head)	10.8	3.8	7	35.2%	64.8%
Lobbying Registrar	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
Outreach Services	9.4	1	8.4	10.7%	89.3%
Public Information and Publications	5.8	2.8	3	48.3%	51.7%
Visitor Services	17.4	10.6	6.8	61.0%	39.0%
Parliament Communications	18.6	10.8	7.8	58.1%	41.9%
Participation and Communities Team	8.7	2	6.7	23.1%	76.9%
<b>Financial Resources Group</b>					
Finance (includes Group Head)	13.4	3.9	9.5	28.9%	71.1%
Allowances	13.4	2	11.4	15.0%	85.0%
Pay and Pensions Office	8.6	2	6.6	23.2%	76.8%
<b>Legislation and Parliamentary Business Group</b>					
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	36.2	13.6	22.6	37.6%	62.4%
Official Report	30.6	15.8	14.8	51.5%	48.5%
Broadcasting	14	11.3	2.7	80.7%	19.3%
<b>Resilience and Sustainability Group</b>					
Security (Includes Group Head)	81.2	47.8	33.4	58.8%	41.2%
Sustainability Team	1.6	0	1.6	0.0%	100%
Resilience Team	4.8	3	1.8	62.9%	37.1%
Facilities Management	28.3	15.6	12.6	55.3%	44.7%
<b>People and Culture Group</b>					
People Services and Diversity & Inclusion (inc Group Head)	16.4	6	10.4	36.5%	63.5%
Organisational Development and Colleague Experience	7.1	3.4	3.6	48.4%	51.6%
<b>Scrutiny Group</b>					
Committee Office	63.1	26.5	36.6	42.0%	58%
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	49	18.7	30.3	38.2%	61.8%
<b>Centrally Managed Budget</b>					
	8.6	2.0	6.6	23.1%	76.9%
<b>Total Parliament Staff in Post</b>					
	559.9	253.5	306.4	45.3%	54.7%
<b>Total Parliament Staff (All - Inc. Centrally Managed Budget)</b>					

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
	568.5	255.5	313.1	44.9%	55.1%

## 8. Outreach and External Engagement

### 8.1. Visitors

#### Visitors and Tours

	Visitor Numbers	Tour Numbers
May 23	21726	1297*
Jun 23	24012	1393*
Jul 23	18559	3081*
Aug 23	26142	2809*
Sep 23	19882	1387
Oct 23	13632	1482
Nov 23	12036	1102
Dec 23	8021	840
Jan 24	7074	770
Feb 24	9619	755
Mar 24	14631	1252
Apr 24	14879	1607
<b>Total</b>	<b>190213</b>	<b>17775</b>

\* 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 23	497	848
Jun 23	511	Not available
Jul 23	321	Not available
Aug 23	500	Not available
Sep 23	503	624
Oct 23	467	920
Nov 23	636	1,255
Dec 23	326	584
Jan 24	506	948
Feb 24	431	956
Mar 24	499	1,059
Apr 24	515	1,073
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>8,267</b>

While the switchboard was operating throughout this period, data is not available for June to m13 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 23	28	840	16	480
Oct 23	47	1410	27	810
Nov 23	69	2070	24	720
Dec 23	20	600	22	660
Jan 24	47	1410	14	420
Feb 24	51	1530	15	450
Mar 24	71	2130	21	630
Apr 24	38	1140	5	150
May 24	74	2220	12	360
Jun 24	53	1590	14	420
<b>Totals</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>14940</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>5100</b>

## FE / HE engagement through the Education Service, by academic year 2022/23

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

	FE/ HE Institutions	FE/ HE Students
Sep 23	4	80
Oct 23	0	0
Nov 23	1	20
Dec 23	0	0
Jan 24	0	0
Feb 24	5	100
Mar 24	4	80
Apr 24	1	20
May 24	1	20
Jun 24	1	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>340</b>

## Number of groups and visitors engaging with the Education Service

	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 23	48	1400
Oct 23	74	2220
Nov 23	94	2810
Dec 23	42	1260
Jan 24	61	1830
Feb 24	71	2080
Mar 24	96	2840
Apr 24	44	1310
May 24	87	2600
Jun 24	68	2030
<b>Totals</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>20380</b>

## 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 23	29	14	5
Oct 23	27	42	5
Nov 23	33	41	20
Dec 23	28	6	8
Jan 24	32	23	6
Feb 24	33	30	8
Mar 24	34	42	20
Apr 24	16	25	3
May 24	31	46	10
Jun 24	31	31	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>91</b>

## 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 23 (from 13 May)	13	0	0
Jun 23	22	0	0
Jul 23	13	0	0
Aug 23	25	0	0
Sep 23	31	0	0
Oct 23	23	1	0
Nov 23	80	2	0
Dec 23	34	0	0
Jan 24	24	0	0
Feb 24	37	0	0
Mar 24	52	0	0
Apr 24	32	0	0
May 24 (until 12 May)	16	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	0
Jun 23	6
Jul 23	0
Aug 23	0
Sep 23	4
Oct 23	1
Nov 23	1
Dec 23	0
Jan 24	0
Feb 24	0
Mar 24	0
Apr 24	0
May 24 (until 12 May)	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>

## 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
<b>May 23 (from 13 May)</b>	8	1
Jun 23	6	0
Jul 23	1	1
Aug 23	0	0
Sep 23	10	2
Oct 23	7	3
Nov 23	8	0
Dec 23	3	0
Jan 24	5	2
Feb 24	4	1
Mar 24	3	3
Apr 24	4	2
May 24 (until 12 May)	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15</b>

## **8.6. Official Gifts**

**31** gifts were presented to the Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officers during the third parliamentary year of Session 6.

**2** gifts were presented to the Scottish Parliament during the the third parliamentary year of Session 6.

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