

**Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**  
**Wednesday 26 March 2025**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)**

## **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill**

### **Introduction**

1. The Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill was introduced by Maurice Golden MSP on 17 February 2025.
2. The purpose of the Bill is to make dog theft a statutory offence. The Bill also includes other provisions relating to dog theft and the proposed offence. Further information about the Bill's provisions can be found in the [Dog Theft \(Scotland\) Bill Briefing](#) published by SPICe.
3. [Information about the member's bill proposal, including a summary of the responses to the consultation on the draft bill proposal, can be found on the Parliament's web pages](#)
4. The Committee will take evidence from relevant stakeholder organisations at this meeting. The Committee will take evidence from Minister for Victims and Community Safety on 23 April and Maurice Golden MSP on a date to be confirmed. [Some witnesses have provided written comments ahead of giving evidence and these are published on the Bill's web pages.](#)

**Clerks to the Committee**  
**March 2025**