

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
Wednesday 21st May 2025
17th 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 took [evidence from relevant stakeholder organisations at its meeting on 26 March](#). [In addition, some stakeholders have provided written comments and these are published on the Bill's web pages](#).
5. The [Scottish Government set out its views on the bill in a memorandum](#) and the Committee then took [evidence from the Minister for Victims and Community Safety on 23 April 2025](#). The [Minister provided further information on a number of points in a letter on 15 May 2025](#).
6. [Maurice Golden provided further information to the Committee in relation to the Bill in a letter on 18 April 2025](#).

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