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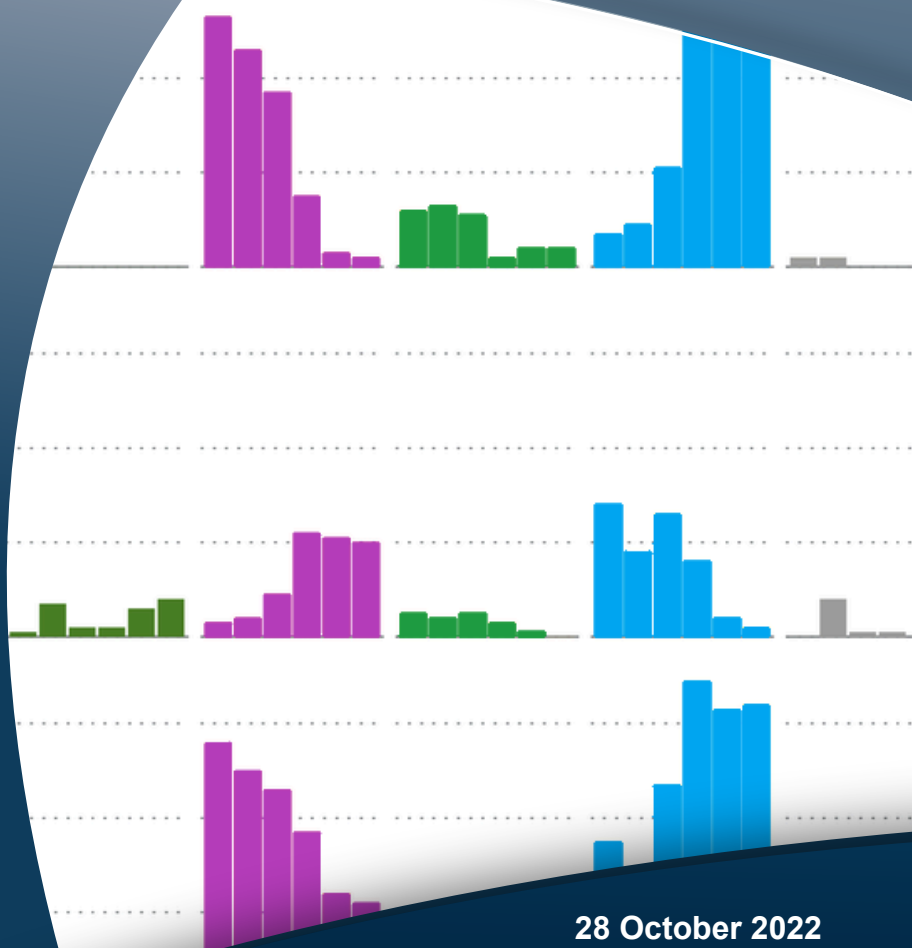
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# Introduction

The statistics in this volume cover the fifth and final parliamentary year of Session 5, from 12 May 2020 – 4 May 2021.

This last year of the fifth session of the Scottish Parliament continued to be dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. This meant parliamentary scrutiny through virtual question sessions and hybrid meeting continued throughout this parliamentary year.

Due to the unprecedented nature of the pandemic, Lewis Macdonald MSP was elected as an additional Deputy Presiding Officer to support the Presiding Officer.

On 19 May 2020, in a parliamentary first, members of the COVID-19 Committee voted *remotely* on amendments to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill using the virtual meeting platform. The Bill completed its passage during a hybrid plenary session in the Chamber on 20 May 2020.

The summer 2020 recess was shortened to six weeks and, due to the ongoing Covid-19 response, special arrangements were made to allow the Parliament to sit during recess.

The Parliament was recalled during the Christmas recess period. Meetings were held on 30 December 2020 and 4 January 2021 to allow statements from the First Minister on extended restrictions due to Covid-19 and to enable a debate to take place relating to the UK leaving the EU.

On 25 March 2021 the Parliament went into recess until the day before the 2021 election. This recess replaced the usual dissolution period, and was called a “campaign recess”.

During the recess, Members uniquely retained their status as MSPs. There was limited parliamentary business, ensuring the period was similar to a normal dissolution. It was not possible to lodge motions, questions, amendments, Members’ Bills, legislative consent memorandums, petitions, bills or subordinate legislation (although the government was still able to make urgent regulations in certain circumstances).

Committees were required to conclude their business by 25 March 2021 and were not able to meet thereafter unless Parliament was recalled, and then only to consider business related to that specific recall. Similarly, recognition of Cross-Party Groups (CPGs) ceased and CPGs were not able to meet during this time.

During this period Parliament was in fact recalled on 12 April 2021 for a motion of condolence following the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

Under the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Act 2021, Parliament dissolved on 5 May 2021, the day before the election.

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

# Abbreviations

AGS - Auditor General for Scotland

asp - Act of Scottish Parliament

BB - Budget Bill

BIPA - British Irish Parliamentary Assembly

BIT - Business Information Technology Office

CALRE - Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies

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

CTEEA - Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

CTEERC - Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

CVD - COVID-19 Committee

DPLR - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

EEFW - Economy, Energy and Fair Works Committee

ES - Education and Skills Committee

ECCLR - Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

EHRiC - Equalities and Human Rights Committee

EU - European Union

F - Female

FE - Further Education

FCC - Finance and Constitution Committee

FM - Facilities Management

FMQs - First Minister's Questions

FOI - Freedom of Information

G - Government Bill



Green - Scottish Green Party

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

h:mins - hours and minutes

Hrs - Hours

HS - Health and Sport Committee

ICT - Information Communications Technology

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

IRO - International Relations Office

J - Justice Committee

JSP - Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Lab - Scottish Labour Party

LCM - Legislative Consent Memorandum

LD - Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

LGC - Local Government and Communities Committee

M - Male

M - Member's Bill

Mins - Minutes

MEP - Member of the European Parliament

MP - Member of the UK Parliament

MS - Multiple Sclerosis

MSP - Member of the Scottish Parliament

MSYP - Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament

n/a - not applicable, or not available

No. - Number

NPA - No Party Affiliation

P - Private Bill

PAPLS - Public Audit Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

PBACM - Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum

PE - Petition

PPC - Public Petitions Committee

PY - Parliamentary year (12 May 2020– 4 May 2021)

REC - Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Ref. - Reference

S - Substitute Committee Member

S5 - Fifth Session of Parliament

S5M - Session 5 Motion

SGHHC - Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

SSC - Social Security Committee

SSCS - Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee

SI -Statutory Instrument

SNP - Scottish National Party

SP - Scottish Parliament

SPCB - Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

SPICe - Scottish Parliament Information Centre

SPPA - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

SPSO - Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

SSI - Scottish Statutory Instrument

UK - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

UKIRO - UK and International Relations Office

US - United States of America

WASPI - Women Against State Pension Inequality

% - Percentage

# 1. Members

## 1.1. Elections

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

Following the recommendations contained in the Boundary Commission for Scotland's Report on the First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries, the Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions changed. The new constituencies and regions were used for the first time at the 2011 Scottish Parliament election.

### 1.1.1. Scottish Parliament Election Results, 5 May 2016

#### Constituency Votes by Party

Party	Votes		Seats won	
	Number	Share of constituency vote	Number	Change from 2011
Scottish National Party	1,059,898	46.5%	59	+6
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	501,844	22.0%	7	+4
Scottish Labour Party	514,261	22.6%	3	-12
Scottish Green Party	13,172	0.6%	0	-
Scottish Liberal Democrats	178,238	7.8%	4	+2
Others	11,741	-	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,279,154</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>73</b>	

% share may not add to 100% due to rounding

#### Regional Votes by Party

Party	Votes		Seats won	
	Number	Share of regional vote	Number	Change from 2011
Scottish National Party	953,587	41.7%	4	-12
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	524,222	22.9%	24	+12
Scottish Labour Party	435,919	19.1%	21	-1
Scottish Green Party	150,426	6.6%	6	+4
Scottish Liberal Democrats	119,284	5.2%	1	-2
Others	102,314	4.5%	0	-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,285,752</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>56</b>	

% share may not add to 100% due to rounding

### 1.1.2. Scottish Parliament By-Elections

There were no by-elections in the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5.

### 1.1.3. MSPs not standing for re-election in the 2021 Election

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

- Bill Bowman (Con) North East Scotland (R)
- Aileen Campbell (SNP) Clydesdale (C)
- Peter Chapman (Con) North East Scotland (R)
- Bruce Crawford (SNP) Stirling (C)
- Roseanna Cunningham (SNP) Perthshire South and Kinross-shire (C)
- Ruth Davidson (Con) Edinburgh Central (C)
- Linda Fabiani (SNP) East Kilbride (C)
- Mary Fee (Lab) West Scotland (R)
- Neil Findlay (Lab) Lothian (R)
- John Finnie (Green) Highlands and Islands (R)
- Jeane Freeman (SNP) Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (C)
- Iain Gray (Lab) East Lothian (C)
- Alison Harris (Con) Central Scotland (R)
- Johann Lamont (Lab) Glasgow (R)
- Richard Lyle (SNP) Uddingston and Bellshill (C)
- Angus MacDonald (SNP) Falkirk East (C)
- Lewis Macdonald (Lab) North East Scotland (R)
- Ken Macintosh (NPA) West Scotland (R)
- Derek Mackay (Ind) Renfrewshire North and West (C)
- Jenny Marra (Lab) North East Scotland (R)
- Tom Mason (Con) North East Scotland (R)
- Mark McDonald (Ind) Aberdeen Donside (C)
- Margaret Mitchell (Con) Central Scotland (R)
- Alex Neil (SNP) Airdrie and Shotts (C)
- Gil Paterson (SNP) Clydebank and Milngavie (C)
- Gail Ross (SNP) Caithness, Sutherland and Ross (C)

- Mike Rumbles (LD) North East Scotland (R)
- Michael Russell (SNP) Argyll and Bute (C)
- Elaine Smith (Lab) Central Scotland (R)
- Stewart Stevenson (SNP) Banffshire and Buchan Coast (C)
- David Stewart (Lab) Highlands and Islands (R)
- Adam Tomkins (Con) Glasgow (R)
- Maureen Watt (SNP) Aberdeen South and North Kincardine (C)
- Sandra White (SNP) Glasgow Kelvin (C)

## 1.2. State of the Parties

**At 12 May 2020, start of the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5**

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	57*	4	61
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	7	24	31
Scottish Labour Party	3	20**	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Independent	2	0	2
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>129</b>

\* Includes 2 deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

\*\* Includes one deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair, excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

**At 24 November 2020, following the resignation of Michelle Ballantyne as a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party**

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	57*	4	61
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	7	23	30
Scottish Labour Party	3	20**	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Independent	2	1	3
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>129</b>

\* Includes 2 deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

\*\* Includes one deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair, excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

## At 18 December 2020, following the resignation of Andy Wightman as a member of the Scottish Green Party

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	57*	4	61
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	7	23	30
Scottish Labour Party	3	20**	23
Scottish Green Party	0	5	5
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Independent	2	2	4
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>129</b>

\*Includes 2 deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

\*\*Includes one deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair, excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

## At 11 January 2021, when Michelle Ballantyne joined the Reform UK party

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	57*	4	61
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	7	23	30
Scottish Labour Party	3	20**	23
Scottish Green Party	0	5	5
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Reform UK	0	1	1
Independent	2	1	3
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>129</b>

\*Includes 2 deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

\*\*Includes one deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair, excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

## 1.3. MSP Statistics

### 1.3.1. Dual Mandate MSPs

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

	MPs	MEPs	Peers	Councillors
May 2020	0	0	0	1
May 2021	0	0	0	1

### 1.3.2. MSPs by Gender and Minority Ethnic

Total number of MSPs in the Parliament on 12 May 2020, start of the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5

	Female	Male	Total
	47	82	129
From Minority Ethnic backgrounds	0	2	2

### 1.3.3. Female MSPs by Party

At 12 May 2020, start of the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	44	21
Scottish Labour Party	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	2	5	7	23	5
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	17	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	20	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>36%</b>

At 24 November 2020, following the resignation of Michelle Ballantyne as a Member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	44	21
Scottish Labour Party	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	2	4	6	20	5
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	17	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	20	1
Independent	0	1	1	n/a	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>36%</b>

At 11 January 2021, when Michelle Ballantyne joined Reform UK

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	44	21
Scottish Labour Party	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	2	4	6	20	5
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	17	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	20	1
Independent	0	1	0	n/a	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>36%</b>

## 1.3.4. MSP Age Profile

### Average ages of MSPs at 12 May 2020, start of the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	54
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	53
Scottish Labour Party	53
Scottish Green Party	49
Scottish Liberal Democrats	55
Independent	41
No Party Affiliation	58
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	54
Males- all parties	53
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>53</b>

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

### Average ages of MSPs at dissolution

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	
Scottish Labour Party	
Scottish Green Party	
Scottish Liberal Democrats	
Reform UK	
Independent	
No Party Affiliation	
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	
Males- all parties	
<b>All MSPs</b>	
Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation. Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties	

## 1.4. Officers of the Parliament

### 1.4.1. Presiding Officers

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



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

On 17 March 2020 the Parliament agreed to move motions S5M-21383 to S5M-21386 on the suspension and variation of Standing Orders to allow the election of an additional Deputy Presiding Officer. This was in response to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion S5M- 21284: That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of electing an additional Deputy Presiding Officer for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19, Rules 11.9.4, 11.9.5, 11.9.13 and 11.9.16 of the Standing Orders be suspended.

### **Presiding Officer**

- Ken Macintosh (NPA), elected 12 May 2016

### **Deputy Presiding Officers**

- Linda Fabiani (SNP), elected 12 May 2016
- Christine Grahame (SNP), elected 12 May 2016
- Lewis Macdonald (Lab), elected 1 April 2020

## **1.4.2. Scottish Parliament Corporate Body**

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

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

### **Membership of the SPCB**

- Presiding Officer, Ken Macintosh (NPA): from 12 May 2016
- Jackson Carlaw (Con): from 19 August 2020
- Ruth Davidson (Con): from 10 September 2019 - 19 August 2020
- Liam McArthur (LD): from 19 May 2016
- David Stewart (Lab): from 5 November 2019

- Sandra White (SNP): from 14 November 2017
- Andy Wightman (Green): from 19 May 2016 - 18 December 2020
- Andy Wightman (Ind): from 18 December 2020

### Number of SPCB meetings attended, 12 May 2020 to 4 May 2021

SPCB Member	Meetings attended (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	19(20)
Jackson Carlaw	14(14)
Ruth Davidson	6(6)
Liam McArthur	20(20)
David Stewart	20(20)
Sandra White	18(20)
Andy Wightman	18(20)

## 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, Ken Macintosh (NPA): from 12 May 2016
- Patrick Harvie (Green): 15 June 2016 - 4 May 2021
- James Kelly (Lab): 3 March 2021 - 4 May 2021

- Willie Rennie (LD): 15 November 2017 - 4 May 2021
- Elaine Smith (Lab): 2 September 2019 - 3 March 2021
- Liz Smith (Con): 20 February 2020 - 14 August 2020

## 1.5. Oaths and Affirmations

### Oath and affirmations by gender, cumulative total for Session 5

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	55	32	87
Female	26	23	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>136</b>

### Oath and affirmations by party, cumulative total for Session 5

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Scottish National Party	29	34	63
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	32	4	36
Scottish Labour Party	15	10	25
Scottish Green Party	1	5	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>136</b>

### MSPs who repeated the oath or affirmation in another language, cumulative total for Session 5

	Gaelic	Doric	Scots	Urdu	Total
Scottish National Party	5	3	1	1	10
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	0	1	0	0	1
Scottish Green Party	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>

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

106 Cross-Party Groups continued from the fourth parliamentary year of Session 5.

0 Cross-Party Groups were established for the first time in the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5.

2 Cross-Party Groups ended during the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5.

104 Cross-Party Groups ended on 24 March 2021 before the pre-election period.

There were 110 Cross-Party Groups in the whole of Session 5.

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups during the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5, **106** in total.

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

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date	End Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness	08/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse	18/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Animal Welfare	14/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Architecture and the Built Environment	22/11/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Armed Forces Veterans Community	21/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions	14/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Autism	14/11/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Aviation	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Basic Income	10/05/2018	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Beer and Pubs	12/01/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Building Bridges with Israel	26/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cancer	24/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Carers	29/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People	07/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on China	14/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Chronic Pain	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Colleges and Universities	18/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Commercial Sexual Exploitation	23/11/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Construction	27/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	04/10/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Co-operatives	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Credit Unions	26/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Crofting	29/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cuba	21/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Culture	06/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cycling, Walking and Buses	07/12/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Deafness	13/09/2016	24/03/2021

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date	End Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dementia	31/01/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Diabetes	21/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Digital Participation	13/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Disability	20/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Drug and Alcohol Misuse	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dyslexia	26/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on End of Life Choices	06/12/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Epilepsy	08/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fair Trade	31/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Families Affected by Imprisonment	21/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fishing	06/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Food	21/02/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Freedom of Religion or Belief	06/09/2017	02/11/2020
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Funerals and Bereavement	28/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Future of Football in Scotland	14/03/2017	24/03/2021
Buidheann Thar-Phartaidh na Gàidhlig	15/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Germany	28/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Govanhill	25/04/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Health Inequalities	26/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Heart Disease and Stroke	08/12/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Housing	28/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Human Trafficking	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Improving Scotland's Health: 2021 And Beyond	02/11/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Independent Convenience Stores	21/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Industrial Communities	15/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Inflammatory Bowel Disease	22/02/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on International Development	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Japan	23/10/	24/03/

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date	End Date
	2018	2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Kurdistan	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Learning Disability	21/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on LGBTI+	28/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Life Sciences	28/11/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Lung Health	01/11/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Malawi	07/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Men's Violence Against Women and Children	24/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Mental Health	26/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on MS	15/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Muscular Dystrophy	15/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Music	21/02/2018	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nordic Countries	14/12/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nuclear Disarmament	17/11/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Oil and Gas	14/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Older People, Age and Aging	13/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Pakistan	08/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palestine	29/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care	16/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Poland	24/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Prevention And Healing Of Adverse Childhood Experiences	13/06/2018	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Racial Equality in Scotland	20/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rail	28/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions	28/03/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Recreational, Boating and Marine Tourism	29/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	15/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy	28/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Russia	16/05/2019	24/03/2021

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament	Start Date	End Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Science and Technology	06/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scotch Whisky	13/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Gypsy Traveller Community	13/06/2018	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries	26/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Showmen's Guild	28/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses	14/12/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Shared Parenting	17/01/2018	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Skills	28/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Social Enterprise	27/03/2018	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Social Science	28/02/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sport	27/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on St Andrew's Day	19/09/2018	27/11/2020
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tackling Islamophobia	30/01/2018	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Taiwan	14/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tibet	12/10/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tourism	14/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Towns and Town Centres	21/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on USA	24/04/2019	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment	13/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Volunteering	28/06/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on WASPI	22/02/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women in Enterprise	28/09/2016	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women's Health	11/05/2017	24/03/2021
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women's Justice	16/05/2018	24/03/2021

## 2. Plenary Meetings

Parliament was recalled during the Christmas recess period. Meetings were held on 30 December 2020 and 4 January 2021 to allow statements from the First Minister on extended restrictions due to Covid-19 and to enable a debate to take place relating to the UK leaving the EU. On 25 March 2021 the Parliament went into recess until the day before the 2021 election. This replaced the usual dissolution period and was called a “campaign recess”.

During the campaign recess there was limited parliamentary business. It was not possible to lodge motions, questions, amendments, Members’ Bills, legislative consent memorandums, petitions, bills or subordinate legislation (although the government was still able to make urgent regulations in certain circumstances).

The Parliament was recalled on 12 April 2021 for a motion of condolence following the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

### 2.1. Calendar

May 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 12 May 2020	14:00	14:02	14:05	17:33	3	31
Wednesday 13 May 2020	12:20	13:33	14:15	17:10	4	08
Thursday 14 May 2020	14:00	14:36	15:00	15:39	1	15
Tuesday 19 May 2020	14:00	17:30			3	30
Wednesday 20 May 2020	12:20	13:35	14:30	18:44	5	29
Thursday 21 May 2020	12:30	14:06	14:32	15:23	2	48
	15:24	15:45				
Tuesday 26 May 2020	14:00	17:04			3	04
Wednesday 27 May 2020	12:20	13:24	14:30	17:35	4	09
Thursday 28 May 2020	14:00	14:25	14:30	14:53	1	13
	15:00	15:25				
<b>Total from May 2020 (from 12 May 2020)</b>					<b>29</b>	<b>07</b>



June 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 2 June 2020	14:00	18:18			4	18
Wednesday 3 June 2020	12:20	13:32	14:30	15:26	3	42
	15:31	17:05				
Thursday 4 June 2020	14:01	14:26	14:30	14:56	1	21
	15:00	15:30				
Tuesday 9 June 2020	14:00	17:28			3	28
Wednesday 10 June 2020	12:20	13:33	14:30	18:04	5	49
	18:09	19:05	19:06	19:12		
Thursday 11 June 2020	14:00	15:28			1	28
Tuesday 16 June 2020	14:00	17:37			3	37
Wednesday 17 June 2020	12:20	13:30	14:30	16:23	6	50
	16:28	19:34	19:37	20:18		
Thursday 18 June 2020	12:30	15:20			2	50
Tuesday 23 June 2020	14:00	17:59			3	59
Wednesday 24 June 2020	12:20	13:46	14:45	16:34	3	15
Thursday 25 June 2020	14:00	15:19			1	19
<b>Total June 2020</b>					<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>

July 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Thursday 9 July 2020	12:20	13:45	14:30	15:58	2	53
Thursday 16 July 2020	14:03	14:59	15:07	15:46	2	14
	15:55	16:34				
Thursday 23 July 2020	14:00	14:45	14:55	15:34	1	24
Thursday 30 July 2020	12:20	14:35			2	15
<b>Total July 2020</b>					<b>8</b>	<b>46</b>

August 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 11 August 2020	14:00	17:01			3	01
Wednesday 12 August 2020	12:20	13:32	14:30	17:33	4	26
	17:58	18:09				
Thursday 13 August 2020	14:00	16:25	16:41	16:45	2	29
Tuesday 18 August 2020	14:00	17:19	17:32	17:42	3	29
Wednesday 19 August 2020	14:30	16:31	16:38	16:41	2	04
Thursday 20 August 2020	12:20	13:44	14:45	16:21	3	00
Tuesday 25 August 2020	14:00	16:05	16:15	19:15	5	05
Wednesday 26 August 2020	12:20	13:31	14:30	15:33	5	21
	15:39	16:14	16:16	18:48		
Thursday 27 August 2020	14:00	14:24	14:30	14:54	1	17
	15:00	15:29				
<b>Total August 2020</b>					<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>

September 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 September 2020	14:00	16:11	16:13	17:33	3	31
Wednesday 2 September 2020	12:20	13:31	14:30	17:38	4	19
Thursday 3 September 2020	14:00	14:27	14:40	15:08	1	21
	15:20	15:46				
Tuesday 8 September 2020	14:00	17:11	17:28	17:36	4	05
	17:38	18:24				
Wednesday 9 September 2020	14:00	17:34	17:45	19:13	5	02
Thursday 10 September 2020	12:20	13:46	14:45	16:17	2	58
Tuesday 15 September 2020	14:00	17:03	17:15	18:07	3	55
Wednesday 16 September 2020	14:00	17:14	17:24	18:23	4	13
Thursday 17 September 2020	12:20	13:30	14:30	14:53	3	54
	14:56	17:11	17:18	17:24		
Tuesday 22 September 2020	14:00	18:22			4	22
Wednesday 23 September 2020	14:00	17:54	18:00	18:53	4	47
Thursday 24 September 2020	12:20	13:31	14:30	17:07	3	48
Tuesday 29 September 2020	14:00	16:53	16:59	17:42	3	36
Wednesday 30 September 2020	14:00	17:53	18:00	18:52	4	45
<b>Total September 2020</b>					<b>54</b>	<b>36</b>

October 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Thursday 1 October 2020	12:20	13:34	14:30	17:03	3	47
Tuesday 6 October 2020	14:00	17:32			3	32
Wednesday 7 October 2020	14:00	18:20	18:27	19:37	5	30
Thursday 8 October 2020	12:20	13:33	14:30	17:42	4	34
	17:49	17:58				
Thursday 15 October 2020	12:20	13:39			1	19
Tuesday 27 October 2020	14:00	14:11	14:21	19:02	5	33
	19:10	19:51				
Wednesday 28 October 2020	14:00	18:24			4	24
Thursday 29 October 2020	12:20	13:53	14:30	17:12	4	19
<b>Total October 2020</b>					<b>32</b>	<b>58</b>

November 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 November 2020	14:00	18:56			4	56
Wednesday 4 November 2020	14:00	17:15	17:22	18:10	4	03
Thursday 5 November 2020	12:20	13:31	14:30	17:06	3	47
Tuesday 10 November 2020	14:00	17:38			3	38
Wednesday 11 November 2020	14:00	18:02	18:06	19:22	5	18
Thursday 12 November 2020	12:20	13:27	14:30	17:34	4	17
	17:42	17:48				
Tuesday 17 November 2020	14:00	18:18			4	18
Wednesday 18 November 2020	14:00	17:13	17:20	18:26	4	19
Thursday 19 November 2020	12:20	13:24	13:59	18:43	5	57
	18:47	18:56				
Tuesday 24 November 2020	14:00	17:59	18:03	18:13	4	35
	18:17	18:43				
Wednesday 25 November 2020	14:00	17:46	17:50	18:29	4	33
	18:31	18:39				
Thursday 26 November 2020	12:20	13:28	14:30	18:41	5	19
	18:47	18:47				
<b>Total November 2020</b>					<b>55</b>	<b>00</b>
December 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 December 2020	14:00	18:57			4	57
Wednesday 2 December 2020	14:00	14:10	14:12	18:17	5	03
	18:23	19:11				
Thursday 3 December 2020	12:20	13:22	14:30	17:38	4	11
	17:44	17:45				
Tuesday 8 December 2020	14:00	19:05			5	05
Wednesday 9 December 2020	14:00	14:22	14:26	14:27	4	54
	14:28	14:29	14:30	14:34		
	14:50	18:22	18:26	19:20		
Thursday 10 December 2020	12:20	13:20	14:30	16:47	5	14
	16:59	18:56				
Tuesday 15 December 2020	14:00	18:35	18:40	18:58	5	27
	19:02	19:36				
Wednesday 16 December 2020	13:40	16:43	16:49	16:51	3	57
	16:54	17:46				
Thursday 17 December 2020	12:00	12:06	12:20	13:22	3	43
	14:30	16:30	16:32	17:07		
Tuesday 22 December 2020	14:00	15:16	15:20	15:34	5	53
	15:43	20:01	20:04	20:09		
Wednesday 23 December 2020	11:00	12:17	12:20	16:15	5	12
Wednesday 30 December 2020	13:30	15:33	15:36	16:28	2	55
<b>Total December 2020</b>					<b>56</b>	<b>31</b>

January 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Monday 4 January 2021	14:00	15:37			1	37
Wednesday 13 January 2021	11:00	13:46			2	46
Thursday 14 January 2021	13:00	16:29			3	29
Tuesday 19 January 2021	14:00	18:17	18:22	18:32	4	27
Wednesday 20 January 2021	12:30	13:32	14:30	17:37	4	33
	17:41	18:05				
Thursday 21 January 2021	13:00	17:19	17:26	17:38	4	31
	17:41	17:41				
Tuesday 26 January 2021	14:00	15:26	15:38	15:39	3	28
	15:47	17:42	17:50	17:56		
Wednesday 27 January 2021	14:00	17:23	17:24	17:26	3	33
	17:31	17:39				
Thursday 28 January 2021	12:30	13:32	14:00	15:18	4	11
	15:27	17:18				
<b>Total January 2021</b>					<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>

February 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 2 February 2021	14:00	17:12	17:19	17:23	3	18
Wednesday 3 February 2021	12:30	13:33	14:30	17:31	4	31
	17:35	18:02				
Thursday 4 February 2021	13:01	17:43			4	42
Tuesday 9 February 2021	14:00	17:32			3	32
Wednesday 10 February 2021	12:30	13:32	14:30	16:36	3	18
	16:40	16:50				
Thursday 11 February 2021	14:00	17:46			3	46
Tuesday 16 February 2021	14:00	17:42	17:47	17:56	3	51
Wednesday 17 February 2021	12:30	13:32	14:30	16:36	3	33
	16:39	17:04				
Thursday 18 February 2021	14:00	16:45	16:49	18:13	4	09
Tuesday 23 February 2021	14:00	16:06	16:15	17:22	4	05
	17:25	18:17				
Wednesday 24 February 2021	14:00	17:12	17:15	18:13	4	10
Thursday 25 February 2021	12:30	13:29	14:30	18:01	4	41
	18:05	18:16				
<b>Total February 2021</b>					<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>

March 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 2 March 2021	14:00	15:58	16:06	17:23	3	47
	17:28	18:00				
Wednesday 3 March 2021	14:00	18:00	18:04	18:55	4	51
Thursday 4 March 2021	12:30	13:29	14:30	14:36	4	04
	14:38	17:31	17:34	17:40		
Tuesday 9 March 2021	14:00	19:10	19:13	19:40	5	37
Wednesday 10 March 2021	14:00	16:51	17:00	19:46	6	53
	19:56	21:05	21:09	21:16		
Thursday 11 March 2021	12:30	16:49	17:15	17:54	7	29
	18:02	20:03				
Tuesday 16 March 2021	14:00	16:23	16:30	18:04	5	45
	18:12	20:00				
Wednesday 17 March 2021	13:00	13:32	14:00	16:44	5	39
	16:51	16:54	17:06	19:26		
Thursday 18 March 2021	12:30	13:32	14:30	18:03	4	42
	18:08	18:15				
Tuesday 23 March 2021	14:00	16:02	16:08	16:20	5	49
	16:35	16:42	16:43	20:11		
Wednesday 24 March 2021	12:30	13:32	14:30	17:31	4	40
	17:35	18:12				
<b>Total March 2021</b>					<b>59</b>	<b>16</b>

April 2021	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Monday 12 April 2021	11:00	11:24			0	24
<b>Total April 2021</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>

**Parliamentary year total: : 448:57**

## 2.2. Recess Dates

Rather than the usual dissolution period, from 25 March 2021 the Parliament went into recess until the day before the election. This particular recess was called a “campaign recess”. Dissolution happened on 5 May 2021, the day before the election.

**Recess dates**

Start	End
27 June 2020	1 July 2020
3 July 2020	8 July 2020
10 July 2020	15 July 2020
17 July 2020	22 July 2020
24 July 2020	29 July 2020
31 July 2020	5 August 2020
7 August 2020	9 August 2020
10 October 2020	14 October 2020
16 October 2020	25 October 2020
24 December 2020	31 December 2020
1 January 2021	8 January 2021
25 March 2021	4 May 2021

**2.3. Place of Meeting**

In response to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Scottish Parliament has continued to meet in the Chamber but has also introduced some virtual sittings as well as hybrid meetings.

## 3. Plenary Business

Parliament was recalled during the Christmas recess period. Meetings were held on 30 December 2020 and 4 January 2021 to allow statements from the First Minister on extended restrictions due to Covid-19 and to enable a debate to take place relating to the UK leaving the EU. On 25 March 2021 the Parliament went into recess until the day before the 2021 election. This replaced the usual dissolution period and was called a “campaign recess”.

During the campaign recess there was limited parliamentary business. It was not possible to lodge motions, questions, amendments, Members’ Bills, legislative consent memorandums, petitions, bills or subordinate legislation (although the government was still able to make urgent regulations in certain circumstances).

The Parliament was recalled on 12 April 2021 for a motion of condolence following the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

### 3.1. Division of Time on Parliamentary Business

During the parliamentary year 12 May 2020 to 4 May 2021, the total time spent on parliamentary business was **448 hours 57 mins**

#### Government Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	14	25	12
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	1	0	01
Stage 3	18	29	36
Business Motions	8	0	10
Financial Resolutions	10	0	08
Motion to pass	15	14	42
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Government Bills</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>

#### Emergency Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	1	2	23
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	1	3	38
Motion to pass	1	0	33
Financial Resolution	1	0	01
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Emergency Bills</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>35</b>

## Members' Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	5	7	34
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	3	1	25
Motion to pass	3	3	50
Financial Resolution	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Members' Bills</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>49</b>

## Committee Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Mins
Stage 1	2	1	13
Stage 2	1	0	02
Stage 3	2	1	03
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Committee Bills</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>

## Private Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Mins
Preliminary Stage	1	0	23
Final Stage	1	0	20
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Private Bills</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>

## Hybrid Bills

No time was spent on Hybrid Bills.

## Statutory Instruments

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Motion to approve (affirmative)	25	1	39
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Statutory Instruments</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>

## Other Motions relating to Legislation

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Legislative Consent Memorandums	8	0	23
Public Bodies Consent Memorandums	0	0	0
<b>Total time spent on other Motions</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>



## Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Business motions (not including Bills)	65	1	26
Committee establishment and membership	10	0	07
Designation of lead committee	9	0	06
Decision Time	97	10	30
Variations of Standing Orders	4	0	01
Suspension of Standing Orders	6	0	02
<b>Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

## Motions for Debate

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	25	50	53
Labour	6	13	33
Conservative	8	17	49
Liberal Democrats	1	2	03
Green	3	5	55
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	10	16	48
Members' Business	40	30	01
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	1	0	04
<b>Total time spent on Motions</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>06</b>

## Debates without Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Mins
Scottish Government	3	7	54
Labour	0	0	00
Conservative	0	0	00
Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Green	0	0	00
Mark McDonald	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on debate without motion</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>54</b>

## Oral Questions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
General questions	0	0	00
Members' virtual questions	2	2	06
First Minister's	37	42	37
Portfolio	47	37	44
Virtual portfolio questions	5	6	24
Topical	32	12	57
Virtual topical questions	1	0	16
Urgent	8	2	02
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	2	0	29
Urgent Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	1	0	02
<b>Total time spent on questions</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>39</b>

## Statements

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	75	78	24
Virtual Scottish Government	3	4	57
Urgent	0	0	00
Presiding Officer	2	0	06
Members'	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on statements</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>27</b>

## Other Matters

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Mins
Points of Order	49	2	49
Committee announcement	3	0	11
Time for Reflection	34	2	07
Motion without notice	21	0	14
Motion of no confidence	3	2	33
Motion of thanks	1	0	24
Motion of condolence	1	0	22
Brian Taylor	1	0	01
Elections/Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	1	0	05
Election to SPCB	1	0	02
Minute silence	2	0	03
Changes to Standing Orders	1	0	03
Standing Order rule change	2	0	11
Code of Conduct rule changes	2	0	03
Scottish Biometrics appointment	1	0	05
Scottish Fiscal Commission appointment	1	0	01
Presiding Officer's closing remarks	1	0	09
<b>Total time spent on other matters</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>23</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.

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

## Time for Reflection

Organisation	Male Speakers	Female Speakers	Number of Time for Reflections
Church of Scotland	13	4	17
Episcopal	1	0	1
Evangelical	1	0	1
Free Church of Scotland	1	0	1
Jewish	1	0	1
Muslim	2	0	2
Non-Faith	3	4	5
Pentecostal	1	0	1
Roman Catholic	4	0	4
Salvation Army	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>

## 3.3. Parliamentary Questions

The outbreak of COVID-19 in Scotland in March 2020 led to changes in when and how parliamentary questions were asked. Question Times took place virtually, in hybrid sessions and in the Chamber.

On 25 March 2021 the Parliament went into recess until the day before the 2021 election. During this time it was not possible to lodge parliamentary questions.

### 3.3.1. Oral Questions

#### 3.3.1.(a) General Questions

General Question Times was suspended on 19 March 2020. These were replaced by Members' Virtual Question Time from 17 April 2020 – 21 May 2020.

There were no general questions asked between 12 May 2020 and 24 March 2021.

#### 3.3.1.(b) Members' Virtual Questions

General Question Time and Portfolio Question Time in the Chamber were suspended on 19 March 2020. These were replaced by Members' Virtual Questions which were asked during April and May 2020.

The final Members' Virtual questions was held on 21 May 2020. It was a hybrid meeting and was listed as Members' Question Time in the Official Report.

The total number of Members' virtual questions answered during the parliamentary year was **44**

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

## Members' Virtual Questions 12 May - 21 May 2020

Party	Number of questions
SNP	15
Con	12
Lab	10
Green	3
LD	4
Derek Mackay	0
Mark McDonald	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

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

The total number of First Minister's questions selected during the parliamentary year was **255**.

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

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

Party	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 24 Mar 21	Total
SNP	3	4	0	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	<b>36</b>
Con	7	8	0	6	8	6	8	8	6	8	8	<b>73</b>
Lab	6	8	0	6	8	6	8	8	6	8	8	<b>72</b>
Green	3	4	0	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	<b>37</b>
LD	3	4	0	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	<b>36</b>
Reform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Michelle Ballantyne	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>1</b>
Derek Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Andy Wightman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>255</b>

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### 3.3.1.(d) Portfolio questions

The outbreak of COVID-19 in Scotland in March 2020 led to changes in when and where parliamentary questions were asked. A Members' Virtual Question Time was held on 14 May 2020 and Members' Question Time was held in a hybrid session on 21 May 2020. From 28 May 2020 portfolio questions returned to the usual pattern

#### 14 May 2020 - 21 May 2020

Week 1: Members' Virtual Question Time

Week 2: Members' Question Time. Local Government and Communities

From 28 May 2020 portfolio questions returned to a standard pattern with oral questions answered in a running rota of themes. The rotation repeats.

#### 28 May 2020 - 24 March 2021

Week 1: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

Week 2: Social Security and Older People; Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Week 3: Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

Week 4: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills

Week 5: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

Week 6: Finance; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism;

Week 7: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

Week 8: Economy, Fair Work and Culture; Education and Skills; Health and Sport

Week 9: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People; Finance

Week 10: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

Week 11: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture

The Parliament continued a 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 **785**. This does not include portfolio questions which were either not lodged or withdrawn.

## Portfolio questions

Party	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 24 Mar 21	Total
SNP	7	35	0	25	40	22	42	32	29	42	44	318
Con	7	31	0	24	42	17	25	25	24	24	20	239
Lab	6	19	0	14	18	11	20	29	13	20	22	172
Green	1	1	0	3	4	1	3	2	2	2	4	23
LD	1	5	0	2	4	3	3	4	3	4	2	31
Reform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
Michelle Ballantyne	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
Derek Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Andy Wightman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>785</b>

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### 3.3.1.(e) Topical questions

The total number of topical questions selected during the parliamentary year was **87**.

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

Party	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 24 Mar 21	Total
SNP	3	4	0	3	5	1	3	1	2	2	1	25
Con	3	3	0	1	4	2	3	1	0	1	1	19
Lab	2	4	0	2	4	2	2	3	0	2	2	23
Green	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	8
LD	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	11
Reform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
Michelle Ballantyne	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Derek Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Andy Wightman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>

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### 3.3.1.(f) Urgent questions

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

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

#### Urgent questions

Party	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 4 Mar 21	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lab	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	7
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Reform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
Michelle Ballantyne	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Derek Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Wightman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

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### 3.3.1.(g) SPCB questions

The total number of SPCB questions answered during the parliamentary year was **5**

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	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 24 Mar 21	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lab	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
Michelle Ballantyne	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Derek Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Wightman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

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## 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 **6735**. This does not include **22** written questions that were withdrawn.



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

Party	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 24 Mar 21	Total
SNP	19	46	34	26	28	41	46	45	53	53	119	<b>510</b>
Con	143	239	185	121	258	199	222	206	172	261	171	<b>2177</b>
Lab	244	388	317	183	263	317	227	285	190	209	214	<b>2837</b>
Green	34	42	25	21	43	59	52	30	15	51	53	<b>425</b>
LD	38	45	82	67	72	66	117	66	72	87	69	<b>781</b>
Reform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0	1	<b>2</b>
Michelle Ballantyne	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>0</b>
Derek Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	<b>3</b>
Andy Wightman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>6735</b>

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

The total number of SPCB written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **14**.

## Written Questions to the SPCB

Party	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sept 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 24 Mar 21	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Con	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Lab	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	0	2	0	11
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reform	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
Michelle Ballantyne	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Derek Mackay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andy Wightman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

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## 3.4. Motions

On 25 March 2021 the Parliament went into recess until the day before the 2021 election. During this time it was not possible to lodge motions.

During this period Parliament was recalled on 12 April 2021 for a motion of condolence following the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

### 3.4.1. Motions by Party

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **2676**. This does not include **9** motions that were withdrawn.

**Motions by Party, 12 May 2020 - 4 May 2021**

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	Reform UK	Michelle Ballantyne	Derek Mackay	Mark McDonald	Andy Wightman	Totals
<b>From 12 May 20</b>	71	25	26	5	7	n/a	0	0	3	n/a	<b>137</b>
<b>Jun 20</b>	131	42	65	9	14	n/a	0	0	8	n/a	<b>269</b>
<b>Jul 20</b>	58	32	43	9	9	n/a	0	0	5	n/a	<b>156</b>
<b>Aug 20</b>	101	40	42	4	8	n/a	0	0	1	n/a	<b>196</b>
<b>Sep 20</b>	133	50	54	14	11	n/a	0	0	6	n/a	<b>268</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	123	57	52	11	22	n/a	0	0	1	n/a	<b>266</b>
<b>Nov 20</b>	121	45	72	16	17	n/a	3	0	1	n/a	<b>275</b>
<b>Dec 20</b>	129	31	32	8	10	n/a	1	0	3	1	<b>215</b>
<b>Jan 21</b>	84	36	26	5	8	0	n/a	0	4	5	<b>168</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	100	24	33	10	8	0	n/a	0	2	2	<b>179</b>
<b>Mar 21</b>	91	28	36	4	6	0	n/a	0	1	0	<b>166</b>
<b>Apr 21</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>To 4 May 21</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2296</b>

**Motions on behalf of bodies by Party Members, 12 May 2020 - 4 May 2021**

	Committee	Parliamentary Bureau	SPCB	Lord Advocate	Solicitor General	Totals
<b>From 12 May 20</b>	0	19	0	0	0	<b>19</b>
<b>Jun 20</b>	0	34	0	0	0	<b>34</b>
<b>Jul 20</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Aug 20</b>	0	32	0	0	0	<b>32</b>
<b>Sep 20</b>	0	44	0	0	0	<b>44</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	0	25	0	0	0	<b>25</b>
<b>Nov 20</b>	0	40	0	0	0	<b>40</b>
<b>Dec 20</b>	0	60	0	0	0	<b>60</b>
<b>Jan 21</b>	0	31	0	0	0	<b>31</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	0	50	0	0	0	<b>50</b>
<b>Mar 21</b>	0	45	0	0	0	<b>45</b>
<b>Apr 21</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>To 4 May 21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>380</b>

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

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

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

### 3.4.2. Motions without Notice

#### Motions without notice, 12 May 2020 - 4 May 2021

Reason for motion	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
to extend the time for debate	6	0	6
to extend the time limit for the debate	1	0	1
to extend the time available for amendments	1	0	1
to change decision time	13	0	13
to suspend the final sentence of rule 9.8.5A	1	0	1
to move the stage 3 debate to a later day	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

### 3.4.3. Motions to Suspend Standing Orders

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

- Motions S5M-21720-S5M-21721 on the suspension and variation of the Standing Orders were agreed on 12 May 2020.
- Motion S5M-22056 on the suspension and variation of Standing Orders was agreed on 17 June 2020.
- Motion S5M-24108 on the suspension of Standing Orders was agreed on 10 February 2021.
- Motion S5M-24236 on the suspension of Standing Orders was agreed on 25 February 2021.

### 3.4.4. Members' Business Motions

The total number of Members' Business debates during the parliamentary year was **45**.

Following Parliament's approval of motion S5M-21283 on 17 March 2020, Members' Business debates were suspended for the duration of the initial public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19. Members' Business debates resumed on 8 September 2020.

**Members' business motions discussed at the initiative of MSPs, by Party**

Party	Female	Male	Total
Scottish National Party	12	10	22
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	2	9	11
Scottish Labour Party	4	4	8
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	1	2
Reform UK	0	0	0
Michelle Ballantyne	0	0	0
Derek Mackay	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0
Andy Wightman	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>45</b>

Michelle Ballantyne resigned from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party on 24 November 2020. She joined the Reform UK party on 11 January 2021.

Andy Wightman resigned from the Scottish Green Party on 18 December 2020.

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**3.4.5. Legislative Consent Memorandums and Motions**

During the parliamentary year there were:

- **14** Legislative Consent Memorandums published
- **3** Supplementary Memorandums published
- **16** Legislative Consent Motions lodged
- **16** Legislative Consent Motions passed

**3.4.6. Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandums and Motions**

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

## 3.5. Ministerial Statements

### Ministerial statements by Cabinet Secretary, Minister, Law Officer

Cabinet Secretary/Minister/Law Officer making the statement	2020 - 2021
First Minister	26
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	12
Minister for Children and Young People	1
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science	4
Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans	1
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport	10
Minister for Mental Health	2
Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing	1
Minister for Public Health and Sport	1
Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform	1
Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government	1
Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People	1
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	4
Minister for Community Safety	1
Cabinet Secretary for Finance	8
Minister for Trade, Innovation and Public Finance	3
Minister for Public Finance and Migration	1
Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation	3
Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture	7
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism	6
Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity	6
Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands	1
Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment	1
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs	11
Lord Advocate	2
<b>Total number of ministerial statements</b>	<b>115*</b>

During the COVID-19 pandemic Scottish Government Ministers gave a weekly COVID-19 update in Chamber. The total number of ministerial statements includes 25 COVID-19 updates.

## 3.6. Committee Announcements

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

## Announcements by Committee

Committee	Number of announcements
Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints	0
Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee	0
COVID-19 Committee	0
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee	1
Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee	0
Education and Skills Committee	1
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee	1
Equalities and Human Rights Committee	0
Finance and Constitution Committee	0
Health and Sport Committee	0
Justice Committee	0
Justice Sub-Committee on Policing Committee	0
Local Government and Communities Committee	0
Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee	0
Public Petitions Committee	0
Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee	0
Social Security Committee	1
Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee	0
Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee	0
<b>Total number of committee announcements</b>	<b>3</b>

## 3.7. Presiding Officer's Rulings

There were no Presiding Officer's rulings or statements during the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5.

## 3.8. Electronic Votes

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

## Electronic votes, 12 May 2020 to 4 May 2021

	Number of Electronic Votes
May 20	3
June 20	32
July 20	0
August 20	36
September 20	21
October 20	6
November 20	24
December 20	48
January 21	12
February 21	33
March 21	58
April 21	0
May 21	0
<b>Total number of electronic votes</b>	<b>273</b>

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

There were no uses of the Presiding Officer's casting vote in the fifth parliamentary year of Session 5.



## 4. Committees

Standing Orders (the Parliament's rules of procedure) were changed to allow committees and the chamber to meet remotely, with the first formal hybrid meetings of Parliament taking place in May 2020. Hybrid meetings involve some MSPs or witnesses 'dialling in' while some are present in the committee room.

On 25 March 2021 the Parliament went into recess until the day before the 2021 election. This recess replaced the usual dissolution period, and was called a "campaign recess".

In keeping with the spirit of dissolution, committees were required to conclude their business by 25 March 2021 and were not able to meet thereafter unless Parliament was recalled, and then only to consider business related to that recall.

### Committee Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Committee Name
SGHHC	Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints
CVD	COVID-19 Committee
CTEEA	Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee
DPLR	Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
EEFW	Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee
ECCLR	Education and Skills Committee
EHRIC	Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
FCC	Finance and Constitution Committee
HS	Health and Sport Committee
J	Justice Committee
JSP	Justice Sub-Committee on Policing
LGC	Local Government and Communities Committee
PAPLS	Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
PPC	Public Petitions Committee
REC	Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee
SSC	Social Security Committee
SSCS	Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee
SPPA	Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

### 4.1. Committee Membership

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

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

Each political party which has two or more MSPs may nominate one of its members to be the party's substitute on each committee. The main role of the committee substitute is to

stand in for a committee member of the same party if that member is unavailable for a committee meeting or is unable to act as a committee member at any other time because of illness, family circumstances, adverse travel conditions beyond the member's control, a requirement to attend to other Parliamentary business or urgent constituency business. Substitute members (S) are therefore not full time members of committees.

The requirement for committee substitutes to be appointed by the Parliament on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau was suspended on 17 March 2020 for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19. This allowed MSPs to attend committee meetings as ad-hoc substitute members.

#### **4.1.1. Individuals' Membership of Committees**

This table lists the committees that each MSP was a member, or substitute member of, during the parliamentary year. It does not list ad-hoc substitute members.

## Members of committees

MSP	Committee
George Adam	ES, FCC, HS
Clare Adamson	ES
Alasdair Allan	SGHHC, ES, FCC, J
Tom Arthur	FCC, SSC
Jackie Baillie	SGHHC, FCC
Claire Baker	CTEEA
Jeremy Balfour	LGC, SSC, LGC(S)
Michelle Ballantyne	DPLR, EEFW
Claudia Beamish	ECCLR, REC(S)
Colin Beattie	EEFW, PAPLS
Neil Bibby	PAPLS, DPLR(S)
Bill Bowman	DPLR, PAPLS, SSCS
Sarah Boyack	LGC, SPPA(S)
Miles Briggs	HS, EHRC(S), HS(S)
Keith Brown	LGC, SSC
Alexander Burnett	FCC
Donald Cameron	SGHHC, CVD, FCC, HS
Finlay Carson	ECCLR
Peter Chapman	REC, PPC(S)
Willie Coffey	CVD, EEFW, PAPLS
Alex Cole-Hamilton	SGHHC, EHRC, HS, REC(S)
Angela Constance	SGHHC, EHRC, FCC
Maurice Corry	CVD, PPC, J(S)
Bruce Crawford	FCC
Bob Doris	SSC, HS(S)
James Dornan	LGC, SSC(S)
Annabelle Ewing	CVD, CTEEA, J, LGC
Linda Fabiani	SGHHC, EHRC(S)
Mary Fee	DPLR, EHRC, J(S)
Neil Findlay	SPPA, ES(S)
John Finnie	J, JSP, REC, FCC(S), SPPA(S)
Joe FitzPatrick	DPLR, EHRC
Murdo Fraser	SGHHC, CVD, FCC
Kenneth Gibson	CTEEA, ES, LGC
Maurice Golden	EEFW, EHRC, EEFW(S)
Christine Grahame	CTEEA, SSCS, REC(S)
Rhoda Grant	EEFW, J, JSP, FCC(S)
Iain Gray	ES
Jamie Greene	ES
Ross Greer	CVD, CTEEA, ES, HS(S), SSC(S)
Mark Griffin	SSC
Jamie Halcro Johnston	CTEEA, ES, REC, SPPA
Rachael Hamilton	REC, SSC, CTEEA(S)
Emma Harper	HS, REC, CTEEA(S)
Alison Harris	EEFW, EHRC, ES(S)
Patrick Harvie	FCC, SPPA, CTEEA(S), LGC(S)

MSP	Committee
Daniel Johnson	ES, SSCS
Alison Johnstone	SGHHC, SSC, ES(S)
James Kelly	J, JSP
Liam Kerr	J, PAPLS, SPPA(S)
Bill Kidd	SPPA, J(S)
Johann Lamont	PPC, PAPLS(S)
Monica Lennon	CVD, HS(S), SSC(S)
Gordon Lindhurst	CTEEA, DPLR, EEFW
Dean Lockhart	CTEEA, EEFW, FCC, EEFW(S), REC(S)
Richard Lyle	EEFW, REC
Angus MacDonald	ECCLR, REC
Gordon MacDonald	EEFW, LGC, SPPA(S)
Lewis Macdonald	HS
Fulton MacGregor	EHRiC, FCC, J, JSP
Rona Mackay	ES, J, JSP, PPC(S)
Ruth Maguire	EHRiC, ECCLR(S)
Jenny Marra	PAPLS
Gillian Martin	ECCLR, EHRiC, FCC(S)
John Mason	CVD, FCC, SSCS, EEFW(S), PAPLS(S)
Tom Mason	PPC
Joan McAlpine	CTEEA
Liam McArthur	J, JSP, ES(S)
Stuart McMillan	SGHHC, CVD, CTEEA, DPLR
Pauline McNeill	SSC, LGC(S)
Margaret Mitchell	SGHHC, J, JSP, J(S)
Edward Mountain	REC
Oliver Mundell	CTEEA, ES, REC, SPPA, DPLR(S)
Alex Neil	ES, PAPLS, DPLR(S)
Gil Paterson	DPLR, SPPA, ES(S)
Shona Robison	CVD, J, JSP, SSC
Gail Ross	ES, LGC, PAPLS, PPC
Alex Rowley	EEFW, FCC, CTEEA(S), PPC(S)
Mike Rumbles	REC
Mark Ruskell	CVD, ECCLR, SPPA, EEFW(S), REC(S)
Anas Sarwar	FCC, PAPLS
John Scott	SPPA, ECCLR(S)
Graham Simpson	EEFW, LGC, PAPLS, SSC, REC(S)
Elaine Smith	EHRiC(S)
Liz Smith	ECCLR, ES(S), SPPA(S)
Colin Smyth	REC, ECCLR(S)
Stewart Stevenson	CVD, CTEEA, ECCLR, REC
Alexander Stewart	EHRiC, LGC, SPPA, LGC(S)
David Stewart	HS
Adam Tomkins	CVD, J, FCC(S), PAPLS(S)
David Torrance	HS, PPC, LGC(S)
Maureen Watt	SGHHC, REC, SPPA
Annie Wells	ECCLR, LGC, EHRiC(S), HS(S)
Sandra White	HS

MSP	Committee
Brian Whittle	HS, SSC(S)
Andy Wightman	EEFW, LGC, ECCLR(S), J(S)
Beatrice Wishart	CVD, CTEEA, ES, EHRC(S), HS(S)

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## Simultaneous membership of committees

Simultaneous membership	
Member of only 1 Committee	26
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	31
Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	12
Member of 4 Committees simultaneously	1
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	32
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	5
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	16
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	5
Member of 3 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	2
Member of 3 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	3
Substitute Member of only 1 Committee	5
Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	1

## 4.1.2. Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by Gender and 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.

These tables are running totals for the parliamentary year.

### Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by gender

	Male	Female
Conveners	12	10
Acting Conveners	1	0
Deputy Conveners	12	10

### Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by party

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	Reform UK
Conveners	10	8	3	1	0	0
Acting Conveners	0	0	1	0	0	0
Deputy Conveners	7	7	5	2	1	0

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## 4.2. Committee Meetings

### 4.2.1. Number of Committee Meetings

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

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

	From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	To 4 May 21	Total
<b>SGHHC</b>	0	1	0	2	5	2	4	3	5	8	9	0	0	<b>39</b>
<b>CVD</b>	4	4	1	1	4	2	3	4	3	4	4	0	0	<b>34</b>
<b>CTEEA</b>	3	4	0	2	4	3	4	5	3	4	2	0	0	<b>34</b>
<b>DPLR</b>	3	4	0	3	5	2	4	4	3	4	4	0	0	<b>36</b>
<b>EEFW</b>	4	6	0	3	5	2	4	5	3	3	4	0	0	<b>39</b>
<b>ES</b>	2	3	1	2	4	2	4	4	3	4	4	0	0	<b>33</b>
<b>ECCLR</b>	1	4	0	3	7	3	4	3	3	5	3	0	0	<b>36</b>
<b>EHRiC</b>	2	4	0	2	4	3	4	3	2	4	2	0	0	<b>30</b>
<b>FCC</b>	1	3	0	4	6	3	4	1	3	4	2	0	0	<b>31</b>
<b>HS</b>	3	5	0	2	5	2	4	4	3	4	4	0	0	<b>36</b>
<b>J</b>	1	3	0	2	5	2	5	4	3	5	2	0	0	<b>32</b>
<b>JSP</b>	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	<b>11</b>
<b>LGC</b>	2	3	0	3	5	2	4	4	4	5	3	0	0	<b>35</b>
<b>PAPLS</b>	0	3	0	3	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	0	0	<b>30</b>
<b>PPC</b>	1	3	0	1	4	4	2	2	2	3	2	0	0	<b>24</b>
<b>REC</b>	3	3	0	2	5	3	4	3	3	4	3	0	0	<b>33</b>
<b>SSC</b>	1	2	0	2	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	0	0	<b>26</b>
<b>SSCS</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>1</b>
<b>SPPA</b>	0	2	0	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	0	0	<b>23</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>563</b>

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**Total number of meetings by committee**

Committee	Number of meetings
SGHHC	39
CVD	34
CTEEA	34
DPLR	36
EEFW	39
ES	33
ECCLR	36
EHRIC	30
FCC	31
HS	36
J	32
JSP	11
LGC	35
PAPLS	30
PPC	24
REC	33
SSC	26
SSCS	1
SPPA	23
<b>Total number of committee meetings</b>	<b>563</b>

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**Number of committee meetings by month**

	Number of meetings
From 12 May 20	31
Jun 20	58
Jul 20	2
Aug 20	40
Sep 20	80
Oct 20	46
Nov 20	66
Dec 20	59
Jan 21	51
Feb 21	72
Mar 21	58
Apr 21	0
To 4 May 21	0
<b>Total number of committee meetings</b>	<b>563</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
SGHHC	43:41	75:20	119:01
CVD	70:38	03:21	73:59
CTEEA	62:12	18:49	81:01
DPLR	02:55	11:48	14:43
EEFW	64:23	40:34	104:57
ES	58:06	21:31	79:37
ECCLR	54:08	31:20	85:28
EHRiC	37:33	10:57	48:30
FCC	49:24	08:32	57:56
HS	60:09	19:14	79:23
J	57:27	12:50	70:17
JSP	15:24	03:12	18:36
LGC	57:04	20:20	77:24
PAPLS	41:46	16:24	58:10
PPC	37:08	03:47	40:55
REC	61:59	23:52	85:51
SSC	30:56	15:59	46:55
SSCS	00:06	00:00	00:06
SPPA	12:23	23:33	35:56

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

All Committees	Total Public h:min	Total Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	44:01	13:12	57:13
Jun 20	78:33	38:12	116:45
Jul 20	03:34	00:18	03:52
Aug 20	57:32	18:53	76:25
Sep 20	128:55	41:36	170:31
Oct 20	55:42	39:16	94:58
Nov 20	108:45	48:59	157:44
Dec 20	80:48	42:25	123:13
Jan 21	70:09	33:28	103:37
Feb 21	122:43	37:23	160:06
Mar 21	66:40	47:41	114:21
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>817:22</b>	<b>361:23</b>	<b>1178:45</b>

**Time spent in committee meetings, by committee and month, plus the division**



## between public and private time

### Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

SGHHC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 20	00:29	01:05	01:34
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	04:05	01:09	05:14
Sep 20	06:34	05:01	11:35
Oct 20	01:54	04:19	06:13
Nov 20	06:17	04:53	11:10
Dec 20	05:40	05:36	11:16
Jan 21	02:49	14:15	17:04
Feb 21	06:12	13:34	19:46
Mar 21	09:41	25:28	35:09
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>43:41</b>	<b>75:20</b>	<b>119:01</b>

### COVID-19 Committee

CVD	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	10:40	00:26	11:06
Jun 20	07:50	00:27	08:17
Jul 20	02:01	00:00	02:01
Aug 20	01:54	00:00	01:54
Sep 20	06:32	00:21	06:53
Oct 20	03:04	00:33	03:37
Nov 20	06:59	00:43	07:42
Dec 20	10:23	00:00	10:23
Jan 21	04:40	00:11	04:51
Feb 21	10:13	00:00	10:13
Mar 21	06:22	00:40	07:02
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>70:38</b>	<b>03:21</b>	<b>73:59</b>

## Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

CTEEA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	04:29	00:59	05:28
Jun 20	07:12	02:09	09:21
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	03:22	01:36	04:58
Sep 20	07:25	02:13	09:38
Oct 20	04:07	03:15	07:22
Nov 20	07:05	01:15	08:20
Dec 20	06:58	02:19	09:17
Jan 21	07:43	00:48	08:31
Feb 21	09:51	02:36	12:27
Mar 21	04:00	01:39	05:39
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>62:12</b>	<b>18:49</b>	<b>81:01</b>

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

DPLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	00:13	00:36	00:49
Jun 20	00:13	02:04	02:17
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	00:22	02:02	02:24
Sep 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Oct 20	00:06	00:25	00:31
Nov 20	00:20	02:43	03:03
Dec 20	00:20	01:51	02:11
Jan 21	00:26	00:21	00:47
Feb 21	00:23	00:49	01:12
Mar 21	00:32	00:57	01:29
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>02:55</b>	<b>11:48</b>	<b>14:43</b>

## Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

EEFW	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	06:17	03:35	09:52
Jun 20	05:24	09:26	14:50
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	08:33	02:23	10:56
Sep 20	11:53	04:52	16:45
Oct 20	03:20	03:17	06:37
Nov 20	04:35	06:27	11:02
Dec 20	08:24	03:48	12:12
Jan 21	04:33	03:48	08:21
Feb 21	08:05	01:35	09:40
Mar 21	03:19	01:23	04:42
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>64:23</b>	<b>40:34</b>	<b>104:57</b>

## Education and Skills Committee

ES	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	03:22	00:49	04:11
Jun 20	07:04	01:46	08:50
Jul 20	01:33	00:18	01:51
Aug 20	02:00	01:01	03:01
Sep 20	07:17	01:48	09:05
Oct 20	04:47	01:11	05:58
Nov 20	05:44	03:52	09:36
Dec 20	03:03	05:39	08:42
Jan 21	08:47	01:36	10:23
Feb 21	08:48	01:31	10:19
Mar 21	05:41	02:00	07:41
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>58:06</b>	<b>21:31</b>	<b>79:37</b>

## Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

ECCLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	02:49	00:00	02:49
Jun 20	04:13	03:38	07:51
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	06:02	01:07	07:09
Sep 20	11:48	07:38	19:26
Oct 20	02:13	04:45	06:58
Nov 20	04:57	02:55	07:52
Dec 20	02:23	04:43	07:06
Jan 21	06:36	00:54	07:30
Feb 21	11:19	02:35	13:54
Mar 21	01:48	03:05	04:53
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>54:08</b>	<b>31:20</b>	<b>85:28</b>

## Equalities and Human Rights Committee

EHRIC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	01:53	01:21	03:14
Jun 20	05:08	02:16	07:24
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	01:44	00:51	02:35
Sep 20	08:49	01:48	10:37
Oct 20	04:12	01:30	05:42
Nov 20	08:51	00:56	09:47
Dec 20	01:14	01:07	02:21
Jan 21	00:19	00:09	00:28
Feb 21	04:32	00:39	05:11
Mar 21	00:51	00:20	01:11
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>37:33</b>	<b>10:57</b>	<b>48:30</b>

## Finance and Constitution Committee

FCC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	01:58	00:00	01:58
Jun 20	06:31	00:12	06:43
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	04:55	01:03	05:58
Sep 20	12:37	01:26	14:03
Oct 20	02:26	02:18	04:44
Nov 20	08:34	01:02	09:36
Dec 20	00:00	01:05	01:05
Jan 21	04:00	00:00	04:00
Feb 21	06:10	01:18	07:28
Mar 21	02:13	00:08	02:21
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>49:24</b>	<b>08:32</b>	<b>57:56</b>

## Health and Sport Committee

HS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	03:35	01:01	04:36
Jun 20	05:55	04:40	10:35
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	03:11	00:34	03:45
Sep 20	10:36	01:41	12:17
Oct 20	02:07	01:36	03:43
Nov 20	07:35	02:25	10:00
Dec 20	06:48	02:01	08:49
Jan 21	07:37	01:13	08:50
Feb 21	06:36	02:33	09:09
Mar 21	06:09	01:30	07:39
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>60:09</b>	<b>19:14</b>	<b>79:23</b>

## Justice Committee

J	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	01:49	00:26	02:15
Jun 20	07:45	00:44	08:29
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	04:05	00:23	04:28
Sep 20	08:42	01:58	10:40
Oct 20	03:35	01:01	04:36
Nov 20	12:24	02:24	14:48
Dec 20	05:32	02:56	08:28
Jan 21	03:25	02:16	05:41
Feb 21	09:13	00:17	09:30
Mar 21	00:57	00:25	01:22
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>57:27</b>	<b>12:50</b>	<b>70:17</b>

## Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

JSP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 20	02:17	00:15	02:32
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	01:20	00:09	01:29
Sep 20	01:07	00:11	01:18
Oct 20	02:49	00:33	03:22
Nov 20	01:22	00:19	01:41
Dec 20	01:30	00:33	02:03
Jan 21	01:48	00:14	02:02
Feb 21	01:10	00:27	01:37
Mar 21	02:01	00:31	02:32
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>15:24</b>	<b>03:12</b>	<b>18:36</b>

## Local Government and Communities Committee

LGC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	02:48	01:31	04:19
Jun 20	05:27	01:50	07:17
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	03:37	01:16	04:53
Sep 20	08:41	03:03	11:44
Oct 20	03:20	01:19	04:39
Nov 20	06:37	02:15	08:52
Dec 20	05:24	02:39	08:03
Jan 21	05:59	01:40	07:39
Feb 21	10:30	02:24	12:54
Mar 21	04:41	02:23	07:04
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>57:04</b>	<b>20:20</b>	<b>77:24</b>

## Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

PAPLS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 20	04:59	01:50	06:49
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	02:18	01:07	03:25
Sep 20	05:33	03:32	09:05
Oct 20	04:25	02:04	06:29
Nov 20	05:45	01:14	06:59
Dec 20	04:24	01:34	05:58
Jan 21	02:23	01:05	03:28
Feb 21	07:02	01:59	09:01
Mar 21	04:57	01:59	06:56
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>41:46</b>	<b>16:24</b>	<b>58:10</b>

## Public Petitions Committee

PPC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	00:00	00:17	00:17
Jun 20	00:00	01:48	01:48
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	01:27	00:00	01:27
Sep 20	06:16	00:00	06:16
Oct 20	06:22	00:26	06:48
Nov 20	05:07	00:00	05:07
Dec 20	05:15	00:07	05:22
Jan 21	03:31	00:00	03:31
Feb 21	06:32	00:43	07:15
Mar 21	02:38	00:26	03:04
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>37:08</b>	<b>03:47</b>	<b>40:55</b>

## Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

REC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	02:36	01:44	04:20
Jun 20	06:56	00:51	07:47
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	05:34	00:00	05:34
Sep 20	11:11	01:17	12:28
Oct 20	03:40	03:21	07:01
Nov 20	05:04	11:02	16:06
Dec 20	04:54	02:45	07:39
Jan 21	04:49	00:28	05:17
Feb 21	10:37	01:30	12:07
Mar 21	06:38	00:54	07:32
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>61:59</b>	<b>23:52</b>	<b>85:51</b>



**Social Security Committee**

SSC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	01:32	00:27	01:59
Jun 20	01:10	01:24	02:34
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	02:21	00:51	03:12
Sep 20	03:44	01:01	04:45
Oct 20	03:00	02:32	05:32
Nov 20	06:04	01:58	08:02
Dec 20	05:13	02:30	07:43
Jan 21	00:44	01:54	02:38
Feb 21	04:15	01:03	05:18
Mar 21	02:53	02:19	05:12
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>30:56</b>	<b>15:59</b>	<b>46:55</b>

**Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee**

SSCS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 20	00:06	00:00	00:06
Oct 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Nov 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Dec 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jan 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Feb 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Mar 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>00:06</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>00:06</b>

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

SPPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 20	00:00	01:47	01:47
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	00:42	03:21	04:03
Sep 20	00:04	03:46	03:50
Oct 20	00:15	04:51	05:06
Nov 20	05:25	02:36	08:01
Dec 20	03:23	01:12	04:35
Jan 21	00:00	02:36	02:36
Feb 21	01:15	01:50	03:05
Mar 21	01:19	01:34	02:53
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 20-21</b>	<b>12:23</b>	<b>23:33</b>	<b>35:56</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
From 12 May 20	01:20
Jun 20	01:52
Jul 20	00:12
Aug 20	01:48
Sep 20	01:58
Oct 20	01:58
Nov 20	02:16
Dec 20	01:57
Jan 21	01:49
Feb 21	02:10
Mar 21	01:43
Apr 21	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00

## Annual average length of meetings by committee

Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

Committee	Average h:min
SGHHC	01:59
CVD	01:47
CTEEA	01:51
DPLR	00:19
EEFW	02:07
ES	02:04
ECCLR	01:48
EHRIC	01:07
FCC	01:20
HS	01:40
J	01:38
JSP	01:12
LGC	01:41
PAPLS	01:19
PPC	01:16
REC	01:57
SSC	01:21
SSCS	00:00
SPPA	01:03
<b>Annual average all committees</b>	<b>01:27</b>

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

	SGHHC h:min	CVD h:min	CTEEA h:min	DPLR h:min	EEFW h:min	ES h:min
From 12 May 20	00:00	02:46	01:49	00:16	02:28	02:05
Jun 20	01:34	02:04	02:20	00:34	02:28	02:56
Jul 20	00:00	02:01	00:00	00:00	00:00	01:51
Aug 20	02:37	01:54	02:29	00:48	03:38	01:30
Sep 20	02:19	01:43	02:24	00:00	03:21	02:16
Oct 20	03:06	01:48	02:27	00:15	03:18	02:59
Nov 20	02:47	02:34	02:05	00:45	02:45	03:12
Dec 20	03:45	02:35	01:51	00:32	02:26	02:10
Jan 21	03:24	01:37	02:50	00:15	02:47	03:27
Feb 21	02:28	02:33	03:06	00:18	03:13	02:34
Mar 21	03:54	01:45	02:49	00:22	01:10	01:55
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>01:59</b>	<b>01:47</b>	<b>01:51</b>	<b>00:19</b>	<b>02:07</b>	<b>02:04</b>

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

	ECCLR	EHRIC	FCC	HS	J	JSP
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
From 12 May 20	02:49	01:37	01:58	01:32	02:15	00:00
Jun 20	01:57	01:51	02:14	02:07	02:49	02:32
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	02:23	01:17	01:29	01:52	02:14	01:29
Sep 20	02:46	02:39	02:20	02:27	02:08	01:18
Oct 20	02:19	01:54	01:34	01:51	02:18	01:41
Nov 20	01:58	02:26	02:24	02:30	02:57	01:41
Dec 20	02:22	00:47	01:05	02:12	02:07	02:03
Jan 21	02:30	00:14	01:20	02:56	01:53	02:02
Feb 21	02:46	01:17	01:52	02:17	01:54	01:37
Mar 21	01:37	00:35	01:10	01:54	00:41	01:16
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>01:48</b>	<b>01:07</b>	<b>01:20</b>	<b>01:40</b>	<b>01:38</b>	<b>01:12</b>

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

	LGC	PAPLS	PPC	REC	SSC	SSCS	SPPA
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
From 12 May 20	02:09	00:00	00:17	01:26	01:59	00:00	00:00
Jun 20	02:25	02:16	00:36	02:35	01:17	00:00	00:53
Jul 20	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 20	01:37	01:08	01:27	02:47	01:36	00:00	02:01
Sep 20	02:20	02:16	01:34	02:29	01:35	00:06	01:16
Oct 20	02:19	02:09	01:42	02:20	01:50	00:00	01:42
Nov 20	02:13	01:44	02:33	04:01	02:00	00:00	02:40
Dec 20	02:00	01:59	02:41	02:33	02:34	00:00	01:31
Jan 21	01:54	01:09	01:45	01:45	01:19	00:00	01:18
Feb 21	02:34	02:15	02:25	03:01	01:46	n/a	01:01
Mar 21	02:21	02:18	01:32	02:30	01:44	n/a	01:26
Apr 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00
To 4 May 21	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>01:41</b>	<b>01:19</b>	<b>01:16</b>	<b>01:57</b>	<b>01:21</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>01:03</b>

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## 4.3. Committees

### 4.3.1. Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

**Established:** 6 February 2019

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on the actions of the First Minister, Scottish Government officials and special advisers in dealing with complaints about Alex Salmond, former First Minister, considered under the Scottish Government's "Handling of harassment complaints involving current or former ministers" procedure and actions in relation to the Scottish Ministerial Code.

**Duration:** Until the Committee concludes its inquiry.

**Convener:** Linda Fabiani

**Deputy Convener:** Margaret Mitchell

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

### Committee meetings

There were 39 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	39
Meetings held wholly in private	23
Meetings held partly in private	14
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	20
Hybrid meetings (from 12 Aug 20)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	38(39)
Jackie Baillie	Lab	39(39)
Donald Cameron (until 13 Aug 20)	Con	1(1)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	39(39)
Angela Constance (until 22 Dec 20)	SNP	17(17)
Linda Fabiani	SNP	39(39)
Murdo Fraser (from 13 Aug 20)	Con	36(38)
Alison Johnstone	Green	14(39)
Stuart McMillan (from 22 Dec 20)	SNP	21(22)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	39(39)
Maureen Watt	SNP	39(39)

**Substitute members:** The committee has no appointed substitute members.

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Ad-hoc substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Tom Arthur	SNP	2
Donald Cameron	Con	2
Andy Wightman	Green	3
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Andy Wightman resigned from the Scottish Green Party on 18 December 2020.

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:**

- Irene Fleming (until end July 2020)
- Roz Thomson (from August 2020)

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	20
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	2
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	3

## Business transacted

The only appropriate business was the inquiry into the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints.

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Phase 1 - Development of the Policy; Phase 2 - Complaints Handling; Phase 3 - Judicial Review; Phase 4 - Scottish Ministerial Code

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report of the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints	997	23 March 2021	

### 4.3.2. COVID-19 Committee

**Established:** 21 April 2020

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on the Scottish Government's response to COVID-19 including the operation of powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19 and any secondary legislation arising from the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 21 April 2020)

**Duration:** For the duration of the operation of the powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19.

**Convener:**

- Donald Cameron (from 2 September 2020)
- Murdo Fraser (until 20 August 2020)

**Deputy Convener:** Monica Lennon

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

## Committee meetings

There were 34 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	34
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	0
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	33
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	1

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Donald Cameron (from 20 August 2020)	Con	23(24)
Willie Coffey	SNP	30(34)
Maurice Corry (from 20 August 2020)	Con	24(24)
Annabelle Ewing	SNP	32(34)
Murdo Fraser (until 20 August 2020)	Con	10(10)
Ross Greer (until 16 September 2020)	Green	9(13)
Monica Lennon	Lab	25(34)
John Mason (from 3 December 2020)	SNP	14(14)
Stuart McMillan (from 16 September 2020)	SNP	20(21)
Shona Robison (until 3 December 2020)	SNP	18(20)
Mark Ruskell (from 16 September 2020)	Green	21(21)
Stewart Stevenson (until 16 September 2020)	SNP	12(13)
Adam Tomkins (until 20 August 2020)	Con	9(10)
Beatrice Wishart	LD	22(34)

**Substitute members:** The committee has no appointed substitute members.



## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Clare Adamson	SNP	1
Alasdair Allan	SNP	1
Colin Beattie	SNP	1
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	1
James Dornan	SNP	1
Mary Fee	Lab	1
Emma Harper	SNP	1
Patrick Harvie	Green	1
Alison Johnstone	Green	2
Liam Kerr	Con	1
Ruth Maguire	SNP	1
Gillian Martin	SNP	1
Liam McArthur	LD	2
Willie Rennie	LD	7
Alex Rowley	Lab	4
David Stewart	Lab	4
Sandra White	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Sigrid Robinson

### Advisers:

- Professor Linda Bauld, Bruce and John Usher Professor of Public Health and Centre for Population Health Sciences Co-Director at the University of Edinburgh.
- Dr Helen Stagg, Reader/Associate Professor (Chancellor's Fellow) in Infectious Disease Epidemiology at University of Edinburgh.

The advisers provided Members with a weekly analysis of Ministerial statements and the latest public health data to assist Members in their scrutiny work.

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee held a Covid Citizens' Panel. The panel comprised of 19 individuals who were broadly representative of Scotland's population. The panel met virtually over four Saturdays in January and February 2021 and their findings were published in a report on 18 February 2021.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	32
Scottish Government officials	49
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	10
Representatives of local authorities	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	7
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	6
Representatives of higher education	4
Other categories of witnesses	8

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	Options for easing the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions - April to July 2020; Coronavirus Acts: reports to the Scottish Parliament; Impact of restrictions over winter; Vaccination programme; Covid-19 legislation: next steps in 2021
Consultations	10	Coronavirus (Scotland) No 2 Bill; Coronavirus Acts: third report to Scottish Parliament; Covid-19 legislation: next steps in 2021; Options for easing the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions - April to July 2020; SPICe Register of Experts Consultation; SSI 2020/188: The Social Care Staff Support Fund (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020; SSI 2020/201: The Care Homes Emergency Intervention Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020; The Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2020 (draft) and The Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/249); The Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) (Regulations 2020); The Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations (2020)
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums		
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums		
SI consent notifications considered		
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	54	2 draft affirmatives; 45 made affirmatives; 1 laid only; 6 negatives: SSI 2020/137; SSI 2020/249; SSI 2020/260; SSI 2020/267; SSI 2020/270; SSI 2021/93
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	29	19 May 2020: Coronavirus (Scotland) (No 2) Bill Stage 2, amendments 1, 4, 7, 16, 17, 18,

Business	No	Details
		19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 45, 48, 49, 50, 54, 55
		21 May 2020: Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/138) – motion S5M-21738
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
9th Report, 2021 (Session 5): COVID-19 Committee: Annual Report 2020-21	1022	25 March 2021	n/a
8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legacy Report	1010	23 March 2021	n/a
7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the COVID-19 Committee at its meeting on 18 March 2021	1004	18 March 2021	No Response
6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2021	984	11 March 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 18 February 2021	950	18 February 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 11 February 2021	937	11 February 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 4 February 2021	928	4 February 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 28 January 2021	924	29 January 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 14 January 2021	906	14 January 2021	No Response
13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 23 December 2020	902	23 December 2020	No Response
12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 17 December 2020	897	18 December 2020	No Response
11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 3 December 2020	873	3 December 2020	No Response
10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 26 November 2020	869	26 November 2020	No Response
9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 18 November 2020	856	19 November 2020	No Response
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee on 7 October 2020	830	7 October 2020	No Response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 16th September 2020	808	16 September 2020	No Response
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee on 2 September 2020	799	4 September 2020	No Response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Covid-19 Committee on 20 August 2020	784	21 August 2020	No Response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation: The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020	773	24 June 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation: The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2020 SSI 2020/164	753	9 June 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation: The Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	734	26 May 2020	No Response

### 4.3.3. Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

**Established:** 6 September 2018

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

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

- (a) proposals for European Union legislation;
- (b) the implementation of European Communities and European Union legislation;
- (c) any European Communities or European Union issue;
- (d) the development and implementation of the Scottish Administration's links with countries and territories outside Scotland, the European Union (and its institutions) and other international organisations;
- (e) co-ordination of the international activities of the Scottish Administration; and
- (f) culture matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture; tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism, and migration matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Public Finance and Migration.

(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 25 February 2020)

**Convener:** Joan McAlpine

**Deputy Convener:** Claire Baker

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

#### Committee meetings

There were 34 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	34
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	33
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	33
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	1

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claire Baker	Lab	34(34)
Annabelle Ewing (until 3 December 20)	SNP	19(21)
Kenneth Gibson	SNP	29(34)
Christine Grahame (from 3 December 20)	SNP	11(13)
Ross Greer	Green	18(34)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 23 December 20)	Con	10(10)
Gordon Lindhurst (until 20 August 20)	Con	7(8)
Dean Lockhart (from 20 August 20)	Con	20(26)
Joan McAlpine	SNP	34(34)
Stuart McMillan (until 16 September 20)	SNP	11(11)
Oliver Mundell (until 23 December 20)	Con	22(24)
Stewart Stevenson (from 16 December 20)	SNP	23(23)
Beatrice Wishart	LD	23(34)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Rachael Hamilton	Con	1
Emma Harper	SNP	1
Patrick Harvie	Green	7
Alex Rowley	Lab	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Gordon Lindhurst	Con	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Stephen Herbert

**Advisers:**

- Dr Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive, European Policy Centre, Adviser on EU Constitutional Law
- Dr Anna Jerzewska, Director, Trade and Borders, Adviser on International Trade

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	0
Scottish Government officials	13
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	12
Representatives of local authorities	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	9
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education	0
Other categories of witnesses	69

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	6	<p>EU-UK Trade and Co-Operation Agreement;</p> <p>European Union (Future Relationship Bill) - Legislative Consent Memorandum;</p> <p>External Research;</p> <p>Immigration;</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Cultural and Tourism Sectors;</p> <p>Negotiation of the Future Relationship Between the European Union and the UK Government</p>
Consultations	1	Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Culture and Tourism Sectors
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	European Union (Future Relationship) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered		
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	6	<p>3 draft affirmatives;</p> <p>1 laid only;</p> <p>2 negatives: SSI 2020/143; SSI 2020/450</p>
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	



## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Annual Report 2020-21	999	19 March 2021	n/a
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legacy Report	998	19 March 2021	n/a
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): EU-UK Government Future Relationship Negotiations: The Impact of the End of the Transition Period	888	11 December 2020	No Response
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	863	26 November 2020	No Response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]	842	4 November 2020	No Response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Ticket Touting Offence) (Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	764	19 June 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Annual Report 2019-20	748	5 June 2020	n/a

### 4.3.4. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 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:** Bill Bowman

**Deputy Convener:**

- Stuart McMillan (until 22 December 2020)
- Gil Paterson (from 12 January 2021)

**Membership:** The committee has 5 members

**Committee meetings**

There were 36 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	36
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	11
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	6

**Committee members**

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Michelle Ballantyne (from 20 August 2020)	Con (until 24 Nov 20); Reform (from 11 Jan 21)	26(27)
Bill Bowman	Con	33(36)
Mary Fee	Lab	24(36)
Joe FitzPatrick (from 22 December 2020)	SNP	11(11)
Gordon Lindhurst (until 20 August 2020)	Con	4(9)
Stuart McMillan (until 22 December 2020)	SNP	23(25)
Gil Paterson	SNP	23(36)

**Substitute members**

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Neil Bibby	Lab	0
Oliver Mundell	Con	2
Alex Neil	SNP	1

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Tom Arthur	SNP	5
Brian Whittle	Con	4

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Andrew Proudfoot

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	5
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	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	28	<p>Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill;</p> <p>Children (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill;</p> <p>Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Redress for Survivors (Historical in Care) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill;</p> <p>Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill;</p> <p>Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill</p>
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts	0	

Business	No	Details
considered		
Legislative Consent Memorandums	9	Agriculture Bill; Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill; Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill; Environment Bill; Fisheries Bill; Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill; Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill; Trade Bill; United Kingdom Internal Market Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	State Aid (Revocations and Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
SIs considered	9	
SSIs considered	391	91 draft affirmatives; 92 made affirmatives; 0 super affirmatives; 61 laid only; 147 negatives: 2020/129; 2020/137; 2020/139; 2020/143; 2020/146; 2020/148 2020/149; 2020/150; 2020/151; 2020/152; 2020/153; 2020/156; 2020/157; 2020/163; 2020/165; 2020/172; 2020/175; 2020/176; 2020/183; 2020/213; 2020/218; 2020/230; 2020/239; 2020/240; 2020/244; 2020/246; 2020/249; 2020/254; 2020/258; 2020/260; 2020/264; 2020/267; 2020/268; 2020/269; 2020/270; 2020/275; 2020/281; 2020/294; 2020/297; 2020/298; 2020/303; 2020/305; 2020/308; 2020/309; 2020/310; 2020/314; 2020/337; 2020/339; 2020/340; 2020/341; 2020/349; 2020/350; 2020/361; 2020/365; 2020/366; 2020/367; 2020/368; 2020/372; 2020/376; 2020/380; 2020/381; 2020/382; 2020/386; 2020/387; 2020/391; 2020/393; 2020/398; 2020/399; 2020/406; 2020/408; 2020/409; 2020/413; 2020/414; 2020/416, 2020/419; 2020/420; 2020/423; 2020/424; 2020/430; 2020/434; 2020/435; 2020/437; 2020/445; 2020/447; 2020/449; 2020/450; 2020/451; 2020/453; 2020/454; 2020/455; 2021/4; 2021/8; 2021/9; 2021/10; 2021/12; 2021/14; 2021/18; 2021/23; 2021/24; 2021/26; 2021/27; 2021/28; 2021/29; 2021/30; 2021/31; 2021/33; 2021/40; 2021/43; 2021/44; 2021/48; 2021/51; 2021/56; 2021/59; 2021/60; 2021/63; 2021/64; 2021/65; 2021/66; 2021/70; 2021/71; 2021/73; 2021/75; 2021/76; 2021/77; 2021/79; 2021/80; 2021/82; 2021/87; 2021/88; 2021/91; 2021/93; 2021/97; 2021/98; 2021/99; 2021/100; 2021/102; 2021/103; 2021/109; 2021/115; 2021/122; 2021/123; 2021/131; 2021/137; 2021/140; 2021/142; 2021/145; 2021/151
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
23rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee: Session 5 Handover Report	1027	25 March 2021	n/a
22nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Annual Report 2020-21	995	25 March 2021	n/a
21st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 March 2021	1023	24 March 2021	No Response
20th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	1006	19 March 2021	No Response
19th Report, 2021 (Session 5): European Charter of Local Self Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	994	18 March 2021	No Response
18th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 March 2021	993	17 March 2021	No Response
17th Report, 2021 (Session 5): United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	986	16 March 2021	No Response
16th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 March 2021	985	11 March 2021	No Response
15th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	970	8 March 2021	No Response
14th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	969	5 March 2021	No Response
13th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 2 March 2021	968	4 March 2021	No Response
12th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	962	1 March 2021	No Response
11th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 February 2021	955	24 February 2021	No Response
10th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	944	22 February 2021	No Response
9th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	945	19 February 2021	No Response
8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 February 2021	941	16 February 2021	No Response
7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 February 2021	934	10 February 2021	No Response
6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill: Stage 1	927	3 February 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 2 February 2021	926	4 February 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	923	1 February 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 January 2021	922	29 January 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 January 2021	912	20 January 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 January 2021	1	13 January 2021	No Response
80th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill	901	23 December 2020	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
79th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 December 2020	900	23 December 2020	No Response
78th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 15 December 2020	895	17 December 2020	No Response
77th Report, 2020 (Session 5): UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	889	11 December 2020	No Response
76th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 December 2020	887	11 December 2020	No Response
75th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	886	10 December 2020	No Response
74th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2	883	9 December 2020	No Response
73rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	882	9 December 2020	No Response
72nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): European Charter of Local Self Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	877	4 December 2020	No Response
71st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 December 2020	872	3 December 2020	No Response
70th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	870	2 December 2020	No Response
69th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 November 2020	867	26 November 2020	No Response
68th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	862	23 November 2020	No Response
67th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Review of the Presiding Officer's determination to identify a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A of Standing Orders	858	19 November 2020	No Response
66th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 November 2020	857	19 November 2020	No Response
65th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 November 2020	852	12 November 2020	No Response
64th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	849	6 November 2020	No Response
63rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 November 2020	847	5 November 2020	No Response
62nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 October 2020	837	28 October 2020	No Response
61st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	834	20 October 2020	No Response
60th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	831	8 October 2020	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
59th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 October 2020	826	7 October 2020	No Response
58th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 September 2020	823	1 October 2020	No Response
57th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	821	25 September 2020	No Response
56th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Trade Bill	820	25 September 2020	No Response
55th Report, 2020 (Session 5): UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	819	25 September 2020	No Response
54th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	816	24 September 2020	No Response
53rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 September 2020	813	23 September 2020	No Response
52nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	811	17 September 2020	No Response
51st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	810	17 September 2020	No Response
50th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 15 September 2020	805	15 September 2020	No Response
49th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 September 2020	802	8 September 2020	No Response
48th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill: Stage 1	800	4 September 2020	No Response
47th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 September 2020	793	1 September 2020	No Response
46th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	791	27 August 2020	No Response
45th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	789	26 August 2020	No Response
44th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 August 2020	788	25 August 2020	No Response
43rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2019-20	783	20 August 2020	No Response
42nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Children (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	782	19 August 2020	No Response
41st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 August 2020	781	19 August 2020	No Response
40th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Fisheries Bill	779	18 August 2020	No Response
39th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 11 August 2020	778	12 August 2020	No Response
38th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 June 2020	771	23 June 2020	No Response
37th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	770	23 June 2020	No Response



Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
36th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 16 June 2020	762.1	17 June 2020	No Response
35th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	761	16 June 2020	No Response
34th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Environment Bill	756	10 June 2020	No Response
33rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 June 2020	755	10 June 2020	No Response
32nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Annual Report 2019-20	746	4 June 2020	n/a
31st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 2 June 2020	742	2 June 2020	No Response
30th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 May 2020	735	26 May 2020	No Response
29th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 May 2020	733	19 May 2020	No Response
28th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	731	18 May 2020	No Response
27th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 May 2020	727	12 May 2020	No Response

### 4.3.5. Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

**Established:** 6 September 2018

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on economy and fair work matters falling within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture; matters relating to the digital economy within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, and matters relating to energy falling within the responsibilities of the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

**Convener:**

- Michelle Ballantyne (until 20 August 2020)
- Gordon Lindhurst (from 25 August 2020)

**Deputy Convener:** Willie Coffey

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

## Committee meetings

There were 39 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	39
Meetings held wholly in private	7
Meetings held partly in private	30
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	25
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	12

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Michelle Ballantyne (until 20 August 2020)	Con	12(12)
Colin Beattie	SNP	37(39)
Willie Coffey	SNP	38(39)
Maurice Golden (from 20 August 2020)	Con	27(27)
Rhoda Grant (until 25 November 2020)	Lab	21(24)
Alison Harris (until 16 December 2020)	Con	19(27)
Gordon Lindhurst (from 20 August 2020)	Con	27(27)
Dean Lockhart (until 20 August 2020)	Con	10(12)
Richard Lyle	SNP	35(39)
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	31(39)
Alex Rowley (from 26 November 2020)	Lab	11(15)
Graham Simpson (from 16 December 2020)	Con	12(12)
Andy Wightman	Green (until 18 Dec 20); Ind (from 18 Dec 20)	27(39)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Golden (until 20 August 2020)	Con	1
Dean Lockhart (from 20 August 2020)	Con	0
John Mason	SNP	11
Mark Ruskell	Green	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alex Rowley	Lab	2
Graham Simpson	Con	5

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Alison Walker

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee held 5 online events. One on the impact of COVID-19 on the Economy with Girl Guides from Girlguiding Scotland's Speak out Champions group. One workshop on the impact of COVID-19 on the Economy with young People from Orkney Youth Forum. One workshop on the impact of COVID-19 on the Economy with young people from ENABLE employability group. One focus group on the Tied Pubs Bill with pub tenants. One focus group on the impact of COVID-19 on the Economy with young people and youth workers.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	18
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	26
Representatives of local authorities	3
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	4
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	7
Representatives of higher education	7
Other categories of witnesses	56

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	6	2021-22 Budget scrutiny; BiFab, the offshore wind energy sector and the Scottish supply chain; Climate Change Plan; COVID-19 – impact on Scotland's businesses, workers and the economy; Energy Inquiry; Scottish National Investment Bank draft missions
Consultations	6	COVID-19: Economic impact on young people; COVID-19: Economic recovery; COVID-19: Impact on businesses and workers; COVID-19: Role of enterprise agencies, SNIB and other economic development partners; Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill; Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill; Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill; Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	6	The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (EFTA States) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; The Insolvency (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 Amendment Regulations 2020; The Professional Qualifications and Services (Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; The Prohibition on Quantitative Restrictions and Equivalent Measures (Cessation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; The Prohibition on Quantitative Restrictions (EU Exit) Regulations 2020; The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	10	7 draft affirmatives; 1 laid only; 2 negatives: SSI 2020/337; SSI 2020/409

Business	No	Details
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	35	26 January 2021: Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 155, 156  23 February 2021: Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 32A, 32B, 33, 33A, 33B, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 41C, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Annual Report 2020-21	1012	25 March 2021	n/a
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Legacy Report	1011	24 March 2021	n/a
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	967	2 March 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]	942	17 February 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): BiFab, the offshore wind sector and Scottish supply chain	911	22 January 2021	19 February 2021
11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Public Procurement etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 [draft]	881	9 December 2020	No Response
10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	859	23 November 2020	No Response
9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill	855	17 November 2020	25 November 2020
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): COVID-19: impact on businesses, workers and the economy and prebudget scrutiny	853	13 November 2020	28 January 2021
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill	850	11 November 2020	21 January 2021
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill	775	30 June 2020	18 September 2020
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill	757	12 June 2020	No Response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Annual Report 2019-20	747	3 June 2020	n/a
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Protected Trust Deeds	732	21 May 2020	15 October 2020

### 4.3.6. Education and Skills Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.

**Convener:** Clare Adamson

**Deputy Convener:** Daniel Johnson

**Membership:** The committee has 11 members.

## Committee meetings

There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	28
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	4

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam (from 6 October 2020)	SNP	18(21)
Clare Adamson	SNP	33(33)
Alasdair Allan (until 6 October 2020)	SNP	12(12)
Kenneth Gibson (from 1 September 2020)	SNP	24(25)
Iain Gray	Lab	32(33)
Jamie Greene	Con	33(33)
Ross Greer	Green	32(33)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (until 16 December 2020)	Con	18(22)
Daniel Johnson	Lab	32(33)
Rona Mackay	SNP	31(33)
Oliver Mundell (from 16 December 2020)	Con	11(11)
Alex Neil	SNP	28(33)
Gail Ross (until 1 September 2020)	SNP	8(8)
Beatrice Wishart	LD	32(33)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Neil Findlay	Lab	1
Alison Harris (from 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Alison Johnstone	Green	0
Liam McArthur	LD	0
Gil Paterson	SNP	3
Liz Smith (until 20 August 2020)	Con	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alasdair Allan	SNP	1
Oliver Mundell	Con	4

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Gary Cocker

**Advisers:** Professor Andrew Kendrick

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee held 2 online focus groups on the impact of COVID-19 on Young People.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	18
Scottish Government officials	18
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	21
Representatives of local authorities	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	5
Representatives of professional associations	
Representatives of voluntary sector	9
Representatives of higher education	4
Other categories of witnesses	20

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	8	Additional Support for Learning Review; Brexit and its impact on Further and Higher Education; Coronavirus Exam Diet and Assessments; Draft Budget 2021- 2022; Early Learning and Childcare; Impact of Covid-19 on Further & Higher Education; Re-opening of Schools; Vulnerable children during the coronavirus outbreak
Consultations	6	Coronavirus- SQA, exam diet and assessments; COVID-19 and schools: views of children and young people; Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill; Draft Budget 2021- 2022; Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill; Vulnerable children during the coronavirus outbreak
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill; Redress for Survivors (Historical in Care) (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	24	6 draft affirmatives; 2 laid only; 15 negatives: SSI 2020/149; SSI 2020/150; SSI 2020/153; SSI 2020/163; SSI 2020/172; SSI 2020/183; SSI 2020/213; SSI 2020/303; SSI 2020/376; SSI 2020/449; SSI 2021/28; SSI 2021/30; SSI 2021/31; SSI 2021/71; SSI 2021/103
Petitions considered	1	PE1747
Divisions held	1	10 February 2021: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 1
Plenary debates	0	



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Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report 2021 (Session 5): Education and Skills Committee - Annual Report 2020 - 2021	979	25 March 2021	n/a
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Education and Skills Committee Session 5 Legacy Paper	1009	22 March 2021	n/a
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) Order 2021 [draft]	951	23 February 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2021 [draft]	917	3 February 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020	918	29 January 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 Report	874	9 December 2020	16 December 2020
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Children's Advocacy Services) Regulations 2020 (Draft)	840	3 November 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Abertay University and Robert Gordon University (Change of Names) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]	797	7 September 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [Draft]	759	18 June 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-2020	750	8 June 2020	n/a

### 4.3.7. Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.

**Convener:** Gillian Martin

**Deputy Convener:** Finlay Carson

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

## Committee meetings

There were 36 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	36
Meetings held wholly in private	7
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	36
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claudia Beamish	Lab	34(36)
Finlay Carson	Con	30(36)
Angus MacDonald	SNP	35(36)
Gillian Martin	SNP	35(36)
Mark Ruskell	Green	33(36)
Liz Smith (from 20 August 2020)	Con	28(29)
Stewart Stevenson	SNP	32(36)
Annie Wells (until 20 August 2020)	Con	5(7)

Attendance data for the meeting on 18 June 2020 is not available, therefore no members were recorded as attending this meeting.

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Ruth Maguire	SNP	0
John Scott	Con	5
Colin Smyth	Lab	0
Andy Wightman	Green (until 18 Dec 20); Ind (from 18 Dec 20)	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Patrick Harvie	Green	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Lynn Tullis

**Advisers:**

- Professor Colin Reid - University of Dundee
- Dr Dan Barlow - University of Edinburgh

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee had 4 events. One circular economy workshop, Dunfermline High School. 3 online visits on green recovery, hosted by Voluntary Action North, Arran Community Voluntary Service, tsiMoray.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	0
Scottish Government officials	0
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	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education	0
Other categories of witnesses	149

a breakdown of witnesses by category is not available for this parliamentary year

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Climate Change Plan update (CCPu);  Draft Budget 2020-21;  Green recovery;  Scottish Budget 2021-22
Consultations	2	Draft Budget 2020-21;  Green recovery
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Environment Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	22	The Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments Etc.) (Eu Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Air Quality (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (Eu Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Waste & Environmental Permitting etc (Amendment etc ) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Animals, Aquatic Animal Health and Seeds (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Seeds (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Alien Species in Aquaculture, Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Seeds and Planting Material (Legislative Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Control of Mercury (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Withdrawal Agreement) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Kyoto Protocol Registry) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021;  The Air Quality (Legislative Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2021;  The Approved Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2021;  Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Motor Fuel Emissions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021;

Business	No	Details
		<p>The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021;</p> <p>The Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021;</p> <p>The Reach etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2021;</p> <p>The Exemptions from Official Controls at Border Control Posts (Amendment) Regulations 2021;</p> <p>The Plant Health (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021;</p> <p>The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2021</p>
SSIs considered	2	<p>1 draft affirmative;</p> <p>1 negative: SSI 2020/1557</p>
SSIs considered	27	<p>7 draft affirmatives;</p> <p>6 laid only;</p> <p>14 negatives: SSI 2020/146; SSI 2020/157; SSI 2020/281; SSI 2020/314; SSI 2020/341; SSI 2020/383; SSI 2020/387; SSI 2020/416; SSI 2020/417; SSI 2020/433; SSI 2020/434; SSI 2020/451; SSI 2021/27; SSI 2021/131</p>
Petitions considered	3	PE1751; PE1762; PE1815
Divisions held	12	<p>26 May 2020: Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 91, 95, 100</p> <p>24 November 2020: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 1005, 1006, 1031, 1034, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1062, 1063</p>
Plenary debates	1	9 March 2021: S5M-24300

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6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Annual Report 2020-2021	1020	25 March 2021	n/a
5th Report 2021 (Session 5): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Legacy Report - Session 5	1019	23 March 2021	n/a
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]	946	18 February 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Scottish Land Commission – Reappointment of Commissioners	936	11 February 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 [Draft]	920	29 January 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]	921	29 January 2021	No Response
15th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Development and implementation of Regional Marine Plans in Scotland: final report (December 2020)	892	17 December 2020	23 March 2021
14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [Draft]	884	9 December 2020	No Response
13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Pre-Budget scrutiny 2021-22: report	846	8 November 2020	No Response
12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Green Recovery Inquiry - Report	845	8 November 2020	2 February 2021
11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] - Scottish Statutory Instrument	819	28 September 2020	No Response
10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill	812	22 September 2020	27 October 2020
9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 [SI 2020/ draft]	796	4 September 2020	No Response
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Development and implementation of Regional Marine Plans in Scotland: interim report (July 2020).	767	26 June 2020	No Response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - UK Environment Bill	765	19 June 2020	No Response
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Annual Report 2019-2020	752	8 June 2020	n/a
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020 [draft]	740	3 June 2020	No Response

### 4.3.8. Equalities and Human Rights Committee

**Established:** 29 September 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 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) human rights, including Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other human rights contained in any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom.

**Convener:** Ruth Maguire

**Deputy Convener:** Alex Cole-Hamilton

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

### Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	8
Meetings held partly in private	18
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	29
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	25(30)
Angela Constance (until 31 August 2020)	SNP	6(8)
Mary Fee	Lab	23(30)
Joe FitzPatrick (from 22 December 2020)	SNP	8(8)
Maurice Golden (until 20 August 2020)	Con	7(7)
Alison Harris	Con	23(30)
Fulton MacGregor (until 22 December 2020)	SNP	22(22)
Ruth Maguire	SNP	28(30)
Gillian Martin (from 1 September 2020)	SNP	19(22)
Alexander Stewart (from 20 August 2020)	Con	21(23)

### Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Miles Briggs (until 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Linda Fabiani	SNP	1
Elaine Smith	Lab	0
Annie Wells (from 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Beatrice Wishart	LD	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
George Adam	SNP	1
Pauline McNeill	Lab	5

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Claire Menzies

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee held 12 events. 3 digital focus groups on the Impact of Covid-19 on Equalities enquiry. 4 digital focus groups on Race equality, employment and skills. 5 digital focus groups on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) Bill.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	6
Scottish Government officials	7
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	16
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	26
Representatives of higher education	10
Other categories of witnesses	13



## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Equalities and Human Rights; Race equality, employment and skills inquiry; United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) Bill
Consultations	3	Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Equalities and Human Rights; Race equality, employment and skills inquiry; United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill; United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	6	2 laid only; 4 negatives: SSI 2020/305; SSI 2020/414; SSI 2021/23; SSI 2021/24
Petitions considered	1	PE1817
Divisions held	10	11 February 2021: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 1, 2, 3, 9A, 9B, 12, 13, 46, 51, 52
Plenary debates	0	

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3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Equalities and Human Rights Committee Annual Report 2020-2021	996	25 March 2021	n/a
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Equalities and Human Rights Committee Session 5 Legacy Report	1014	24 March 2021	n/a
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on equalities and human rights	966	2 March 2021	8 September 2021
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill	898	20 December 2020	15 January 2021
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Race Equality, Employment and Skills: Making Progress?	854	15 November 2020	24 December 2020
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Equalities and Human Rights Committee Annual Report 2019-20	744	5 June 2020	n/a

## 4.3.9. Finance and Constitution Committee

**Established:** 29 September 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 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 laid before the Parliament by members of the Scottish Government 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 to them 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) Constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs.

**Convener:** Bruce Crawford

**Deputy Convener:** Murdo Fraser

**Membership:** The committee has 11 members.

### Committee meetings

There were 31 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	9
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	31
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam (until 6 October 2020)	SNP	14(15)
Alasdair Allan (from 6 October 2020)	SNP	13(16)
Tom Arthur	SNP	31(31)
Jackie Baillie	Lab	22(31)
Alexander Burnett	Con	31(31)
Donald Cameron (until 20 August 2020)	Con	7(7)
Angela Constance (until 22 December 2020)	SNP	22(22)
Bruce Crawford	SNP	31(31)
Murdo Fraser	Con	31(31)
Patrick Harvie	Green	31(31)
Dean Lockhart (from 20 August 2020)	Con	24(24)
Fulton MacGregor (from 22 December 2020)	SNP	9(9)
John Mason (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	31(31)
Alex Rowley (until 25 November 2020)	Lab	16(21)
Anas Sarwar (from 26 November 2020)	Lab	3(10)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
John Finnie	Green	0
Rhoda Grant	Lab	0
Gillian Martin	SNP	1
Adam Tomkins	Con	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
George Adam	SNP	1
Daniel Johnson	Lab	1
James Kelly	Lab	4

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Jim Johnston

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	11
Scottish Government officials	26
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	39
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	2
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education	8
Other categories of witnesses	7

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	<p>Budget 2021/22;</p> <p>Budget Scrutiny 2020-21;</p> <p>Pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22;</p> <p>The impact of COVID-19 on the public finances and the Fiscal Framework;</p> <p>UK Internal Market</p>
Consultations	20	<p>Budget Scrutiny 2021-22;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Dogs (Protection of Livestock)(Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation)(Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease)(Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Redress for Survivors (Historical in Care) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation)(Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the University of St Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill;</p> <p>Trade Bill 2020 Legislative Consent Memorandum;</p> <p>UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill</p>
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	<p>Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill;</p> <p>UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill</p>
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts	0	

Business	No	Details
considered		
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Trade Bill; United Kingdom Internal Market Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	5	3 draft affirmatives; 2 made affirmatives
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	19	25 November 2020: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 11, 16, 20, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 41, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49
Plenary debates	1	8 December 2020: S5M-23565

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Annual Report 2020-21	1003	18 March 2021	n/a
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Committee on 10 March 2021	980	10 March 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on Scottish Government Budget 2021-22	954	23 February 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Scottish Fiscal Commission – Commissioner Reappointment	947	18 February 2021	No Response
14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill Financial Memorandum	893	16 December 2020	No Response
13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22	875	7 December 2020	28 January 2021
12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill Financial Memorandum	836	29 October 2020	No Response
11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation - The Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020	832	8 October 2020	No Response
10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill	828	7 October 2020	27 October 2020
9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on the Trade Bill 2020 Legislative Consent Memorandum	827	7 October 2020	3 November 2020
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation	786	24 August 2020	No Response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill Financial Memorandum	780	18 August 2020	No Response
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment Regulations 2020	760	15 June 2020	No Response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019-20	754	8 June 2020	n/a

### 4.3.10. Health and Sport Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.

**Convener:** Lewis Macdonald

**Deputy Convener:** Emma Harper

**Membership:** The committee has 9 members

#### Committee meetings

There were 36 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	36
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	34
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	36
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	0

#### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam	SNP	35(36)
Miles Briggs (until 20 August 2020)	Con	9(9)
Donald Cameron (from 20 August 2020)	Con	22(27)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	8(36)
Emma Harper	SNP	35(36)
Lewis Macdonald	Lab	36(36)
David Stewart	Lab	36(36)
David Torrance	SNP	35(36)
Sandra White	SNP	35(36)
Brian Whittle	Con	36(36)

#### Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Miles Briggs (from 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Bob Doris	SNP	2
Ross Greer	Green	0
Monica Lennon	Lab	0
Annie Wells (until 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Beatrice Wishart	LD	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Liam McArthur	LD	1
Willie Rennie	LD	4

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** David Cullum

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee had 3 events. 1 digital focus group on the Future of Primary Care and 2 digital focus groups on Social Care - Impact of COVID

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	33
Scottish Government officials	90
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	43
Representatives of local authorities	7
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	6
Representatives of higher education	9
Other categories of witnesses	27



## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	<p>Covid-19;</p> <p>Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2021-22;</p> <p>Scrutiny of NHS Health Boards (NHS 24, NHS Borders, NHS Highland, Scottish Trauma Network, Scottish Ambulance Service);</p> <p>Social Care</p>
Consultations	10	<p>COVID-19 - Care homes;</p> <p>COVID-19 - Resilience and emergency planning;</p> <p>COVID-19 - Testing;</p> <p>How has COVID-19 impacted care and support at home in Scotland?;</p> <p>How well is the Care Inspectorate fulfilling its statutory roles? (part of pre-budget scrutiny 2021-22);</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on access to sport (individuals);</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on sport in the community (organisations);</p> <p>Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Provisional UK Common Framework on Food and Feed Safety and Hygiene (FFSH);</p> <p>University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill</p>
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	<p>Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>University of St Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill</p>
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	<p>Medicines and Medical Devices Bill;</p> <p>Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (supplementary)</p>
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	10	<p>Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations;</p> <p>The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (EFTA States) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Food (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Health Security (EU Exit) Regulations 2021;</p> <p>The Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Reciprocal and Cross-Border Healthcare (Amendment Etc.) (Eu Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Nutrition (Amendment etc.) EU Exit Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc) (Amendment) (EU Exit)</p>

Business	No	Details
		Regulations 2020;  The Professional Qualifications and Services (Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Quality and Safety of Organs intended for Transplantation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020
SSIs considered	6	6 negatives: SSI 2020/776; SSI 2020/777; SSI 2021/26; SSI 2021/27; SSI 2021/167; SSI 2021/170
SSIs considered	65	7 draft affirmatives;  39 made affirmatives;  2 laid only;  17 negatives: SSI 2020/151; SSI 2020/156; SSI 2020/258; SSI 2020/330; SSI 2020/372; SSI 2020/398; SSI 2020/408; SSI 2020/420; SSI 2021/60; SSI 2021/66; SSI 2021/70; SSI 2021/76; SSI 2021/77; SSI 2021/102; SSI 2021/109; SSI 2021/115; SSI 2021/123
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	3	10 November 2020: Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 30, 31, 32
Plenary debates	1	24 November 2020: S5M-23342

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
13th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Health and Sport Committee for 2020-21	1024	25 March 2021	n/a
12th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legacy Paper	1008	22 March 2021	n/a
11th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 9 March 2021: Coronavirus International Travel Regulations	981	10 March 2021	No Response
10th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons: Timescales for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements etc.) Regulations 2021	958	24 February 2021	No Response
9th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021	957	24 February 2021	No Response
8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): What should Primary Care look like for the next generation? Phase II	939	16 February 2021	01 March 2021
7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 9 February 2021: Coronavirus International Travel Regulations	935	11 February 2021	No Response
6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]	933	10 February 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type B Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]	932	10 February 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Future of Social Care and Support in Scotland	929	10 February 2021	17 March 2021
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 26 January 2021	916	27 January 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill	909	20 January 2021	21 January 2021
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 12 January 2021	904	13 January 2021	No Response
24th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill	894	18 December 2020	n/a
23rd Report (Session 5): The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.24) Regulations 2020	891	15 December 2020	No Response
22nd Report (Session 5): Cross-border Health Care (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020	890	15 December 2020	No Response
21st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 8 December 2020	880	15 December 2020	No Response
20th Report (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 24 November 2020	868	26 November 2020	No Response
19th Report (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 17 November 2020	860	23 November 2020	No Response
18th Report, 2020 (Session 5): More than 50% of the Scottish Budget - What are the expected outcomes from the Health and Social Care 2021/22 Budget?	851	10 November 2020	08 February 2021
17th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 3 November 2020	848	5 November	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2020			
16th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill (LCM (S5) 43 and 43a)	841	29 October 2020	No Response
15th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 27 October 2020	839	28 October 2020	No Response
14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Human Tissue (Excepted Body Parts) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]	838	28 October 2020	No Response
13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 6 October 2020	829	7 October 2020	No Response
12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 22 September 2020	814	23 September 2020	No Response
11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 15 September 2020	806	16 September 2020	No Response
10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 8 September 2020	803	9 September 2020	No Response
9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill	801	7 September 2020	25 September 2020
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 1 September 2020	792	1 September 2020	No Response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 25 August 2020	787	25 August 2020	No Response
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Supply and demand for medicines	774	30 June 2020	11 September 2020
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 23 June 2020	768	23 June 2020	No Response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Health and Sport Committee for 2019-20	730	19 May 2020	n/a

## 4.3.11. Justice Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

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

**Convener:**

- Adam Tomkins (from 25 August 2020)
- Margaret Mitchell (until 20 August 2020)

**Deputy Convener:** Rona Mackay

**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	1
Meetings held partly in private	24
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	26
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	5

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alasdair Allan (until 1 September 2020)	SNP	4(7)
Annabelle Ewing (from 1 September 2020)	SNP	25(25)
John Finnie	Green	32(32)
Rhoda Grant (from 26 November 2020)	Lab	14(14)
James Kelly (until 25 November 2020)	Lab	16(18)
Liam Kerr	Con	32(32)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	32(32)
Rona Mackay	SNP	31(32)
Liam McArthur	LD	31(32)
Margaret Mitchell (until 20 August 2020)	Con	4(5)
Shona Robison	SNP	28(32)
Adam Tomkins (from 20 August 2020)	Con	27(27)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Corry (until 20 August 2020)	Con	1
Mary Fee	Lab	0
Bill Kidd	SNP	3
Margaret Mitchell (from 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Andy Wightman	Green (until 18 Dec 20); Ind (from 18 Dec 20)	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Annabelle Ewing	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Stephen Imrie

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	18
Scottish Government officials	48
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	13
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	1
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	31
Representatives of higher education	9
Other categories of witnesses	38

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	COVID-19;  Pre-Budget Scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21
Consultations	4	Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill;  Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill - freedom of expression;  Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill;  Pre-Budget Scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill;  Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill;  Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	6	Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill;  Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill;  Domestic Abuse Bill;  Financial Services Bill;  Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill;  Sentencing Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	6	The European Institutions and Consular Protection (Amendment Etc.) (Eu Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2020;  The Jurisdiction, Judgments and Applicable Law (Amendment) (Eu Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Civil and Family) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Lugano Convention 2007) Regulations 2020;  The Law Enforcement and Security (Separation Issues etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;  The Union Civil Protection Mechanism (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021
SI's considered	1	1 negative: SSI 2021/144
SSI's considered	56	12 draft affirmatives;  24 laid only;  20 negatives: SSI 2020/175; SSI 2020/246; SSI 2020/264; SSI 2020/308; SSI 2020/309; SSI 2020/339; SSI 2020/361; SSI 2020/365; SSI 2020/386; SSI 2020/406; SSI 2020/423; SSI 2020/424; SSI 2020/453; SSI 2020/454; SSI 2021/4; SSI 2021/40; SSI 2021/56; SSI 2021/79; SSI 2021/80; SSI 2021/144
Petitions	0	

Business	No	Details
considered		
Divisions held	40	<p>23 June 2020: Children (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 15, 33, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 57, 58, 59, 64, 66, 67, 70, 72, 74, 84;</p> <p>15 September 2020: International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] motion S5M-22416;</p> <p>26 January 2021: Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36;</p> <p>9 February 2021: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 11, 17, 34A, 36A, 39A, 40A, 41;</p> <p>16 February 2021: Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 25, 27, 84;</p> <p>23 February 2021: Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 18A, 52. Community Orders (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] motion S5M-24033</p>
Plenary debates	0	



## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Justice Committee Annual Report 2020-21	991	22 March 2021	n/a
7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Justice Committee Legacy Report, Session 5	989	22 March 2021	n/a
6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill	961	25 February 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Financial Services Bill	960	25 February 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Justice Committee on 23 February 2021	956	25 February 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Consent Notification Considered by the Justice Committee on 19 January 2021	914	21 January 2021	No Response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Justice Committee on 19 January 2021	913	21 January 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 Report	910	21 January 2021	26 January 2021
21st Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Civil and Family Justice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020	876	4 December 2020	No Response
20th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2021	866	26 November 2020	No Response
19th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill	844	13 November 2020	7 January 2021
18th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill	843	13 November 2020	12 January 2021
17th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 Report	822	14 October 2020	29 October 2020
16th Report (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Sentencing Bill [HL] 2019-21	820	29 September 2020	No Response
15th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Re-opening Scotland's courts and tribunals system	817	28 September 2020	22 October 2020
14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Consent notifications considered by the Justice Committee, 15 September 2020	809	18 September 2020	No Response
13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Justice Committee on 15 September 2020	807	17 September 2020	No Response
12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020	798	3 September 2020	No Response
11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	772	24 June 2020	No Response
10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Justice Committee Annual Report 2019-20	751	8 June 2020	n/a
9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [HL] 2019-21	745	4 June 2020	No Response
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Domestic	743	4 June	No

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
Abuse Bill 2019-21		2020	Response

## 4.3.12. Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

**Established:** 6 October 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to policing.

**Convener:** John Finnie

**Deputy Convener:** Margaret Mitchell

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

### Committee meetings

There were 11 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	11
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	11
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	11
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
John Finnie	Green	11(11)
Rhoda Grant (from 2 December 2020)	Lab	5(5)
James Kelly (until 25 November 2020)	Lab	6(6)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	10(11)
Rona Mackay	SNP	10(11)
Liam McArthur	LD	10(11)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	10(11)
Shona Robison	SNP	10(11)

There are no substitute committee members on a Sub-Committee.

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bill Kidd	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Diane Barr

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	2
Scottish Government officials	3
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	14
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the <i>UK</i> Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education	0
Other categories of witnesses	5

## Business transacted

The only appropriate business was considering and reporting on the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to policing.

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	7	Brexit; COVID-19; Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in relation to Policing; Police governance and accountability; Remote piloted aircraft systems (drones) and body worn video cameras; Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21; Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2021-22
Consultations	5	Brexit; COVID-19; Independent Review of Complaints Handling, Investigations and Misconduct Issues in relation to Policing; Remote piloted aircraft systems (drones) and body worn video cameras; Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2021-22

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Justice Sub-Committee on Policing Legacy Report, Session 5	990	22 March 2021	n/a
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Police Scotland's use of remote piloted aircraft systems and body worn video cameras	988	18 March 2021	No Response

## 4.3.13. Local Government and Communities Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, measures against poverty, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government.

**Convener:** James Dornan

**Deputy Convener:** Sarah Boyack

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

## Committee meetings

There were 35 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	35
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	32
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	32
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	3

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour (until 20 August 2020)	Con	6(6)
Sarah Boyack	Lab	33(35)
Keith Brown (from 1 September 2020)	SNP	27(27)
James Dornan	SNP	35(35)
Annabelle Ewing (until 31 August 2020)	SNP	5(8)
Kenneth Gibson (until 1 September 2020)	SNP	7(8)
Gordon MacDonald (from 3 December 2020)	SNP	15(15)
Gail Ross (1 September 2020 to 3 December 2020)	SNP	10(12)
Graham Simpson (until 20 August 2020)	Con	6(6)
Alexander Stewart (from 20 August 2020)	Con	29(29)
Annie Wells (from 20 August 2020)	Con	18(29)
Andy Wightman	Green (until 18 Dec 20); Ind (from 18 Dec 20)	32(35)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jeremy Balfour (from 20 August 2020)	Con	6
Patrick Harvie	Green	0
Pauline McNeill	Lab	2
Alexander Stewart (until 20 August 2020)	Con	0
David Torrance	SNP	1

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Peter McGrath

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee made 3 visits. 2 community wellbeing sessions with Voluntary Action Shetland, Stromness and Orkney Adult Befriending group, Kirkwall. 1 Period Products Bill workshop, Dunfermline High School.

**Events:** The committee held 3 digital information sessions on the Community Empowerment Act

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	40
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	39
Representatives of local authorities	14
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	15
Representatives of higher education	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	11	Budget scrutiny 2020-2021; Building regulations and fire safety in Scotland; Climate Change Plan Update; Common Frameworks - Hazardous Substances Planning; COVID-19 (Homelessness and COVID-19); Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, parts 3 and 5; Licensing of Static Mobile Homes with permanent residents; Local Authorities and COVID-19; Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, parts 3 and 5; Short-term Letting; The Third Sector and COVID-19
Consultations	6	Climate Change Plan Update; European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; Licensing of Static Mobile Homes with permanent residents; Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, parts 3 and 5; Pre-Budget Scrutiny; Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	4	European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill; Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill; Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	42	10 draft affirmatives; 2 made affirmatives; 5 laid only;

Business	No	Details
		25 negatives: SSI 2020/129; SSI 2020/139; SSI 2020/230; SSI 2020/254; SSI 2020/268; SSI 2020/269; SSI 2020/275; SSI 2020/294; SSI 2020/310; SSI 2020/366; SSI 2020/382; SSI 2020/391; SSI 2020/419; SSI 2020/435; SSI 2020/437; SSI 2021/10; SSI 2021/18; SSI 2021/29; SSI 2021/59; SSI 2021/63; SSI 2021/64; SSI 2021/65; SSI 2021/98; SSI 2021/99; SSI 2021/100
Petitions considered	2	PE1778; PE1787
Divisions held	7	<p>23 September 2020: Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2020 (SSI 220/268) motion S5M-22768;</p> <p>28 October 2020: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 20A;</p> <p>18 November 2020: Valuation (Postponement of Revaluation) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] motion S5M-23058;</p> <p>16 December 2020: Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criteria) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] motion S5M-23439;</p> <p>3 February 2021: Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] motion S5M-23719;</p> <p>Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2021 [draft] motion S5M-23718;</p> <p>10 February 2021: Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) (Modification and Revocation) (Coronavirus) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/10) motion S5M-23878</p>
Plenary debates	0	



## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
11th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Local Government and Communities Committee Annual Report 2020/21	1001	25 March 2021	n/a Check this SP number
10th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Local Government and Communities Committee Session 5 Legacy Report	1001	24 March 2021	n/a
9th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill	1000	19 March 2021	24 March 2021
8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Community Empowerment: Taking Stock of Participation Requests and Asset Transfers Four Years On	959	26 February 2021	24 March 2021
7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2021	943	22 February 2021	No Response
6th report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on the Property Factors (Code of Conduct) (Scotland) Order 2021	930	22 February 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) (Modification and Revocation) (Coronavirus) Order 2021/ 10	931	15 February 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation on Short-term Lets considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee on 3 February 2021	925	6 February 2021	No Response
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Scotland) Bill	915	22 January 2021	2 February 2021
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Report on the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (Made affirmative)	908	19 January 2021	No Response
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation on Smoke and Fire Alarms considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee on 16 December 2020	903	12 January 2021	No Response
9th Report. 2020 (Session 5): Report on the Valuation (Postponement of Revaluation) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2020	861	27 November 2020	No Response
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020	833	22 October 2020	No Response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee on 23 September 2020	825	6 October 2020	No Response
6th Report (Session 5): Report on the draft Rent Arrears PreAction Requirements (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	804	15 September 2020	No Response
5th Report (Session 5): Local Government and Communities Committee Annual Report 2019/20	749	5 June 2020	n/a

### 4.3.14. Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

**Established:** 29 September 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 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;
- (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; and
- (d) post-legislative scrutiny.

**Convener:** Jenny Marra

**Acting Convener:** Anas Sarwar (until 7 December 2020 to cover Jenny Marra's maternity leave)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Liam Kerr  
(until 20 August 2020)
- Graham Simpson (from 27 August 2020)

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

Membership was temporarily raised to 8 members until 7 December 2020 to cover Jenny Marra's maternity leave.

### Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	16
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	14

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Colin Beattie	SNP	30(30)
Neil Bibby	Lab	25(30)
Bill Bowman	Con	26(30)
Willie Coffey (until 3 December 2020)	SNP	16(18)
Liam Kerr (until 20 August 2020)	Con	5(5)
Jenny Marra	Lab	19(23*)
Alex Neil	SNP	26(27)
Gail Ross (from 3 December 2020)	SNP	11(12)
Anas Sarwar (until 7 December 2020)	Lab	17(18)
Graham Simpson (from 20 August 2020)	Con	25(25)

\*Does not include period until 7 December 2020 when Jenny Marra was on maternity leave.

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Johann Lamont	Lab	2
John Mason	SNP	2
Adam Tomkins	Con	1

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Liam Kerr	Con	1
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Lucy Scharbert

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	19
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	104
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	5
Representatives of higher education	1
Other categories of witnesses	4

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	COVID-19
Consultations	0	
AGS Scotland Section 22 reports reviewed	6	<p>The 2018/19 audit of Glasgow College: Report on the investigation of alleged fraud;</p> <p>The 2019/20 audit of NHS Tayside;</p> <p>The 2019/20 audit of Social Security Scotland;</p> <p>The 2019/20 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts;</p> <p>The 2019/20 audit of the Scottish Police Authority;</p> <p>The 2019/20 audit of Scottish Water</p>
AGS Scotland Section 23 reports reviewed	5	<p>Affordable Housing: The Scottish Government's affordable housing supply target;</p> <p>Early learning and childcare: Follow-up;</p> <p>Highlands and Islands Enterprise: Management of Cairngorm mountain and funicular railway;</p> <p>National Fraud Initiative 2018/19;</p> <p>NHS in Scotland 2020</p>
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	3	<p>Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010;</p> <p>Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002;</p> <p>Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016</p>
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Annual Report 2020-21	1025	25 March 2021	n/a
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Post-legislative scrutiny: The Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016	907	22 March 2021	5 Feb 2021
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Session 5 Legacy paper	982	15 March 2021	n/a
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Key audit themes: Managing public sector ICT projects	963	2 March 2021	No Response
3rd Report 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report 2019/20	736	8 June 2020	n/a
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Post-legislative scrutiny: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002	702	19 May 2020	25 February 2021

### 4.3.15. Public Petitions Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 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; and
- (c) keep under review the operation of the petitions system.

**Convener:** Johann Lamont

**Deputy Convener:** Gail Ross

**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	4
Meetings held partly in private	6
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	24
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Maurice Corry	Con	24(24)
Johann Lamont	Lab	24(24)
Tom Mason	Con	24(24)
Gail Ross	SNP	24(24)
David Torrance	SNP	24(24)

## Substitute committee members

Substitute Member	Party	Number of meetings attended
Peter Chapman	Con	0
Rona Mackay	SNP	0
Alex Rowley	Lab	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Lynn Russell

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Petitioners	3
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	7
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	6
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	1
Representatives of higher education	1
Other categories of witnesses	1

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	2	19 November 2020: S5M-23316; 19 November 2020: S5M-23498

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd report, 2021 (Session 5): Public Petitions Committee: Session 5 Legacy Report	1005	25 March 2021	n/a
1st Report, 2021 (Session 5): Public Petitions Committee Annual Report 2020-21	1015	25 March 2021	n/a
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland	776	24 July 2020	19 August 2020
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): PE1319: Improving youth football in Scotland	763	22 June 2020	3 November 2020
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Public Petitions Committee Annual Report 2019-20	741	1 June 2020	n/a



## Petitions Considered

	no. of petitions
<b>New petitions lodged from 12 May 2020 until 11 May 2021</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee from 12 May 2020 until 11 May 2021 (petitions may have been considered by committees multiple times):</b>	<b>119</b>
PE1319, PE1517, PE1540, PE1545, PE1577, PE1596, PE1610, PE1627, PE1637, PE1651, PE1657, PE1662, PE1671, PE1682, PE1683, PE1690, PE1707, PE1712, PE1722, PE1723, PE1725, PE1726, PE1729, PE1730, PE1731, PE1740, PE1746, PE1747, PE1748, PE1749, PE1751, PE1756, PE1757, PE1759, PE1760, PE1761, PE1762, PE1764, PE1765, PE1766, PE1767, PE1768, PE1769, PE1770, PE1773, PE1774, PE1775, PE1776, PE1777, PE1778, PE1780, PE1781, PE1782, PE1783, PE1784, PE1785, PE1786, PE1787, PE1789, PE1790, PE1791, PE1792, PE1793, PE1794, PE1795, PE1796, PE1797, PE1798, PE1799, PE1800, PE1801, PE1802, PE1803, PE1804, PE1805, PE1806, PE1807, PE1808, PE1809, PE1810, PE1811, PE1812, PE1813, PE1814, PE1815, PE1816, PE1817, PE1818, PE1819, PE1820, PE1821, PE1822, PE1823, PE1824, PE1825, PE1826, PE1827, PE1828, PE1829, PE1830, PE1831, PE1832, PE1833, PE1834, PE1835, PE1836, PE1837, PE1838, PE1839, PE1840, PE1841, PE1842, PE1843, PE1844, PE1845, PE1846, PE1847, PE1848, PE1849	
<b>Petitions referred to Scottish Parliament Committees from 12 May 2020 until 11 May 2021:</b>	<b>7</b>
PE1747: Education and Skills Committee	
PE1751: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee	
PE1762: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee	
PE1778: Local Government and Communities Committee	
PE1787: Local Government and Communities Committee	
PE1815: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee	
PE1817: Equalities and Human Rights Committee	
<b>Petitions referred for information only to Scottish Parliament Committees from 12 May 2020 until 11 May 2021</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Petitions closed from 12 May 2020 until 11 May 2021:</b>	<b>118</b>
PE1319, *PE1372, PE1540, PE1545, *PE1568, PE1577, PE1596, *PE1605, *PE1615, *PE1626, PE1627, *PE1636, PE1637, PE1651, *PE1664, PE1671, PE1682, PE1683, PE1690, *PE1695, *PE1703, *PE1705, PE1707, *PE1710, PE1712, *PE1715, PE1722, PE1725, PE1726, PE1729, PE1730, PE1731, *PE1733, PE1740, PE1746, PE1748, PE1749, *PE1751, *PE1755, PE1756, PE1757, PE1759, PE1760, PE1761, *PE1762, PE1764, PE1765, PE1766, PE1767, PE1768, PE1769, PE1770, PE1773, PE1774, PE1775, PE1776, PE1777, PE1780, PE1781, PE1782, PE1783, PE1784, PE1785, PE1786, PE1789, PE1790, PE1791, PE1792, PE1793, PE1794, PE1795, PE1796, PE1797, PE1798, PE1799, PE1800, PE1801, PE1802, PE1803, PE1805, PE1806, PE1807, PE1808, PE1809, PE1810, PE1811, PE1813, PE1814, PE1816, PE1818, PE1819, PE1820, PE1821, PE1822, PE1823, PE1824, PE1825, PE1826, PE1827, PE1828, PE1829, PE1830, PE1831, PE1832, PE1833, PE1834, PE1835, PE1836, PE1839, PE1840, PE1841, PE1842, PE1843, PE1844, PE1846, PE1847, PE1848, PE1849	<b>*16</b> of these petitions were referred to and closed by other Scottish Parliament Committees
<b>Petitions withdrawn at the request of the petitioner from 12 May 2020 until 11 May 2021:</b>	<b>0</b>

### 4.3.16. Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to the rural economy within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism and matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.

**Convener:** Edward Mountain

**Deputy Convener:** Maureen Watt

**Membership:** The committee has 11 members

## Committee meetings

There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	18
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	18
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	14

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Peter Chapman	Con	32(33)
John Finnie	Green	33(33)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 16 December 2020)	Con	9(10)
Rachael Hamilton (until 20 August 2020)	Con	7(7)
Emma Harper	SNP	33(33)
Richard Lyle	SNP	28(33)
Angus MacDonald	SNP	33(33)
Edward Mountain	Con	33(33)
Oliver Mundell (20 August 2020 to 16 December 2020)	Con	12(16)
Mike Rumbles	LD	28(33)
Colin Smyth	Lab	33(33)
Stewart Stevenson	SNP	31(33)
Maureen Watt	SNP	32(33)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claudia Beamish	Lab	0
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	0
Christine Grahame	SNP	10
Dean Lockhart (until 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Mark Ruskell	Green	0
Graham Simpson (from 20 August 2020)	Con	4

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Finlay Carson	Con	1
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Con	2

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Steve Farrell

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	34
Scottish Government officials	82
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	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education	71
Other categories of witnesses	72

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	<p>Climate Change Plan Update;</p> <p>Construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland;</p> <p>Financial scrutiny (pre-budget scrutiny on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on areas of the Scottish budget falling within the Committee's remit);</p> <p>Implications of COVID-19 for the Scottish budget related to connectivity and the rural economy;</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on the rural economy and connectivity in Scotland</p>
Consultations	5	<p>Climate Change Plan update;</p> <p>Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on the rural economy and connectivity in Scotland;</p> <p>Implications of COVID-19 for the Scottish budget related to connectivity and the rural economy;</p> <p>Financial scrutiny (pre-budget scrutiny on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on areas of the Scottish budget falling within the Committee's remit)</p>
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	<p>Agriculture Bill (first supplementary);</p> <p>Agriculture Bill (second supplementary);</p> <p>Fisheries Bill</p>
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	29	<p>The Plant Breeders' Rights (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Agriculture (Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Pesticides (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Fertilisers And Ammonium Nitrate Material (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2020;</p> <p>The Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Organic Products (Production and Control) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Animals, Aquatic Animal Health and Seeds (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;</p> <p>The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods)</p>

Business	No	Details
		(EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Seeds (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Alien Species in Aquaculture, Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Seeds and Planting Material (Legislative Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020;
		The Animal Welfare and Invasive Non-Native Species (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020;
		The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Direct Payments, Spirit Drinks and Wine (Amendment) Regulations 2020;
		The Plant Health (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Fertilisers and Ammonium Nitrate Material (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020;
		The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc) (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No.2) Regulations 2020;
		The Organic Production (Organic Indications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020;
		The Organics (Amendment) Regulations 2021;
		The Plant Health (Place of Destination) (Phytosanitary Conditions) Regulations 2021;
		The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021;
		The Plant Health, Seeds and Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations 2021;
		The Vegetable and Ornamental Plant Propagating Material and Fodder Plant Seed (Amendment) Regulations 2021
SIIs considered	0	
SSIIs considered	49	15 draft affirmatives;  2 made affirmatives;  8 laid only;  24 negatives: SSI 2020/148; SSI 2020/152; SSI 2020/165; SSI 2020/176; SSI 2020/244; SSI 2020/349; SSI 2020/367; SSI 2020/368; SSI 2020/380; SSI 2020/381; SSI 2020/393; SSI 2020/430; SSI 2020/445; SSI 2020/447; SSI 2020/455; SSI 2021/9; SSI 2021/26; SSI 2021/33; SSI 2021/43; SSI 2021/44; SSI 2021/48; SSI 2021/87; SSI 2021/88; SSI 2021/91
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	24	17 June 2020: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 32, 38, 39, 42
Plenary debates	1	2 February 2021: S5M-24025

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 18 March 2020	697	19 March 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill	690	3 March 2020	29 April 2020
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 19 February 2020	685	25 February 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill (LCM(S5)30)	658	15 January 2020	No Response
12th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 11 September 2019	581	18 September 2019	No Response
11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill	546	31 May 2019	10 June 2019
10th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 22 May 2019	543	28 May 2019	No Response
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee for 2018/ 19	536	21 May 2019	n/a
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 8 May 2019	535	21 May 2019	No Response

### 4.3.17. Social Security Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 2021

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to social security (including the delivery and payment of benefits that help address poverty) falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People.

**Convener:** Bob Doris

**Deputy Convener:** Pauline McNeill

**Membership:** The Committee has 9 members.

#### Committee meetings

There were 26 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	26
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	18
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	25
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	1

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Tom Arthur	SNP	25(26)
Jeremy Balfour	Con	26(26)
Keith Brown	SNP	26(26)
Bob Doris	SNP	25(26)
Mark Griffin	Lab	22(26)
Rachael Hamilton (from 20 August 2020)	Con	21(22)
Alison Johnstone	Green	19(26)
Pauline McNeill	Lab	24(26)
Shona Robison	SNP	21(26)
Graham Simpson (until 20 August 2020)	Con	4(4)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
James Dornan	SNP	2
Ross Greer	Green	0
Monica Lennon	Lab	1
Brian Whittle	Con	0

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad hoc basis

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
John Finnie	Green	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Anne Peat

**Advisers:** Dr Simon Roberts, EU Social Security Co-ordination part 2 and 3

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee held 7 online events for the Covid Inquiry hosted by: Fife Voluntary Action; Clacks Food Network; The Tenant Participation Service; Clacks TSI; Covid Inquiry, Zoom, hosted by Connecting Craigmillar; Joined up for Jobs; Community Renewal

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	16
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	13
Representatives of local authorities	4
<i>UK</i> Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the <i>UK</i> Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	19
Representatives of higher education	0
Other categories of witnesses	0



**Business transacted**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	6	2020/21 Budget Scrutiny; Brexit and Social Security; Citizens Basic Income; Scottish Government social security programme; Social Security Response to COVID-19; The fiscal framework agreement between the Scottish and UK Governments
Consultations	1	Social Security Response to COVID-19
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill; Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered		
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	24	11 draft affirmatives; 2 laid only; 11 negatives: SSI 2020/218; SSI 2020/340; SSI 2020/350; SSI 2020/399; SSI 2020/413; SSI 2021/12; SSI 2021/51; SSI 2021/73; SSI 2021/82; SSI 2021/97; SSI 2021/122
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

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Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Social Security Committee	1017	25 March 2021	n/a
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Social Security Committee Session 5 Legacy Report	1016	24 March 2021	n/a
3rd Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Social Security Response to Covid-19	992	17 March 2021	2 July 2021
2nd Report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 4 March 2021	978	5 March 2021	No Response
1st report, 2021 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Social Security Committee on 18 February 2021	948	19 February 2021	No Response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 17 December 2020	896	17 December 2020	No Response
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 24 September 2020	818	25 September 2020	No Response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill	739	9 June 2020	19 June 2020
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Social Security Committee for 2019/20	737	28 May 2020	n/a

### 4.3.18. Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee

**Established:** 31 October 2019

**Ended:** 3 December 2020

**Remit:** To consider matters relating to the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill

**Convener:** Christine Grahame

**Deputy Convener:** Bill Bowman

**Membership:** The committee has 4 members.

#### Committee meetings

There was 1 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	1
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	0
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	1
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bill Bowman	Con	1(1)
Christine Grahame	SNP	1(1)
Daniel Johnson	Lab	1(1)
John Mason	SNP	1(1)

There are no substitute members on a Private Bill Committee.

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Felicity Hollands

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

**Witnesses:** No witnesses were called to give oral evidence.

**Business transacted:** The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill.

Business	No	Details
Bills considered	1	Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill
Plenary debates	2	19 August 2020: S5M-22407; 3 December 2020: S5M-23014

**Reports:** None

## 4.3.19. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**Ended:** 4 May 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;

(f) matters relating to Scottish general elections falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations; and

(g) a proposal for a Bill relating to the arrangements for financial assistance to non-Government political parties represented in the Parliament.

**Convener:** Bill Kidd

**Deputy Convener:**

- Patrick Harvie (from 24 September 2020)
- Mark Ruskell (until 16 September 2020)

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

## Committee meetings

There were 23 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	23
Meetings held wholly in private	13
Meetings held partly in private	10
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	11
Hybrid meetings (from 12 August 2020)	6

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Neil Findlay	Lab	23(23)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (until 23 December 2020)	Con	16(16)
Patrick Harvie (from 16 September 2020)	Green	18(18)
Bill Kidd	SNP	22(23)
Oliver Mundell (from 23 December 2020)	Con	7(7)
Gil Paterson	SNP	22(23)
Mark Ruskell (until 16 September 2020)	Green	4(5)
John Scott (from 20 August 2020)	Con	20(20)
Alexander Stewart (until 20 August 2020)	Con	3(3)
Maureen Watt	SNP	22(23)

## Substitute committee members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack	Lab	0
John Finnie	Green	0
Liam Kerr (until 20 August 2020)	Con	0
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	0
Liz Smith (from 20 August 2020)	Con	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Katy Orr

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

## **Witnesses**

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	18
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	15
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of higher education	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Resilience of the Scottish Parliament's practices and procedures
Consultations	1	Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill; Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	14	7 draft affirmatives;  3 laid only;  4 negatives: SSI 2020/239; SSI 2020/240; SSI 2020/297; SSI 2020/298
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	4	
Plenary debates	9	29 September 2020: S5M-22213; 2 March 2021: S5M-24177; 17 March 2021: S5M-24366; S5M-24365; S5M-24374, 18 March 2021: S5M-24364; S5M-24391; S5M-24375; S5M-24359

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Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
12th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Annual report 2020-21	1021	24 March 2021	n/a
11th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Legacy report	1013	23 March 2021	n/a
10th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes - Delegated Powers Memorandum and Emergency Bills	987	16 March 2021	No Response
9th Report, 2021 (Session 5): The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment (Coronavirus) Order 2021 [draft]	976	9 March 2021	No Response
8th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes - Urgent questions to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	975	9 March 2021	No Response
7th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes - Public Petitions System	974	9 March 2021	No Response
6th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes - Private and Hybrid Bill Procedures	973	9 March 2021	No Response
5th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Code of Conduct - Register of Interests - Gifts threshold	972	9 March 2021	No Response
4th Report, 2021 (Session 5): Standing Order Rule changes - Equalities and Human Rights Committee remit	965	2 March 2021	No Response

## 5. Legislation

### 5.1. Bills and Proposed Bills

#### 5.1.1. Bill Summary

##### Proposals for Bills

Members' Bills proposals	Number
Draft proposals lodged	2
Draft proposals lodged with a consultation attached	2
Draft proposals lodged with a statement of reasons	0
Draft proposals fell	10
Draft proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals lodged after no consultation	0
Final proposals lodged after consultation	2
Final proposals fell	5
Final proposals fell because the Scottish Government gave indication under Rule 9.14.13(a) that they will legislate in this area	0
Final proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals that secured the right to introduce a Bill	2

##### Bills Introduced

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	7
Members' Bills	6
Committee Bills	3
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

##### Bills fell

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	0
Members' Bills	5
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

##### Bills withdrawn

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	0
Members' Bills	1
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

## Bills passed

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	19
Members' Bills	5
Committee Bills	3
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

## Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Royal Assent	Number
Received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	27
Average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	299

## 5.1.2. Progress of Public Bills during the 5th parliamentary year of Session 5

These tables list all Bills that were in progress during the parliamentary year. The Bills are listed in order of introduction. Some of the tables 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 12 May 2020 - 4 May 2021, are listed in the previous year/s volume or subsequent volume/s.

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

### UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (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)	34
Date introduced	27 Feb 18
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	



Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.

## Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	45
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	6
Date introduced	23 Apr 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	LGC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	LGC 28 Oct 20
After Stage 2 discussions	DPLR 17 Nov 20
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	24 Nov 20
Date passed	24 Nov 20
Length of Bill as passed	8
Length of passage in calendar days	631
Date of Royal Assent	12 Jan 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 1)

## Consumer Scotland Bill

Consumer Scotland Bill	
SP Bill number	49
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	17
Date introduced	5 Jun 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	371
Date of Royal Assent	9 Jun 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 11)

**Disclosure (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Disclosure (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	50
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	102
Date introduced	12 Jun 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	ES
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	10 Jun 20
Date passed	10 Jun 20
Length of Bill as passed	115
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	14 Jul 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 3)

## Children (Scotland) Bill

Children (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	52
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	25
Date introduced	2 Sep 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 May 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	J 23 Jun 20
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 18 Aug 20
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	25 Aug 20
Date passed	25 Aug 20
Length of Bill as passed	36
Length of passage in calendar days	396
Date of Royal Assent	1 Oct 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 16)

## Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill	
SP Bill number	53
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	29
Date introduced	2 Sep 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	SPPA 19 Sep 19
Lead committee appointed	SPPA
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	3 Jun 20
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	28
Length of passage in calendar days	311
Date of Royal Assent	8 Jul 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 12)

## Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	56
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	21
Date introduced	30 Sep 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EECLR
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	EECLR 26 May 20
After stage 2 discussions	EECLR 3 Jun 20
	DPLR 16 Jun 20
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	17 Jun 20
Date passed	17 Jun 20
Length of Bill as passed	21
Length of passage in calendar days	296
Date of Royal Assent	21 Jul 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 14)

**Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	57
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	18
Date introduced	30 Sep 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EHRiC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	19 May 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EHRiC 11 Jun 20
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 770
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	23 Jun 20
Date passed	23 Jun 20
Length of Bill as passed	21
Length of passage in calendar days	303
Date of Royal Assent	28 Jul 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 15)

## Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill

Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	58
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	4
Date introduced	10 Oct 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EEFW
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EEFW 13 May 20
	EEFW 9 Jun 20
	EEFW 16 Jun 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 775
Stage 1 plenary debate	24 Sep 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	17 Nov 20
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	19 Jan 21
Date passed	19 Jan 21
Length of Bill as passed	4
Length of passage in calendar days	138
Date of Royal Assent	24 Feb 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 6)



**Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	59
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	16
Date introduced	6 Nov 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	RECC
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	17 Jun 20
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 11 Aug 20
	DPLR 18 Aug 20
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	26 Aug 20
Date passed	26 Aug 20
Length of Bill as passed	17
Length of passage in calendar days	331
Date of Royal Assent	1 Oct 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 17)

## Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	60
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	10
Date introduced	26 Nov 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	HS
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HS 12 May 20
	HS 20 May 20
	HS 9 Jun 20
	HS 23 Jun 20
	HS 1 Sep 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 801
Stage 1 plenary debate	1 Oct 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	HS 10 Nov 20
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 1 Dec 20
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	10 Dec 20
Date passed	10 Dec 20
Length of Bill as passed	16
Length of passage in calendar days	422
Date of Royal Assent	20 Jan 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 3)

## Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	61
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	25
Date introduced	2 Dec 19
Lead Committee Appointed	J
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 25 Aug 20
	J 1 Sep 20
	J 8 Sep 20
	J 15 Sep 20
	J 22 Sep 20
	J 29 Sep 20
	J 6 Oct 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 822
Stage 1 plenary debate	5 Nov 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	J 26 Jan 21
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 16 Feb 21
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 944
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	DPLR 2 Mar 21
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	2 Mar 21
Date passed	2 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	25
Length of passage in calendar days	507
Date of Royal Assent	21 Apr 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 10)

## Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	62
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	21
Date introduced	3 Feb 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EEFW
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EEFW 18 Aug 20
	EEFW 25 Aug 20
	EEFW 1 Sep 20
	EEFW 29 Sep 20
	EEFW 6 Oct 20
	EEFW 27 Oct 20
	EEFW 3 Nov 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 25 Aug 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 789
	SP 850
Stage 1 plenary debate	26 Nov 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EEFW 23 Feb 21
	EEFW 2 Mar 21
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 16 Mar 21
	DPLR 23 Mar 21
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	DPLR 23 Mar 21
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	23 Mar 21
Date passed	23 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	22
Length of passage in calendar days	458
Date of Royal Assent	5 May 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 17)

**Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	64
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	42
Date introduced	2 Mar 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EEFW
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EEFW 23 Jun 20
	EEFW 25 Aug 20
	EEFW 1 Sep 20
	EEFW 8 Sep 20
	EEFW 29 Sep 20
	EEFW 6 Oct 20
	EEFW 3 Nov 20
	EEFW 10 Nov 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 11 Aug 20
	DPLR 15 Sep 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 789
	SP 945
Stage 1 plenary debate	3 Dec 20
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EEFW 26 Jan 21
After Stage 2 discussions	DPLR 16 Feb 21
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	23 Feb 21
Date passed	23 Feb 21
Length of Bill as passed	58
Length of passage in calendar days	394
Date of Royal Assent	30 Mar 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 9)

## Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill

Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	65
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	9 Mar 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	HS 11 Aug 20
Lead committee appointed	HS
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HS 3 Nov 20
	HS 10 Nov 20
	HS 15 Dec 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 15 Sep 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 811
	SP 894
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 withdrawn	22 Dec 20
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

## Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	67
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	14
Date introduced	23 Apr 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	J 6 Oct 20
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 27 Oct 20
	J 3 Nov 20
	J 10 Nov 20
	J 17 Nov 20
	J 24 Nov 20
	J 25 Nov 20
	J 1 Dec 20
	J 8 Dec 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 25 Aug 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 791
	SP 878
Stage 1 plenary debate	15 Dec 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	J 2 Feb 21
	J 9 Feb 21
	J 16 Feb 21
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 2 Mar 21
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 969
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	J 22 Feb 21
	DPLR 9 Mar 21
	J 10 Mar 21
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	11 Mar 21
Date passed	11 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	17
Length of passage in calendar days	366
Date of Royal Assent	23 Apr 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 14)

## Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	68
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	8
Date introduced	27 April 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	SS 30 Apr 20
Lead committee appointed	SS
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SS 21 May 20
	SS 4 Jun 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 12 May 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 731
	SP 739
Stage 1 plenary debate	24 Jun 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	SS 10 Sep 20
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	29 Sep 20
Date passed	29 Sep 20
Length of Bill as passed	21
Length of passage in calendar days	198
Date of Royal Assent	10 Nov 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 18)



## Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill

Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	69
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	8
Date introduced	29 Apr 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	LGC 30 Sep 20 LGC 23 Dec 20
Lead committee appointed	LGC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGC 20 Jan 21 LGC 3 Feb 21 LGC 10 Mar 21 LGC 17 Mar 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 15 Sep 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 810 SP 1000
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date fell	4 May 21
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

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

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	70
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	7
Date introduced	5 May 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	LGC 28 Oct 20
Lead committee appointed	LGC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGC 18 Nov 20
	LGC 2 Dec 20
	LGC 9 Dec 20
	LGC 13 Jan 21
	LGC 20 Jan 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 6 Oct 20
	DPLR 24 Nov 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 915
	SP 877
Stage 1 plenary debate	4 Feb 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	LGC 24 Feb 21
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 9 Mar 21
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 994
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	24 Mar 21
Date passed	24 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	8
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

This Bill was referred to the Supreme Court under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland.

**Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill**

<b>Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	71
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	22
Date introduced	11 May 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	CVD
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CVD 12 May 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 12 May 20
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	13 May 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	CVD 19 May 20
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	20 May 20
Date passed	20 May 20
Length of Bill as passed	40
Length of passage in calendar days	16
Date of Royal Assent	26 May 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 10)

## Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	72
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	6
Date introduced	14 May 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	RECC 24 Jun 20
Lead committee appointed	RECC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RECC 16 Sep 20
	RECC 23 Sep 20
	RECC 28 Oct 20
	RECC 25 Nov 20
	RECC 2 Dec 20
	RECC 9 Dec 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 22 Sep 20
	DPLR 6 Oct 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 834
	SP 871
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 Jan 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	RECC 24 Feb 21
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 16 Mar 21
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 1006
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	24 Mar 21
Date passed	24 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	5
Length of passage in calendar days	357
Date of Royal Assent	5 May 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 18)

**Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	73
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	21 May 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 29 Sep 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	J 29 Sep 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 816
	SP 844
Stage 1 plenary debate	26 Jan 21
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	26 Jan 21
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

## Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	74
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	13
Date introduced	1 Jun 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 6 Oct 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 831
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date fell	4 May 21
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

**Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	75
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	5
Date introduced	1 June 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	30 Sep 20
	23 Dec 20
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 6 Oct 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 3 Nov 20
	DPLR 1 Dec 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 843
	SP 886
Stage 1 plenary debate	21 Jan 21
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	21 Jan 21
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

## Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill

Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	76
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	5
Date introduced	1 Jun 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	LGC 30 Sep 20
	LGC 23 Dec 20
Lead committee appointed	LGC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGC 24 Feb 21
	LGC 3 Mar 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 9 Feb 21
	DPLR 23 Feb 21
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 962
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date fell	4 May 21
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	



## UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	77
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	35
Date introduced	18 Jun 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	ECCLR 23 Jun 20
Lead committee appointed	ECCLR
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECCLR 11 Aug 20 ECCLR 18 Aug 20 ECCLR 25 Aug 20 ECCLR 1 Sep 20 ECCLR 14 Sep 20 ECCLR 21 Sep 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 18 Aug 20 FCC 19 Aug 20 FCC 26 Aug 20 FCC 2 Sep 20 DPLR 8 Sep 20 FCC 9 Sep 20 DPLR 22 Sep 20 FCC 30 Sep 20 FCC 7 Oct 20 DPLR 24 Nov 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 812 SP 819 SP 828
Stage 1 plenary debate	29 Oct 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	FCC 24 Nov 20 FCC 25 Nov 20
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 1 Dec 20 DPLR 8 Dec 20
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 889
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	22 Dec 20
Date passed	22 Dec 20
Length of Bill as passed	41
Length of passage in calendar days	226
Date of Royal Assent	29 Jan 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 4)

## Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill

Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill	
SP Bill number	78
Type of Bill	C
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	24 June 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	SSPAC 30 Jan 20
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 25 Aug 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 800
Stage 1 plenary debate	10 Sep 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	3 Dec 20
After stage 2 discussion	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	2 Feb 21
Date passed	2 Feb 21
Length of Bill as passed	2
Length of passage in calendar days	272
Date of Royal Assent	22 Mar 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 7)

**Redress for Survivors (Historical in Care) (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Redress for Survivors (Historical in Care) (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	79
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	65
Date introduced	13 Aug 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	ES 19 Aug 20
Lead committee appointed	ES
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ES 30 Sep 20
	ES 7 Oct 20
	ES 28 Oct 20
	ES 25 Nov 20
	ES 2 Dec 20
	ES 8 Dec 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 24 Nov 20
	DPLR 1 Dec 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 870
	SP 874
Stage 1 plenary debate	17 Dec 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	ES 27 Jan 21
Stage 2 committee discussions	ES 10 Feb 21
	ES 17 Feb 21
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 970
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	11 Mar 21
Date passed	11 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	71
Length of passage in calendar days	254
Date of Royal Assent	23 Apr 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 15)

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

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	EHRiC 3 Sep 21 EHRiC 8 Oct 21
Lead committee appointed	EHRiC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRiC 29 Oct 20 EHRiC 12 Nov 20 EHRiC 19 Nov 20 EHRiC 26 Nov 20 EHRiC 3 Dec 20 EHRiC 10 Dec 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 8 Dec 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 882 SP 898
Stage 1 plenary debate	19 Jan 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EHRiC 11 Feb 21
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 9 Mar 21
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 986
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	DPLR 16 Mar 21
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	16 Mar 21
Date passed	16 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	45
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

The Bill was referred to the Supreme Court under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland.

**Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	81
Type of Bill	C
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	8 Sep 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 8 Dec 2
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 836
Stage 1 plenary debate	12 Nov 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	27 Jan 21 (committee of the whole Parliament)
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	4 Mar 21
Date passed	4 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	3
Length of passage in calendar days	226
Date of Royal Assent	21 Apr 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 11)

## University of St Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill

University of St Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill	
SP Bill number	82
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	1
Date introduced	29 Sep 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	HS 6 Oct 20
Lead committee appointed	HS
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HS 1 Dec 20
	HS 8 Dec 20
	HS 19 Jan 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 909
Stage 1 plenary debate	26 Jan 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	HS 23 Feb 21
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	10 Mar 21
Date passed	10 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	1
Length of passage in calendar days	207
Date of Royal Assent	23 Apr 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 13)

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

Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	83
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	9
Date introduced	30 Sep 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	ES 27 Jan 21
Lead committee appointed	ES
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ES 24 Feb 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 17 Nov 20
	DPLR 26 Jan 21
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 923
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date fell	4 May 21
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

## Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill

Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	84
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	14
Date introduced	2 Oct 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	J 3 Nov 20
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 15 Dec 20
	J 12 Jan 21
	J 22 Dec 20
	J 12 Jan 21
	J 19 Jan 21
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 3 Nov 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 849
	SP 910
Stage 1 plenary debate	28 Jan 21
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	J 23 Feb 21
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	17 Mar 21
Date passed	17 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	20
Length of passage in calendar days	216
Date of Royal Assent	5 May 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 16)



## Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill

Scottish Parliamentary Standards (Sexual Harassment and Complaints Process) Bill	
SP Bill number	85
Type of Bill	C
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	13 Nov 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	16 Dec 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	27 Jan 21 (committee of the whole Parliament)
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	4 Mar 21
Date passed	4 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	2
Length of passage in calendar days	160
Date of Royal Assent	21 Apr 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 12)

## Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill

Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Bill	
SP Bill number	86
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	5
Date introduced	16 Nov 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 17 Nov 20 DPLR 24 Nov 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 864
Stage 1 plenary debate	10 Dec 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	DPLR 15 Dec 20
Stage 2 committee discussions	SSPAC 17 Dec 20
After Stage 2 discussions	DPLR 22 Dec 20
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	23 Dec 20
Date passed	23 Dec 20
Length of Bill as passed	6
Length of passage in calendar days	75
Date of Royal Assent	29 Jan 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 5)

**Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill**

<b>Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	87
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	12
Date introduced	28 Jan 21
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 2 Feb 21
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 92
Stage 1 plenary debate	25 Feb 21
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	FCC 8 Mar 21
After Stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	9 Mar 21
Date passed	9 Mar 21
Length of Bill as passed	12
Length of passage in calendar days	56
Date of Royal Assent	29 Mar 21
Act Number	2021 (asp 8)

**5.1.3. Progress of Private Bills during the 5th parliamentary year of Session 5**

The Bills are listed in order of introduction. The tables give a reflection of the progress made on each bill during this parliamentary year. Committee meetings, plenary debates and reports out with this parliamentary year, 12 May 2020 - 4 May 2021, are listed in the previous year/s volume or subsequent volume/s.

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

## Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill	
SP Bill number	55
Type of bill	P
Length of bill (no. of pages in the bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	4
Date introduced	26 September 2019
Preliminary stage discussions in Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee	
Preliminary stage discussions in other committees	
Preliminary stage report reference	SP 657
Preliminary stage plenary debate/s	19 Aug 20
Consideration stage discussions in committee	7 Sep 20
Final stage plenary debate/s	3 Dec 20
Date passed	3 Dec 20
Length of the final bill (excluding contents pages and back sheets)	5
Date of Royal Assent	20 Jan 21
Length of passage in calendar days	483
Act Number	2021 (asp 2)

## 5.2. Subordinate Legislation

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

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

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

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

## Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, 12 May 2020 to 25 March 2021

Subordinate Legislation Type	From 12 May 2020	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	To 25 Mar 2021	Total
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	1	7	11	11	8	9	9	11	16	7	4	94
Draft Affirmative Instruments	2	6	0	9	9	8	16	9	17	10	1	87
Negative Instruments	11	4	3	9	9	10	18	22	20	27	10	143
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	2	4	3	4	6	2	8	16	3	4	13	65
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Number of Instruments</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>391</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).

### Number of consent notifications received

From 12 May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Total
1	2	0	4	24	10	2	6	49

A second SI Protocol has been agreed between the Scottish Government and the Parliament. It has 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

Jan 21	Feb 21	To 24 Mar 21	Total
2	10	5	17

## 6. Other Parliamentary Business

### 6.1. 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.

From 12 May 2020	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	To 4 May 2021
7	20	35	21	37	43	43	85	21	19	58	0	0

### 6.2. Rule Changes to Standing Orders

The following rule changes to the Standing Orders were all recommended in the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 2nd Report 2021 (S5). The changes all came into force on 8 March 2021.

#### Chapter 17

- 17.1A - Inserted

## 7. Staff

### 7.1. MSPs and their Staff

#### Number of MSPs (as at 31 March 2021)

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSPs	129	82	47	63.6%	36.4%

#### Number of MSP staff (as at 31 March 2021)

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

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSP Staff	560	254	306	45.4%	54.6%

### 7.2. Parliamentary Staff in Post by Group (as at 31 March 2021)

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

## Parliamentary Staff

Group / Office	Total Staff	M	F	% M	% F
<b>Business Assurance</b>					
Procurement Services	9	4	5	44.4%	55.6%
Solicitors Office	22	5	17	22.7%	77.3%
<b>Chief Executive's Group</b>					
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	7	2	5	28.6%	71.4%
Presiding Officer's Office (Includes IRO)	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
Human Resources	21	3	18	14.3%	85.7%
<b>Deputy Chief Executive Group</b>					
Deputy Chief Executive Office	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
<b>Digital Services Group</b>					
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	56	37	19	66.1%	33.9%
Information Management and Governance	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
<b>Engagement and Communications Group</b>					
Events and Exhibitions	9	3	6	33.3%	66.7%
Lobbying Registrar	4	2	2	50.0%	50.0%
Media Relations Office (Includes Group Head)	11	5	6	45.5%	54.5%
Outreach Services	13	3	10	23.1%	76.9%
Public Information and Publications	7	4	3	57.1%	42.9%
Visitor Services	17	7	10	41.2%	58.8%
Web and Social Media	10	7	3	70.0%	30.0%
<b>Financial Resources Group</b>					
Finance	12	6	6	85.7%	85.7%
Allowances	13	0	13	0.0%	100.0%
Pay and Pensions Office	8	2	6	25.0%	75.0%
<b>Legislation and Parliamentary Business Group</b>					
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	32	14	18	43.8%	56.3%
Official Report	40	15	25	37.5%	62.5%
Broadcasting	23	19	4	82.6%	17.4%
<b>Resilience and Sustainability Group</b>					
Security (Includes Group Head)	103	59	44	57.3%	42.7%
Business Continuity	1	1	0	100.0%	0.0%
Facilities Management	33	19	14	57.6%	42.4%
<b>Scrutiny Group</b>					
Committee Office	67	26	41	38.8%	61.2%
Participation and Communities Team	7	2	5	28.6%	71.4%
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	50	21	29	42.0%	58.0%
<b>Centrally Managed Budget</b>					
	16	3	13	18.8%	81.3%
<b>Total Parliament Staff in Post</b>					
	591	272	319	46.0%	54.0%
<b>Total Parliament Staff (All - Including Centrally Managed Budget)</b>					
	607	275	332	45.3%	54.7%



## 8. Access

### 8.1. Public Visitors and Contacts

The parliament was closed to visitors from 17 March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. When Parliamentary business resumed in August 2020, Visitor Services provided limited services for guest registration and were able to operate a limited mail order style service in the shop. From mid-November to December, a catalogue service for shop customers was introduced for a limited period. From January, the only service available was direct shipping via a supplier; which accounts for the sales for the first three months of the 2021.

Average spend per shop visitor (£) no longer available.

#### Visitors, Tours and Shop Transactions

	Visitor and Tour Numbers	Shop Number of Transactions
May 20	0	0
Jun 20	0	0
Jul 20	0	0
Aug 20	0	5
Sep 20	0	6
Oct 20	0	2
Nov 20	0	14
Dec 20	0	17
Jan 21	0	1
Feb 21	0	1
Mar 21	0	1
Apr 21	0	0
Totals	0	47

## Public Enquiries

The figures for 'Public Enquiries' includes enquiries by phone, email, live chat, letter and text message. The enquiry service was limited following changes in working due to Covid-19 and the switchboard was also closed. There were no in-person enquiries as the building was closed to the public throughout this period.

	Number of enquiries
May 20	200
Jun 20	199
Jul 20	259
Aug 20	240
Sep 20	348
Oct 20	297
Nov 20	260
Dec 20	284
Jan 21	373
Feb 21	439
Mar 21	550
Apr 21	393
Total	3,842

## 8.2. Educational Visits and Outreach, by Academic Year

The Scottish Parliament building has been closed to visitors since 17 March 2020. As a result no education and outreach visits have taken place.

## 8.3. Freedom of Information Statistics

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

### FOI Requests

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

### FOI Reviews

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

FOI Appeals

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

**Freedom of Information Requests, Reviews and Appeals**

	FOI requests	FOI reviews	FOI appeals
From 12 May 2020	4	1	0
June 2020	9	0	0
July 2020	12	1	0
August 2020	8	0	0
September 2020	15	3	0
October 2020	18	3	0
November 2020	17	1	0
December 2020	17	0	0
January 2021	41	2	0
February 2021	60	2	0
March 2021	37	3	0
April 2021	14	0	1
To 11 May 2021	4	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>

## 9. Other

### 9.1. Official Inward Visits and Outward Delegations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting travel restrictions, MSPs did not undertake any visits to other Parliaments, Assemblies or Bodies. Official, in-person, visits to the Scottish Parliament were suspended with meetings and engagements taking place virtually.

#### Official visits and delegations supported by the International Relations Office

	Online/virtual meetings and other engagements	Official visits to the Parliament	Delegations to other Parliaments, Assemblies, Bodies
From 12 May 20	0	0	0
June 20	3	0	0
July 20	1	0	0
August 20	2	0	0
September 20	4	0	0
October 20	2	0	0
November 20	3	0	0
December 20	3	0	0
January 21	3	0	0
February 21	5	0	0
March 21	5	0	0
April 21	0	0	0
To 4 May 21	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 9.2. Official Gifts

There were no official gifts received in the fifth parliamentary year of session 5 due to the suspension of official visits during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 9.3. 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:**

- Willie Coffey
- Linda Fabiani
- Ross Greer
- Mark Griffin
- John Scott

#### **Associate Members:**

- Maurice Golden
- James Dornan
- Gordon MacDonald
- Pauline McNeill

## **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**

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

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

#### **Executive Committee**

- President - Ken Macintosh
- Vice-President - Nicola Sturgeon
- Vice President - Jackson Carlaw
- Elected Member - 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: Angela Constance
- Substitute Member: John Scott

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