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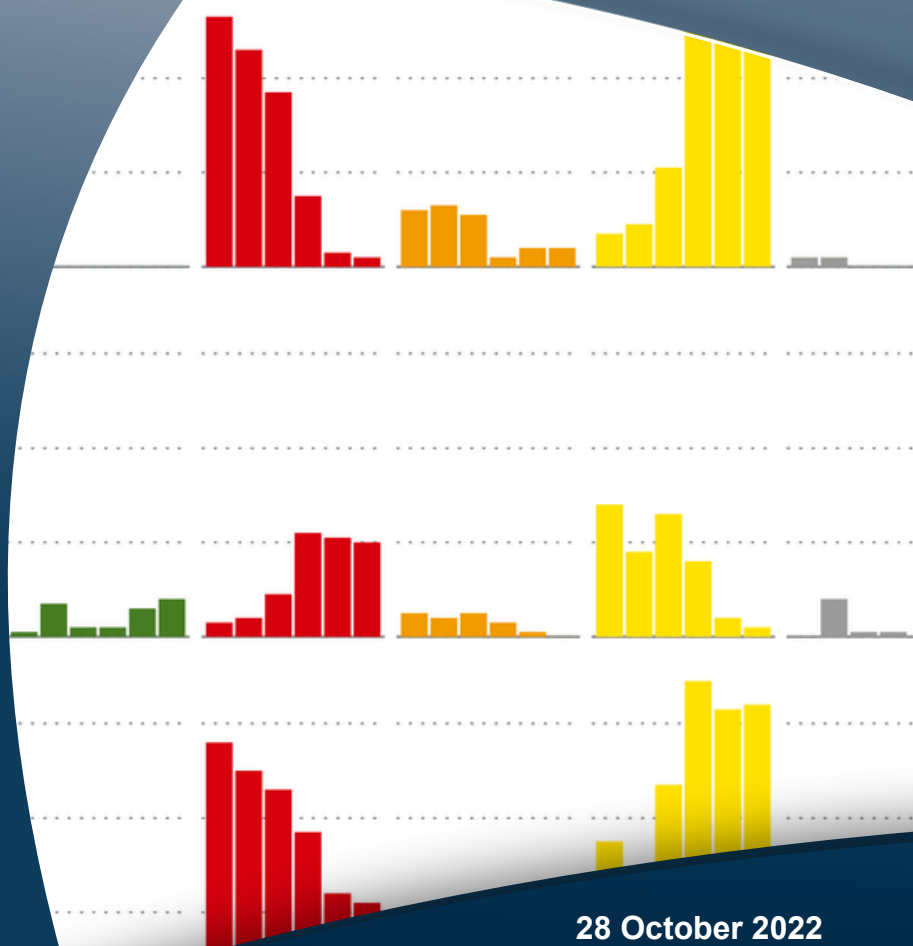
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# Introduction

The statistics in this volume cover the fourth parliamentary year of Session 5, from 12 May 2019 – 11 May 2020.

The outbreak of COVID-19 in Scotland in March 2020 led to changes in how the Parliament met and conducted business.

On 17th March 2020 the Presiding Officer announced that:

"The Parliamentary Bureau has proposed that the priorities for parliamentary business in the coming weeks should be the response to COVID-19 and other time-bound legislation. Conveners are also being consulted on their committee business priorities. The Parliament has now agreed a number of temporary procedural changes that will allow us to do this, including:

- Removing the obligation to schedule a minimum number of afternoons for opposition and committee debates and to schedule Members' business;
- Enabling the election of an additional DPO by electronic voting (while maintaining a secret ballot);
- Variation of committee substitutes and Temporary Convener rules"

In line with this the Parliament continued to meet in the Chamber until 1 April 2020 before all business was suspended. The Parliament resumed, virtually, with Leaders' Virtual Question Times on 9 April 2020 before returning to the Chamber on 21 April 2020.

Standing orders 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 involved some Members 'dialling in' remotely while some were present in the Chamber. Virtual question times, which were introduced in April 2020, continued and weekly virtual meetings became normal practice for committees.

Through 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 European Regional Legislative Assemblies

CLRAE - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Con - Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

CoR - European 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 2019– 11 May 2020)

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 was 1 by-election in the fourth parliamentary year of Session 5 following the

resignation of Tavish Scott MSP on 15 July 2019.

## Shetland Islands by-election, 29 August 2019

Candidate	Party	Votes at by-election 29 August 2019		Party votes at 5 May 2016 Election (candidates differ)		Change from 5 May 2016 Election	
		Number	% share of vote	Number	% share of vote	% votes polled	Votes
Beatrice Wishart	Scottish Liberal Democrats	5,659	48%	7,440	67.4%	-19.4%	-1,781
Tom Wills	Scottish National Party	3,822	32%	2,545	23.1%	8.9%	1,277
Brydon Goodlad	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	425	4%	405	3.7%	0.3%	20
Debra Nicolson	Scottish Green Party	189	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Johan Adamson	Scottish Labour and Co-operative Party	152	1.2%	651	5.9%	-4.7%	-499
Others		1,577	13%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rejected votes		11		46			
<b>Total Votes</b> (incl. rejected)		<b>11,835</b>		<b>11,087</b>			

## 1.2. State of the Parties

At 12 May 2019, start of the fourth parliamentary year of Session 5

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	58*	4	62
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	1	0	1
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. \*\*Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

**At 15 July 2019, following the resignation of Tavish Scott as constituency Member for Shetland Islands and Kezia Dugdale as regional Member for Lothian**

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	58*	4	62
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	7	24	31
Scottish Labour Party	3	19**	22
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	3	1	4
Independent	1	0	1
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>127</b>

\* Includes 2 deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair. \*\*Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

**At 17 July 2019, following the appointment of Sarah Boyack as regional Member for Lothian**

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	58*	4	62
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	7	24	31
Scottish Labour Party	3	20**	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	3	1	4
Independent	1	0	1
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>128</b>

\* Includes 2 Deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair. \*\*Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

**At 29 August 2019, following the election of Beatrice Wishart as constituency Member at the Shetland Islands by-election**

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	58*	4	62
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	1	0	1
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. \*\*Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

## At 6 February 2020, following the suspension of Derek Mackay as a member of the Scottish National Party

	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. \*\*Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

## At 1st April 2020, following the election of Lewis Macdonald as additional Deputy Presiding Officer for the duration of the public response to the Covid-19 pandemic

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

\* Includes two 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

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

	MPs	MEPs	Peers	Councillors
May 2019	0	0	0	1
May 2020	0	0	0	1

### 1.3.2. MSPs by Gender and Minority Ethnic

**Total number of MSPs in the Parliament on 12 May 2019, at the start of the fourth parliamentary year of Session 5**

	Female	Male	Total
	46	83	129
From Minority Ethnic backgrounds	0	2	2

**At 15 July 2019, following the resignation of Tavish Scott as constituency Member for Shetland Islands and Kezia Dugdale as regional Member for Lothian**

	Female	Male	Total
	45	82	127
From Minority Ethnic backgrounds	0	2	2

**At 17 July 2019, following the appointment of Sarah Boyack as regional Member for Lothian**

background	Female	Male	Total
	46	82	128
From Minority Ethnic backgrounds	0	2	2

**At 29 August 2019, following the election of Beatrice Wishart in the Shetland Islands by-election**

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

### 1.3.3. Female MSPs by Party

**At 12 May 2019, start of the fourth 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	43	21
Scottish Labour Party	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	2	5	7	23	6
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	17	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>36%</b>

## At 15 July 2019, following the resignation of Kezia Dugdale as regional Member for Lothian

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	43	21
Scottish Labour Party	1	9	10	48	8
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	2	5	7	23	6
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	17	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>35%</b>

## At 17 July 2019, following the appointment of Sarah Boyack as regional Member for Lothian

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	43	21
Scottish Labour Party	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	2	5	7	23	6
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	17	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>36%</b>

## At 29 August 2019, following the election of Beatrice Wishart in the Shetland Islands by-election

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	43	21
Scottish Labour Party	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	2	5	7	23	6
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>



## 1.3.4. MSP Age Profile

### Average ages of MSPs at 12 May 2019

	Average age
<b>By Party</b>	
Scottish National Party	53
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	52
Scottish Labour Party	51
Scottish Green Party	48
Scottish Liberal Democrats	52
Independent	38
No Party Affiliation	57
<b>By Gender</b>	
Females- all parties	52
Males- all parties	52
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>52</b>

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

### Average ages of MSPs at 11 May 2020

	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

## 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): 15 November 2016 to 4 September 2019
- Ruth Davidson (Con): from 10 September 2019
- Kezia Dugdale (Lab): 9 January 2018 to 14 June 2019
- Rhoda Grant (Lab): 25 June 2019 to 30 October 2019
- 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

### Number of SPCB meetings attended, 12 May 2019 to 11 May 2020

SPCB Member	Meetings attended (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	20 (20)
Jackson Carlaw	3 (3)
Kezia Dugdale	1 (2)
Ruth Davidson	20 (20)
Rhoda Grant	4 (6)
Liam McArthur	19 (20)
David Stewart	13 (14)
Sandra White	18 (20)
Andy Wightman	20 (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
- Neil Findlay (Lab): October 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Maurice Golden (Con): 27 April 2017 to 20 February 2020
- Rhoda Grant (Lab): 3 June 2019 to 2 September 2019
- Patrick Harvie (Green): from 15 June 2016
- Willie Rennie (LD): from 15 November 2017
- Elaine Smith (Lab): from 2 September 2019
- Liz Smith (Con): from 20 February 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	1
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	0	1	0	0	1
Scottish Green Party		0		0	10
<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

107 Cross-Party groups continued from the third parliamentary year of Session 5.

1 Cross-Party Group was established for the first time in the fourth parliamentary year of Session 5.

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

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups during the fourth parliamentary year of

Session 5, 108 in total.

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

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Animal Welfare		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Architecture and the Built Environment		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Armed Forces Veterans Community		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Autism		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Aviation		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Basic Income		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Beer and Pubs		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Brexit		26/07/2020
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Building Bridges with Israel		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cancer		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Carers		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on China		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Chronic Pain		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Colleges and Universities		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Combatting Sectarianism In Scottish Society		19/03/2020
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Commercial Sexual Exploitation		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Construction		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Co-operatives		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Credit Unions		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Crofting		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cuba		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Culture		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cycling, Walking and Buses		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Deafness		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dementia		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Diabetes		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Digital Participation		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Disability		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Drug and Alcohol Misuse		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dyslexia		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on End of Life Choices		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Epilepsy		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fair Trade		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Families Affected by Imprisonment		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fishing		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Food		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Freedom of Religion or Belief		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Funerals and Bereavement		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Future of Football in Scotland		

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Buidheann Thar-Phartaidh na Gàidhlig		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Germany		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Govanhill		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Health Inequalities		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Heart Disease and Stroke		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Housing		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Human Trafficking		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Improving Scotland's Health: 2021 And Beyond		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Independent Convenience Stores		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Industrial Communities		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Inflammatory Bowel Disease		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on International Development		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Japan		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Kurdistan		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Learning Disability		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on LGBTI+		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Life Sciences		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Lung Health		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Malawi		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Men's Violence Against Women and Children		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Mental Health		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on MS		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Muscular Dystrophy		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Music		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nordic Countries		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nuclear Disarmament		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Oil and Gas		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Older People, Age and Aging		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Pakistan		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palestine		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Poland		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Prevention And Healing Of Adverse Childhood Experiences		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Racial Equality in Scotland		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rail		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Recreational, Boating and Marine Tourism		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Russia	16/05/2019	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Science and Technology		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scotch Whisky		
Cross-Party Group on Scottish Gypsy Traveller Community		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Showmen's Guild		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses		

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Shared Parenting		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Skills		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Social Enterprise		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Social Science		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sport		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on St Andrew's Day		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tackling Islamophobia		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Taiwan		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tibet		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tourism		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Towns and Town Centres		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on USA		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Volunteering		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on WASPI		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women in Enterprise		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women's Health		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women's Justice		



## 2. Plenary Meetings

### 2.1. Calendar

May 2019	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 14 May 2019	14:00	14:22	14:24	17:36	3	34
Wednesday 15 May 2019	14:00	17:53			3	53
Thursday 16 May 2019	11:40	12:41	12:43	13:19	4	11
	14:30	17:04				
Tuesday 21 May 2019	14:00	15:21	15:22	17:41	3	41
Wednesday 22 May 2019	13:30	17:42			4	12
Tuesday 28 May 2019	14:00	17:39			3	39
Wednesday 29 May 2019	13:30	18:05			4	35
Thursday 30 May 2019	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:27	4	21
	14:30	17:06				
<b>Total May 2019 (from 12 May 2019)</b>					<b>32</b>	<b>06</b>

June 2019	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 4 June 2019	14:00	17:55			3	55
Wednesday 5 June 2019	13:30	15:04	15:11	17:55	4	18
Thursday 6 June 2019	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:23	3	50
	14:00	14:45	14:50	16:14	3	41
Tuesday 11 June 2019	14:00	17:41				
Wednesday 12 June 2019	13:15	13:46	14:00	17:36	4	07
Thursday 13 June 2019	11:40	12:41	12:43	13:36	4	58
	14:00	17:04				
Tuesday 18 June 2019	14:00	15:18	15:23	16:37	5	07
	16:49	18:29	18:37	19:32		
Wednesday 19 June 2019	13:29	14:35	14:40	16:25	6	02
	16:36	18:29	18:42	20:09		
Thursday 20 June 2019	11:40	12:44	12:46	13:35	5	23
	14:00	14:33	14:38	17:35		
Tuesday 25 June 2019	14:00	15:02	15:07	17:41	5	37
	17:51	19:52				
Wednesday 26 June 2019	13:30	18:17			4	47
Thursday 27 June 2019	11:40	13:46			2	06
<b>Total June 2019</b>					<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>

There were no meetings in July or August 2019.

September 2019	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 September 2019	14:00	17:46			3	46
Wednesday 4 September 2019	14:00	17:47			3	47
Thursday 5 September 2019	11:40	13:12	14:00	17:06	4	38
Tuesday 10 September 2019	14:00	17:38			3	38
Wednesday 11 September 2019	13:15	13:42	14:00	18:04	4	46
Thursday 12 September 2019	11:40	12:45	12:51	13:57	4	42
	14:30	17:01				
Tuesday 17 September 2019	14:00	17:31			3	31
Wednesday 18 September 2019	14:00	17:46			3	46
Thursday 19 September 2019	11:40	12:44	12:47	13:27	4	16
	14:30	17:02				
Tuesday 24 September 2019	14:00	17:54			3	54
Wednesday 25 September 2019	14:00	15:01	15:06	16:59	4	33
	17:10	18:49				
Thursday 26 September 2019	11:41	12:45	12:50	13:28	4	12
	14:30	17:00				
<b>Total September 2019</b>					<b>49</b>	<b>29</b>

October 2019	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 October 2019	14:00	17:46			3	46
Wednesday 2 October 2019	14:00	18:02			4	02
Thursday 3 October 2019	11:40	12:46	12:50	13:33	5	10
	14:00	15:43	15:49	17:27		
Tuesday 8 October 2019	14:00	17:39			3	39
Wednesday 9 October 2019	13:00	13:53	13:58	15:34	7	27
	15:47	17:37	17:50	20:09		
	20:24	20:40	20:42	21:15	4	49
Thursday 10 October 2019	11:40	12:46	13:30	13:54		
	13:59	17:18				
Tuesday 29 October 2019	14:00	18:00			4	00
Wednesday 30 October 2019	13:30	17:30			4	00
Thursday 31 October 2019	11:40	12:47	12:48	13:29	4	20
	14:30	17:02				
<b>Total October 2019</b>					<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>

November 2019	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 5 November 2019	14:00	17:08			3	08
Wednesday 6 November 2019	13:15	18:09			4	54
Thursday 7 November 2019	11:40	12:43	12:45	13:19	4	39
	14:00	17:02				
Tuesday 12 November 2019	14:00	17:37			3	37
Wednesday 13 November 2019	14:00	17:39			3	39
Thursday 14 November 2019	11:40	12:44	12:50	13:27	4	14
	14:30	17:03				
Tuesday 19 November 2019	14:00	17:41			3	41
Wednesday 20 November 2019	13:30	18:13			4	43
Thursday 21 November 2019	11:40	12:44	12:46	13:15	3	52
	14:30	16:49				
Tuesday 26 November 2019	14:00	17:09			3	09
Wednesday 27 November 2019	14:00	18:11			4	11
Thursday 28 November 2019	11:40	12:48	12:51	13:24	4	30
	14:00	14:16	14:18	16:51		
<b>Total November 2019</b>					<b>48</b>	<b>17</b>

December 2019	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 December 2019	14:00	17:32			3	32
Wednesday 4 December 2019	14:00	17:33			3	33
Thursday 5 December 2019	11:40	12:45	12:51	13:21	3	38
	14:30	16:33				
Tuesday 10 December 2019	14:00	17:38			3	38
Wednesday 11 December 2019	13:00	15:03			2	03
Tuesday 17 December 2019	14:00	17:09			3	09
Wednesday 18 December 2019	13:30	17:38			4	08
Thursday 19 December 2019	11:40	12:47	13:45	14:00	3	47
	14:05	15:24	15:30	16:26		
<b>Total December 2019</b>					<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

January 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 7 January 2020	14:00	17:38			3	38
Wednesday 8 January 2020	13:15	13:57	14:00	17:51	4	33
Thursday 9 January 2020	11:40	12:47	12:50	13:20	4	33
	14:00	16:56				
Tuesday 14 January 2020	14:00	17:48			3	48
Wednesday 15 January 2020	13:15	13:53	14:00	18:01	4	39
Thursday 16 January 2020	11:40	12:47	12:51	13:32	4	22
	14:30	17:04				
Tuesday 21 January 2020	14:00	15:15	15:20	18:16	4	11
Wednesday 22 January 2020	14:00	17:50			3	50
Thursday 23 January 2020	11:40	12:47	12:49	13:34	4	52
Tuesday 28 January 2020	14:00	17:56			3	56
Wednesday 29 January 2020	13:30	17:52			4	22
Thursday 30 January 2020	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:16	4	39
	14:00	17:05				
<b>Total January 2020</b>					<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>

February 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 4 February 2020	13:30	14:15	14:20	15:53	3	40
	16:08	17:30				
Wednesday 5 February 2020	13:30	19:11			5	41
Thursday 6 February 2020	11:40	12:45	12:47	13:34	5	24
	14:00	17:32				
Tuesday 18 February 2020	14:00	17:03	17:05	17:48	3	46
Wednesday 19 February 2020	13:15	13:50	14:00	17:46	4	21
Thursday 20 February 2020	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:40	5	10
	14:00	14:43	14:48	16:01		
	16:07	17:23				
Tuesday 25 February 2020	14:00	17:40			3	40
Wednesday 26 February 2020	14:00	18:07			4	07
Thursday 27 February 2020	11:40	12:45	12:48	13:30	4	49
	14:00	17:02				
<b>Total February 2020</b>					<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>

March 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 3 March 2020	14:00	17:29			3	29
Wednesday 4 March 2020	13:30	16:12	16:17	18:18	4	43
Thursday 5 March 2020	11:40	12:37	12:38	12:48	4	12
	12:54	13:28	14:30	17:01		
Tuesday 10 March 2020	14:00	18:23			4	23
Wednesday 11 March 2020	13:30	18:00			4	30
Thursday 12 March 2020	11:40	12:49	12:52	13:33	4	52
	14:30	17:32				
Tuesday 17 March 2020	14:00	18:18			4	18
Wednesday 18 March 2020	14:00	16:59	17:00	17:01	3	00
Thursday 19 March 2020	11:45	12:49	13:47	17:00	4	17
Tuesday 24 March 2020	13:30	17:08			3	38
<b>Total March 2020</b>					<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>

April 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 April 2020	09:30	13:37	16:35	17:24	7	17
	17:29	19:24	19:30	20:01		
Thursday 9 April 2020	12:30	13:06			0	36
Thursday 16 April 2020	12:31	13:01			0	30
Friday 17 April 2020	14:30	15:25			0	55
Tuesday 21 April 2020	14:00	17:28			3	28
Thursday 23 April 2020	14:00	14:31			0	31
Friday 24 April 2020	15:00	15:37			0	37
Tuesday 28 April 2020	14:00	17:31			3	31
Thursday 30 April 2020	14:00	14:47			0	47
<b>Total April 2020</b>					<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>

May 2020	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Friday 1 May 2020	14:01	14:44			0	43
Tuesday 5 May 2020	14:00	17:43			3	43
Wednesday 6 May 2020	12:30	14:02	15:00	15:46	3	27
	15:52	17:01				
Thursday 7 May 2020	13:30	15:06			1	36
<b>Total May 2020 (to 11 May 2020)</b>					<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>

**Parliamentary year total: 413:28**

## 2.2. Recess Dates

Start	End
30 June 2019	1 September 2019
12 October 2019	27 October 2019
21 December 2019	5 January 2020
8 February 2020	16 February 2020
4 April 2020	19 April 2020

## 2.3. Place of Meeting

From 12 May 2019 to 1 April 2020, all plenary meetings took place in the Scottish Parliament debating chamber. On 1 April all business was suspended in response to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Parliament resumed, virtually, with Leaders' Virtual Question Times on 9 April 2020 before returning to the Chamber on 21 April in a hybrid capacity.

## 3. Plenary Business

### 3.1. Division of Time on Parliamentary Business

During the parliamentary year 12 May 2019 to 11 May 2020, the total time spent on parliamentary business was **413 hours 28 mins**

#### Government Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	13	24	54
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	20	41	43
Business Motions	16	0	12
Financial Resolutions	8	0	04
Motion to pass	11	10	02
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Government Bills</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>55</b>

#### Emergency Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	1	1	28
Stage 2	1	2	40
Stage 3	1	0	01
Motion to pass	1	0	27
Financial Resolution	1	0	01
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Emergency Bills</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>

#### Members' Bills

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	3	6	56
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	1	0	58
Motion to pass	1	1	10
Financial Resolution	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Members' Bills</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>04</b>

#### Committee Bills

No time was spent on Committee Bills.

#### Private Bills

No time was spent on Private Bills.

#### 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)	10	0	09
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Statutory Instruments</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>09</b>

## Other Motions relating to Legislation

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Legislative Consent Memorandums	7	1	20
Public Body Consent Memorandums	0	0	0
<b>Total time spent on other Motions</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>

## Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Business motions (not including Bills)	68	1	33
Committee establishment and membership	9	0	06
Designation of lead committee	17	0	07
Decision Time	91	4	32
Variations of Standing Orders	3	0	34
Suspension of Standing Orders	3	0	01
<b>Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>

## Motions for Debate

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	33	60	14
Labour	5	11	40
Conservative	7	16	31
Liberal Democrats	2	4	43
Green	0	0	00
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	10	15	47
Members' Business	82	58	38
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	3	1	04
<b>Total time spent on Motions</b>		<b>168</b>	<b>37</b>

## Debates without Motions

No time was spent on debates without motions.

## Oral Questions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
General	31	10	20
Topical	33	11	49
Portfolio	59	31	08
First Minister	34	27	14
Leaders' Virtual Question Time	2	1	02
Members' Virtual Question Time	6	5	09
Urgent	1	0	17
Emergency	0	0	00
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	2	0	30
<b>Total time spent on questions</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>28</b>

## Statements

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	56	53	14
Urgent	1	0	47
Presiding Officer	0	0	00
Members'	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on statements</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>01</b>

## Other Matters

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Points of order	30	1	17
Committee announcement	3	0	09
Time for Reflection	35	2	15
Motion without notice	20	0	11
Elections/ Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	1	0	15
Elections/ Appointment of Presiding Officer/ Deputy Presiding Officers	1	0	04
Election to SPCB	3	0	05
Minute Silence	1	0	02
Changes to Standing Orders	1	0	02
Oaths and Affirmations	1	0	02
Appointment of Auditor General for Scotland	1	0	02
<b>Total time spent on other matters</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>24</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
Baha'i	1	0	1
Christian	3	1	4
Church of England	0	1	1
Church of Scotland	9	4	13
Episcopal	1	0	1
Evangelical	1	0	1
Humanist	1	0	1
Interfaith	1	0	1
Muslim	1	1	2
Non-Faith	1	0	1
Pentecostal	2	0	2
Religious Society of Friends	1	0	1
Roman Catholic	4	0	4
Salvation Army	0	1	1
United Reformed Church	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>

## 3.3. Parliamentary Questions

The outbreak of COVID-19 in Scotland in March 2020 led to changes in when and where parliamentary questions were asked.

The last First Minister's Question Time in the Chamber, before they were suspended, was on Thursday 19 March 2020. There were then two Leaders' Virtual Question Times on 9 and 16 April 2020, before First Minister's Question Time resumed in the Chamber on 21 April 2020.

General Question Time and Portfolio Question Time in the Chamber were suspended on 19 March 2020. These were replaced by Members' Virtual Questions on 17 April 2020.

### 3.3.1. Oral Questions

#### 3.3.1.(a) General Questions

The total number of general questions selected during the parliamentary year was **295**.

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

General Question Time was suspended on 19 March 2020. These were replaced by Members' Virtual Question Time on 17 April 2020.

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

Party	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sept 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	12	18	0	0	15	11	17	12	19	15	13	0	0	132
Con	9	12	0	0	13	9	12	10	10	4	10	0	0	89
Lab	10	4	0	0	7	4	3	4	9	7	7	0	0	55
Green	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	10
LD	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	9
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>295</b>

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### 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 total number of Members' virtual questions selected during the parliamentary year was **102**.

#### Members' Virtual Questions

Party	May 19 to March 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	n/a	23	14	37
Con	n/a	17	11	28
Lab	n/a	13	9	22
Green	n/a	4	4	8
LD	n/a	4	2	6
Derek Mackay	n/a	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	n/a	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>102</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 **205**.

The last First Minister's Question Time in the Chamber, before FMQs were suspended due to the outbreak of Covid-19, was on Thursday 19 March 2020. First Minister's Question Time resumed in the Chamber on 21 April 2020 after two Leaders' Virtual Question Times.

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

Party	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sept 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	3	5	0	0	4	3	4	4	4	3	2	0	0	32
Con	6	8	0	0	8	7	8	7	8	6	5	2	1	66
Lab	5	7	0	0	7	5	7	6	8	6	5	2	1	59
Green	2	3	0	0	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	24
LD	2	3	0	0	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	24
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>205</b>

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Normally, in advance, 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 the statistics table above. In addition to these questions, the Presiding Officer can also call other Members to ask a question at First Minister's Question Time. These supplementary questions are asked on different subjects, usually constituency related, by other MSPs and these are not numbered in the Official Report and not counted in the statistics table above.

### Leaders' Virtual Questions

Party	April 20
SNP	0
Con	6
Lab	3
Green	3
LD	4
Derek Mackay	0
Mark McDonald	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>

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In the two Leaders' Virtual Question Time sessions, questions to the First Minister were only asked by party leaders and no questions were numbered in the Official Report.

#### 3.3.1.(d) Portfolio questions

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

#### 15 May 2019 - 27 February 2020

- Week 1: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Week 2: Justice and the Law Officers
- Week 3: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and

## External Affairs; Education and Skills

- Week 4: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government
- Week 5: Social Security and Older People
- Week 6: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
- Week 7: Rural Economy
- Week 8: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers
- Week 9: Government Business and Constitutional Relations
- Week 10: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
- Week 11: Education and Skills
- Week 12: Health and Sport
- Week 13: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work
- Week 14: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy
- Week 15: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Week 16: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations
- Week 17: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
- Week 18: Education and Skills; Health and Sport
- Week 19: Communities and Local Government
- Week 20: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work
- Week 21: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

## **2 March 2020 - 19 March 2020**

The rota of themed questions changed after 2 March to reflect the changes to Ministerial portfolios following the cabinet reshuffle in February 2020.

- Week 1: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People
- Week 2: Finance
- Week 3: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism
- Week 4: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Week 5: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

- Week 6: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

The last Portfolio Question Time in the Chamber, before portfolio questions were suspended due to the outbreak of Covid-19, was on 19 March 2020. These were replaced by Members' Virtual Questions on 17 April 2020 which followed these themes:

### 17 April 2020 - 7 May 2020

- Week 1: Members' Virtual Question Time
  - All questions were on Covid-19. They were answered by four cabinet ministers
- Week 2: Education and Skills
- Week 3: Environment and Rural Affairs
- Week 4: Local Government and Communities
- Week 5: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs; Economy, Fair Work and Culture
- Week 6: Rural Economy and Tourism; Health and Sport

The total number of portfolio questions answered during the parliamentary year was **686**. This does not include portfolio questions which were either not lodged or withdrawn.

### Portfolio Questions

Party	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	21	38	0	0	35	27	41	29	33	24	17	1*	0	<b>265</b>
Con	20	30	0	0	30	16	29	24	37	17	28	0	0	<b>231</b>
Lab	17	16	0	0	20	21	13	8	19	12	16	0	0	<b>142</b>
Green	4	3	0	0	2	2	2	4	3	4	4	0	0	<b>28</b>
LD	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	0	0	<b>20</b>
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>686</b>

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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.

### 3.3.1.(e) Topical questions

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

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

Party	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	2	2	0	0	4	2	4	4	2	1	0	1	1	23
Con	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	2	1	2	1	16
Lab	1	3	0	0	2	3	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	19
Green	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	8
LD	1	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	13
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>79</b>

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### 3.3.1.(f) Urgent questions

The total number of urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was **1**.

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 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Green	0	0	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	0	0
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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### 3.3.1.(g) SPCB questions

The total number of SPCB questions selected during the parliamentary year was **24**.

Total number of SPCB oral questions which were withdrawn during the parliamentary year was **2**.

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

Party	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	3	2	0	0	11
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Lab	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	0	0	10
Green	0	0	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	0	0
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</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 **5326**. This does not include **9** written questions that were withdrawn.

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

Party	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	34	29	23	14	41	23	20	28	59	24	35	36	19	385
Con	176	144	148	239	162	153	157	90	91	137	136	179	42	1854
Lab	155	160	120	114	163	191	148	42	134	144	249	253	86	1959
Green	25	29	31	18	49	50	39	41	44	20	27	41	7	421
LD	29	87	114	88	49	69	39	18	36	78	40	27	18	692
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	4	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5326</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 **7**.

## Written Questions to the SPCB

Party	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lab	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Derek Mackay	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

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## 3.4. Motions

### 3.4.1. Motions by Party

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **4364**. This does not include **14** motions that were withdrawn.

#### Motions by Party, 12 May 2019 - 11 May 2020

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD	Derek Mackay	Mark McDonald	Total
<b>May 19</b>	102	55	37	7	20	n/a	3	<b>224</b>
<b>Jun 19</b>	226	135	74	10	35	n/a	6	<b>486</b>
<b>Jul 19</b>	191	120	45	4	22	n/a	3	<b>385</b>
<b>Aug 19</b>	131	55	30	10	10	n/a	1	<b>237</b>
<b>Sep 19</b>	238	156	69	14	20	n/a	3	<b>500</b>
<b>Oct 19</b>	224	125	52	7	31	n/a	5	<b>444</b>
<b>Nov 19</b>	211	81	61	8	15	n/a	4	<b>380</b>
<b>Dec 19</b>	97	44	33	9	7	n/a	4	<b>194</b>
<b>Jan 20</b>	179	103	50	4	27	n/a	7	<b>370</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	185	82	50	5	12	0	3	<b>337</b>
<b>Mar 20</b>	123	70	27	6	12	0	7	<b>245</b>
<b>Apr 20</b>	104	59	26	6	16	0	18	<b>229</b>
<b>May 20</b>	43	15	20	1	3	0	0	<b>82</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4,113</b>

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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.



**Motions on behalf of bodies by Party Members, 12 May 2019 - 11 May 2020**

	Committee	Parliamentary Bureau	SPCB	Total
May 19	1	10	0	11
Jun 19	0	31	0	31
Jul 19	0	0	0	0
Aug 19	0	5	0	5
Sep 19	1	23	0	24
Oct 19	0	30	0	30
Nov 19	0	24	0	24
Dec 19	0	14	0	14
Jan 20	0	19	0	19
Feb 20	0	25	0	25
Mar 20	0	53	0	53
Apr 20	0	9	0	9
May 20	0	6	0	6
Totals	2	249	0	251

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**Motions by the Lord Advocate**

There were no motions lodged by the Lord Advocate during the parliamentary year.

**Motions by the Solicitor General**

There were no motions lodged by the Solicitor General during the parliamentary year.

**3.4.2. Motions without Notice****Motions without notice, 12 May 2019 - 11 May 2020**

Reason for motion	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
to extend the time for debate	10	0	10
to extend the time limit for the debate	3	0	3
to change decision time	14	0	14
to change business	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

**3.4.3. Motions to Suspend Standing Orders**

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

- Motion S5M-20999 on suspension and variation of Standing Orders was agreed on 26 February 2020.
- Motions S5M-21283 to S5M-21286 on suspension and variation of Standing Orders were agreed on 17 March 2020.

- Motion S5M-21366 on the suspension of Standing Orders was agreed on 1 April 2020.
- Motions S5M-21507 and S5M-21508 on the suspension and variation of Standing Orders were agreed on 21 April 2020.

### 3.4.4. Members' Business Motions

The total number of Members' Business debates during the parliamentary year was **91**.

Following Parliament's approval of motion S5M-21283, Members' Business debates were suspended for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19. The last Members' Business debate of this parliamentary year took place on 17 March 2020.

#### Members' Business motions discussed at the initiative of MSPs, by party

Party	Female	Male	Total
Scottish National Party	19	26	45
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	5	16	21
Scottish Labour Party	12	7	19
Scottish Green Party	0	3	3
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	2	3
Derek Mackay*	0	0	0
Mark McDonald	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>91</b>

\*Derek Mackay became an independent MSP on 6 February 2020. Prior to this he is counted in the SNP figures.

### 3.4.5. Legislative Consent Memorandums and Motions

During the parliamentary year there were:

- 15 Legislative Consent Memorandums published
- 0 Supplementary Memorandums published
- 11 Legislative Consent Motions lodged
- 11 Legislative Consent Motions passed

### 3.4.6. Public Body Act Consent Memorandums and Motions

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

## 3.5. Ministerial Statements

### Ministerial Statements by Cabinet Secretary, Minister and Law Officer

Cabinet Secretary /Minister/ Law Officer	Number of statements
First Minister	6
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	9
Minister for Children and Young People	1
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science	0
Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work	4
Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy	1
Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans	3
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport	12
Minister for Mental Health	2
Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing	1
Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform	4
Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government	2
Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People	2
Minister for Local Government and Housing	0
Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning	1
Minister for Social Security	0
Minister for Older People and Equalities	0
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	5
Minister for Community Safety	1
Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Fair Work and Culture	2
Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy	0
Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills	0
Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy	6
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism	1
Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity	4
Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands	3
Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment	2
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs	3
Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations	4
Cabinet Secretary for Finance	1
Lord Advocate	1
Solicitor General	0
<b>Total number of ministerial statements</b>	<b>81</b>

During the COVID-19 pandemic Scottish Government Ministers would give a weekly COVID-19 update in Chamber. The total number of ministerial statements includes 5 COVID-19 updates.

## 3.6. Committee Announcements

Committee announcements were first used in October 2018. They were introduced as a result of the Commission on Parliamentary Reform's recommendation that committees be allowed to make significant or urgent announcements and set out the findings from

recently published committee reports during Chamber meetings. They were initially introduced for a trial period of 3 months from October – December 2018. This trial period was then extended and committee announcements were made permanent by a change to the Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament on 11 June 2019, coming into effect on 3 September 2019.

### 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	0
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	1
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>4</b>

## 3.7. Presiding Officer's Rulings on Points of Order

There were no Presiding Officer's Rulings on points of order during this parliamentary year.

## 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 2019 to 11 May 2020**

	Number of Electronic Votes
May 19	17
June 19	127
July 19	0
August 19	0
September 19	27
October 19	116
November 19	26
December 19	11
January 20	34
February 20	40
March 20	8
April 20	26
May 20	2
<b>Total number of electronic votes</b>	<b>434</b>

**3.9. Presiding Officer's Exercise of a Casting Vote****Casting votes, 12 May 2019 to 11 May 2020**

Date	Motion	Result
22 January 2020	Amendment S5M-20528.2, in the name of Aileen Campbell, which sought to amend motion S5M-20528, on investing in our future	Disagreed to
1 April 2020	Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, Amendment 36 in the name of Ross Greer	Disagreed to
1 April 2020	Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, Amendment 37 in the name of Neil Findlay	Disagreed to
1 April 2020	Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, Amendment 38 in the name of Neil Findlay	Disagreed to
1 April 2020	Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, Amendment 39 in the name of Neil Findlay	Disagreed to
1 April 2020	Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, Amendment 40 in the name of Ross Greer	Disagreed to
1 April 2020	Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, Amendment 42 in the name of Ross Greer	Disagreed to

## 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 were present in the committee room.

### 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.

## Membership of committees

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



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

MSP	Committee
Watt, Maureen	REC, SGHHC, SPPA
Wells, Annie	ECCLR, EHRC, HS(S)
White, Sandra	HS
Whittle, Brian	HS, PPC, SSC(S)
Wightman, Andy	EEFW, LGC, ECCLR(S), J(S)
Wishart, Beatrice	CTEEA, CVD, ES, EHRC(S), HS(S)

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## Simultaneous membership of committees

Simultaneous membership	
Member of only 1 Committee	42
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	32
Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	11
Member of 4 Committees simultaneously	1
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	46
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	13
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	17
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	4
Member of 3 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	3
Substitute Member of only 1 Committee	12
Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	8
Substitute Member of 3 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	11	10
Acting Conveners	1	0
Deputy Conveners	14	12

## Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by party

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD
Conveners	10	7	3	1	0
Acting Conveners	0	0	1	0	0
Deputy Conveners	9	8	7	1	1

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## 4.2 Committee Meetings

### 4.2.1 Number of Committee Meetings Held during the Parliamentary Year

#### Total number of committee meetings

	From 12 May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 20	Total
<b>SGHHC</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>CVD</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	1	<b>3</b>
<b>CTEEA</b>	2	3	0	0	3	3	4	1	4	3	2	0	0	<b>25</b>
<b>DPLR</b>	3	3	0	0	4	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	1	<b>34</b>
<b>EEFW</b>	3	4	0	0	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	0	2	<b>33</b>
<b>ES</b>	3	4	0	0	3	3	4	1	2	2	2	0	2	<b>26</b>
<b>ECCLR</b>	4	4	0	0	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	<b>31</b>
<b>EHRiC</b>	2	4	0	0	4	3	4	1	1	3	2	0	0	<b>24</b>
<b>FCC</b>	2	4	0	0	4	4	3	2	2	3	4	0	0	<b>28</b>
<b>HS</b>	2	2	0	0	4	3	4	2	2	3	3	1	1	<b>27</b>
<b>J</b>	2	5	0	0	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	1	0	<b>30</b>
<b>JSP</b>	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	<b>12</b>
<b>LGC</b>	3	3	0	0	4	3	4	2	4	3	3	0	0	<b>29</b>
<b>PAPLS</b>	1	4	0	0	4	3	3	2	4	2	3	0	1	<b>27</b>
<b>PPC</b>	1	3	0	0	4	1	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	<b>18</b>
<b>REC</b>	3	4	0	0	4	3	4	2	4	3	3	0	0	<b>30</b>
<b>SSC</b>	2	3	0	0	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	1	0	<b>23</b>
<b>SSCS</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>SPPA</b>	2	3	0	0	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	0	0	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>433</b>

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

## Total number of meetings by committee

Committee	Number of meetings
SGHHC	4
CVD	3
CTEEA	25
DPLR	34
EEFW	33
ES	26
ECCLR	31
EHRiC	24
FCC	28
HS	27
J	30
JSP	12
LGC	29
PAPLS	27
PPC	18
REC	30
SSC	23
SSCS	3
SPPA	26
<b>Total number of committee meetings</b>	<b>433</b>

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

## Number of committee meetings by month

Committee	Number of meetings
From 12 May 19	36
Jun 19	54
Jul 19	0
Aug 19	0
Sep 19	56
Oct 19	45
Nov 19	58
Dec 19	30
Jan 20	48
Feb 20	45
Mar 20	43
Apr 20	9
To 11 May 20	9
<b>Total number of committee meetings</b>	<b>433</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	00:08	04:04	<b>04:12</b>
CVD	05:29	00:00	<b>05:29</b>
CTEEA	41:23	10:01	<b>51:24</b>
DPLR	04:21	11:12	<b>15:33</b>
EEFW	53:16	31:04	<b>84:20</b>
ES	33:55	12:34	<b>46:29</b>
ECCLR	51:05	22:44	<b>73:49</b>
EHRIC	27:17	10:14	<b>37:31</b>
FCC	34:56	07:59	<b>42:55</b>
HS	53:00	10:43	<b>63:43</b>
J	43:53	13:48	<b>57:41</b>
JSP	09:13	03:01	<b>12:14</b>
LGC	48:15	15:18	<b>63:33</b>
PAPLS	38:20	15:48	<b>54:08</b>
PPC	29:46	01:49	<b>31:35</b>
REC	72:57	11:42	<b>84:39</b>
SSC	29:30	12:12	<b>41:42</b>
SSCS	01:20	01:23	<b>02:43</b>
SPPA	16:47	13:38	<b>30:25</b>

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

**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 19	52:08	16:58	<b>69:06</b>
Jun 19	79:16	29:49	<b>109:05</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	81:07	27:44	<b>108:51</b>
Oct 19	60:28	25:41	<b>86:09</b>
Nov 19	85:20	24:10	<b>109:30</b>
Dec 19	43:16	15:20	<b>58:36</b>
Jan 20	71:55:00	23:27	<b>95:22</b>
Feb 20	55:32:00	17:53	<b>73:25</b>
Mar 20	46:12:00	19:37	<b>65:49</b>
Apr 20	09:35	02:22	<b>11:57</b>
To 11 May 20	10:02	06:13	<b>16:15</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>594:51</b>	<b>209:14</b>	<b>804:05</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 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jun 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 19	00:02	00:57	00:59
Oct 19	00:04	01:22	01:26
Nov 19	00:01	00:48	00:49
Dec 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Jan 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Feb 20	00:01	00:57	00:58
Mar 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>00:08</b>	<b>04:04</b>	<b>04:12</b>

### COVID-19 Committee

CVD	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jun 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Aug 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sep 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nov 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 19	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan 20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Feb 20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar 20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr 20	03:14	00:00	03:14
To 11 May 20	02:15	00:00	02:15
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>05:29</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>05:29</b>

**Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee**

<b>CTEEA</b>	<b>Public h:min</b>	<b>Private h:min</b>	<b>Total h:min</b>
From 12 May 19	04:14	00:29	<b>04:43</b>
Jun 19	06:23	00:27	<b>06:50</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	04:48	01:13	<b>06:01</b>
Oct 19	05:14	01:42	<b>06:56</b>
Nov 19	06:25	01:06	<b>07:31</b>
Dec 19	00:00	02:26	<b>02:26</b>
Jan 20	07:35	01:27	<b>09:02</b>
Feb 20	02:04	01:03	<b>03:07</b>
Mar 20	04:40	00:08	<b>04:48</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>41:23</b>	<b>10:01</b>	<b>51:24</b>

**Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**

<b>DPLR</b>	<b>Public h:min</b>	<b>Private h:min</b>	<b>Total h:min</b>
From 12 May 19	00:09	00:41	<b>00:50</b>
Jun 19	00:09	01:37	<b>01:46</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	01:17	01:41	<b>02:58</b>
Oct 19	00:09	01:23	<b>01:32</b>
Nov 19	00:17	01:01	<b>01:18</b>
Dec 19	00:35	00:43	<b>01:18</b>
Jan 20	00:58	02:00	<b>02:58</b>
Feb 20	00:10	00:37	<b>00:47</b>
Mar 20	00:14	01:09	<b>01:23</b>
Apr 20	00:20	00:02	<b>00:22</b>
To 11 May 20	00:03	00:18	<b>00:21</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>04:21</b>	<b>11:12</b>	<b>15:33</b>

## Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

EEFW	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	04:10	03:00	<b>07:10</b>
Jun 19	03:52	06:02	<b>09:54</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	08:50	02:45	<b>11:35</b>
Oct 19	06:01	02:21	<b>08:22</b>
Nov 19	07:39	03:55	<b>11:34</b>
Dec 19	04:20	02:01	<b>06:21</b>
Jan 20	06:10	02:39	<b>08:49</b>
Feb 20	03:55	01:56	<b>05:51</b>
Mar 20	07:05	03:02	<b>10:07</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	01:14	03:23	<b>04:37</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>53:16</b>	<b>31:04</b>	<b>84:20</b>

## Education and Skills Committee

ES	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	05:03	00:47	<b>05:50</b>
Jun 19	04:50	04:16	<b>09:06</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	04:00	01:34	<b>05:34</b>
Oct 19	03:08	01:26	<b>04:34</b>
Nov 19	05:33	01:25	<b>06:58</b>
Dec 19	00:00	00:29	<b>00:29</b>
Jan 20	01:49	00:46	<b>02:35</b>
Feb 20	02:26	00:38	<b>03:04</b>
Mar 20	03:23	00:26	<b>03:49</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	03:43	00:47	<b>04:30</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>33:55</b>	<b>12:34</b>	<b>46:29</b>



## Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

ECCLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	07:22	02:07	09:29
Jun 19	08:41	02:04	10:45
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 19	01:52	03:29	05:21
Oct 19	03:53	03:03	06:56
Nov 19	10:02	01:32	11:34
Dec 19	05:40	03:23	09:03
Jan 20	03:21	02:37	05:58
Feb 20	05:08	02:20	07:28
Mar 20	03:00	00:33	03:33
Apr 20	02:06	00:54	03:00
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:42	00:42
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>51:05</b>	<b>22:44</b>	<b>73:49</b>

## Equalities and Human Rights Committee

EHRIC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	01:56	01:32	03:28
Jun 19	03:10	01:27	04:37
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 19	06:25	01:14	07:39
Oct 19	03:39	01:34	05:13
Nov 19	04:54	01:59	06:53
Dec 19	00:55	00:36	01:31
Jan 20	01:52	00:00	01:52
Feb 20	03:36	01:08	04:44
Mar 20	00:50	00:44	01:34
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>27:17</b>	<b>10:14</b>	<b>37:31</b>

## Finance and Constitution Committee

FCC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	02:15	00:05	<b>02:20</b>
Jun 19	08:17	00:41	<b>08:58</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	07:40	00:36	<b>08:16</b>
Oct 19	02:01	01:52	<b>03:53</b>
Nov 19	04:04	01:25	<b>05:29</b>
Dec 19	02:24	00:13	<b>02:37</b>
Jan 20	02:08	01:02	<b>03:10</b>
Feb 20	03:13	00:30	<b>03:43</b>
Mar 20	02:54	01:35	<b>04:29</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>34:56</b>	<b>07:59</b>	<b>42:55</b>

## Health and Sport Committee

HS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	04:11	00:27	<b>04:38</b>
Jun 19	03:21	01:08	<b>04:29</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	04:21	03:52	<b>08:13</b>
Oct 19	07:53	01:14	<b>09:07</b>
Nov 19	08:00	00:33	<b>08:33</b>
Dec 19	03:56	01:03	<b>04:59</b>
Jan 20	06:23	00:05	<b>06:28</b>
Feb 20	06:40	00:40	<b>07:20</b>
Mar 20	05:13	00:54	<b>06:07</b>
Apr 20	01:34	00:20	<b>01:54</b>
To 11 May 20	01:28	00:27	<b>01:55</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>53:00</b>	<b>10:43</b>	<b>63:43</b>

## Justice Committee

J	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	02:43	00:30	<b>03:13</b>
Jun 19	07:28	02:17	<b>09:45</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	04:42	01:21	<b>06:03</b>
Oct 19	06:05	01:04	<b>07:09</b>
Nov 19	02:51	01:51	<b>04:42</b>
Dec 19	03:36	01:15	<b>04:51</b>
Jan 20	09:02	01:36	<b>10:38</b>
Feb 20	04:54	00:23	<b>05:17</b>
Mar 20	01:29	03:02	<b>04:31</b>
Apr 20	01:03	00:29	<b>01:32</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>43:53</b>	<b>13:48</b>	<b>57:41</b>

## Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

JSP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	01:06	00:16	<b>01:22</b>
Jun 19	00:53	00:02	<b>00:55</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	01:04	00:00	<b>01:04</b>
Oct 19	00:44	00:05	<b>00:49</b>
Nov 19	01:43	00:14	<b>01:57</b>
Dec 19	01:12	00:11	<b>01:23</b>
Jan 20	00:44	01:15	<b>01:59</b>
Feb 20	00:49	00:51	<b>01:40</b>
Mar 20	00:58	00:07	<b>01:05</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>09:13</b>	<b>03:01</b>	<b>12:14</b>

## Local Government and Communities Committee

LGC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	03:58	01:44	<b>05:42</b>
Jun 19	05:16	01:15	<b>06:31</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	05:24	02:34	<b>07:58</b>
Oct 19	03:50	02:48	<b>06:38</b>
Nov 19	08:57	01:25	<b>10:22</b>
Dec 19	05:22	00:24	<b>05:46</b>
Jan 20	08:15	02:47	<b>11:02</b>
Feb 20	04:58	01:09	<b>06:07</b>
Mar 20	02:15	01:12	<b>03:27</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>48:15</b>	<b>15:18</b>	<b>63:33</b>

## Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

PAPLS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	01:05	00:21	<b>01:26</b>
Jun 19	02:17	04:34	<b>06:51</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	07:51	01:49	<b>09:40</b>
Oct 19	04:52	01:30	<b>06:22</b>
Nov 19	05:04	01:09	<b>06:13</b>
Dec 19	03:20	00:32	<b>03:52</b>
Jan 20	04:51	02:23	<b>07:14</b>
Feb 20	03:49	00:33	<b>04:22</b>
Mar 20	03:52	02:21	<b>06:13</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	01:19	00:36	<b>01:55</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>38:20</b>	<b>15:48</b>	<b>54:08</b>

**Public Petitions Committee**

PPC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	01:07	00:04	<b>01:11</b>
Jun 19	05:29	00:25	<b>05:54</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	07:51	00:00	<b>07:51</b>
Oct 19	01:26	00:00	<b>01:26</b>
Nov 19	03:39	00:00	<b>03:39</b>
Dec 19	03:54	00:00	<b>03:54</b>
Jan 20	03:16	00:00	<b>03:16</b>
Feb 20	00:58	00:58	<b>01:56</b>
Mar 20	02:06	00:22	<b>02:28</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>29:46</b>	<b>01:49</b>	<b>31:35</b>

**Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee**

REC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	07:55	02:29	<b>10:24</b>
Jun 19	17:05	00:23	<b>17:28</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	08:30	01:04	<b>09:34</b>
Oct 19	06:20	00:46	<b>07:06</b>
Nov 19	06:45	01:41	<b>08:26</b>
Dec 19	04:22	00:40	<b>05:02</b>
Jan 20	09:38	01:53	<b>11:31</b>
Feb 20	05:52	02:10	<b>08:02</b>
Mar 20	06:30	00:36	<b>07:06</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>72:57</b>	<b>11:42</b>	<b>84:39</b>

## Social Security Committee

SSC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	03:00	01:34	<b>04:34</b>
Jun 19	01:44	02:04	<b>03:48</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	04:15	01:27	<b>05:42</b>
Oct 19	03:21	01:36	<b>04:57</b>
Nov 19	05:39	00:41	<b>06:20</b>
Dec 19	01:01	00:00	<b>01:01</b>
Jan 20	03:32	01:34	<b>05:06</b>
Feb 20	05:00	00:47	<b>05:47</b>
Mar 20	00:40	01:52	<b>02:32</b>
Apr 20	01:18	00:37	<b>01:55</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>29:30</b>	<b>12:12</b>	<b>41:42</b>

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

SSCS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Jun 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Oct 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Nov 19	00:03	00:34	<b>00:37</b>
Dec 19	01:17	00:24	<b>01:41</b>
Jan 20	00:00	00:25	<b>00:25</b>
Feb 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Mar 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>01:20</b>	<b>01:23</b>	<b>02:43</b>

## Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

SPPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 12 May 19	01:54	00:52	<b>02:46</b>
Jun 19	00:21	01:07	<b>01:28</b>
Jul 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Aug 19	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
Sep 19	02:15	02:08	<b>04:23</b>
Oct 19	01:48	01:55	<b>03:43</b>
Nov 19	03:44	02:51	<b>06:35</b>
Dec 19	01:22	01:00	<b>02:22</b>
Jan 20	02:21	00:58	<b>03:19</b>
Feb 20	01:59	01:13	<b>03:12</b>
Mar 20	01:03	01:34	<b>02:37</b>
Apr 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
To 11 May 20	00:00	00:00	<b>00:00</b>
<b>Total 19-20</b>	<b>16:47</b>	<b>13:38</b>	<b>30:25:00</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 19	01:43
Jun-19	01:48
Jul-19	00:00
Aug-19	00:00
Sep-19	01:51
Oct-19	01:45
Nov-19	01:45
Dec-19	01:43
Jan-20	01:46
Feb-20	01:31
Mar-20	01:21
Apr-20	00:31
To 11 May 20	00:36

## Annual average length of meetings by committee

Committee	Average h:min
SGHHC	00:19
CVD	01:56
CTEEA	01:27
DPLR	00:22
EEFW	01:56
ES	01:17
ECCLR	01:55
EHRiC	01:04
FCC	01:02
HS	01:59
J	01:27
JSP	00:43
LGC	01:30
PAPLS	01:30
PPC	01:09
REC	01:56
SSC	01:22
SSCS	00:20
SPPA	00:48
<b>Annual average all committees</b>	<b>01:17</b>

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Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

## Average Time Spent in Committee Meetings during the Parliamentary Year by Committee

	SGHHC	CVD	CTEEA	DPLR	EEFW	ES
	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min	h:min
From 12 May 19	00:00	N/A	02:21	00:16	02:23	01:56
Jun-19	00:00	N/A	02:16	00:35	02:28	02:16
Jul-19	00:00	N/A	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug-19	00:00	N/A	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep-19	00:59	N/A	02:00	00:44	02:53	01:51
Oct-19	01:26	N/A	02:18	00:30	02:47	01:31
Nov-19	00:49	N/A	01:52	00:19	02:53	01:44
Dec-19	00:00	N/A	02:26	00:39	02:07	00:29
Jan-20	00:00	N/A	02:15	00:44	02:56	01:17
Feb-20	00:58	N/A	01:02	00:15	01:57	01:32
Mar-20	00:00	N/A	02:24	00:20	02:31	01:54
Apr-20	00:00	01:37	00:00	00:07	00:00	00:00
To 11 May 20	00:00	02:15	00:00	00:21	02:18	02:15
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>00:19</b>	<b>01:56</b>	<b>01:27</b>	<b>00:22</b>	<b>01:56</b>	<b>01:17</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 19	02:22	01:44	01:10	02:19	01:36	01:22
Jun-19	02:41	01:09	02:14	02:14	01:57	00:55
Jul-19	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug-19	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep-19	01:47	01:54	02:04	02:03	02:01	01:04
Oct-19	02:18	01:44	00:58	03:02	02:23	00:49
Nov-19	02:53	01:43	01:49	02:08	01:34	00:58
Dec-19	03:01	01:31	01:18	02:29	02:25	01:23
Jan-20	01:59	01:52	01:35	03:14	02:39	00:59
Feb-20	02:29	01:34	01:14	02:26	01:19	00:50
Mar-20	01:46	00:47	01:07	02:02	01:30	01:05
Apr-20	03:00	00:00	00:00	01:54	01:32	00:00
To 11 May 20	00:42	00:00	00:00	01:55	00:00	00:00
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>01:55</b>	<b>01:04</b>	<b>01:02</b>	<b>01:59</b>	<b>01:27</b>	<b>00:43</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 19	01:54	01:26	01:11	03:28	02:17	N/A	01:23
Jun-19	02:10	01:42	01:58	04:22	01:16	N/A	00:29
Jul-19	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	N/A	00:00
Aug-19	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	N/A	00:00
Sep-19	01:59	02:25	01:57	02:23	01:54	N/A	01:27
Oct-19	02:12	02:07	01:26	02:22	02:28	00:00	01:14
Nov-19	02:35	02:04	01:49	02:06	02:06	00:37	01:38
Dec-19	02:53	01:56	01:57	02:31	01:01	01:41	01:11
Jan-20	02:45	01:48	01:38	02:52	01:42	00:25	01:06
Feb-20	02:02	02:11	01:56	02:40	01:55	00:00	01:04
Mar-20	01:09	02:04	01:14	02:22	01:16	00:00	00:52
Apr-20	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	01:55	00:00	00:00
To 11 May 20	00:00	01:55	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>01:30</b>	<b>01:30</b>	<b>01:09</b>	<b>01:56</b>	<b>01:22</b>	<b>00:20</b>	<b>00:48</b>

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## 4.3. Committees

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

**Established:** 6 February 2019

**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 4 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	4
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	4
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	4(4)
Jackie Baillie	Lab	4(4)
Donald Cameron	Con	4(4)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	4(4)
Angela Constance	SNP	4(4)
Linda Fabiani	SNP	4(4)
Alison Johnstone	Green	4(4)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	4(4)
Maureen Watt	SNP	4(4)

The committee has no substitute members.

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Irene Fleming

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** None

**Witnesses:** No witnesses appeared before the committee.

**Business transacted:** The only appropriate business was the inquiry into the Scottish

## Government Handling of Harassment Complaints.

**Reports:** No reports were published during the parliamentary year

### 4.3.2. COVID-19 Committee

**Established:** 21 April 2020

**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:** Murdo Fraser (from 24 April 2020)

**Deputy Convener:** Monica Lennon (from 24 April 2020)

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

#### Committee Meetings

There were 3 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	3
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 (from 21 April 2020)	3

#### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Willie Coffey (from 21 April 2020)	SNP	3(3)
Annabelle Ewing (from 21 April 2020)	SNP	3(3)
Murdo Fraser (from 21 April 2020)	Con	3(3)
Ross Greer (from 21 April 2020)	Green	3(3)
Monica Lennon (from 21 April 2020)	Lab	3(3)
Shona Robison (from 21 April 2020)	SNP	3(3)
Stewart Stevenson (from 21 April 2020)	SNP	3(3)
Adam Tomkins (from 21 April 2020)	Con	3(3)
Beatrice Wishart (from 21 April 2020)	LD	3(3)

The committee has no substitute members.

**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	8
Scottish Government officials	11
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	4
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	5
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Options for easing the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions
Consultations	1	Options for easing the Coronavirus lockdown restrictions
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums		
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums		
SI consent notifications considered		
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	1	1 made affirmative
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on subordinate legislation: The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020	723	30 April 2020	No Response

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

**Established:** 6 September 2018

**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)

Previous 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 and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs.

**Convener:** Joan McAlpine

**Deputy Convener:** Claire Baker

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

## Committee meetings

There were 25 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	25
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	23
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claire Baker	Lab	23(25)
Donald Cameron (10 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	16(17)
Annabelle Ewing	SNP	24(25)
Kenneth Gibson	SNP	21(25)
Jamie Greene (until 10 September 2019)	Con	3(5)
Ross Greer	Green	25(25)
Gordon Lindhurst (from 25 February 2020)	Con	2(3)
Joan McAlpine	SNP	25(25)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	23(25)
Oliver Mundell (from 25 February 2020)	Con	2(3)
Mike Rumbles (10 September 2019 - 5 February 2020)	LD	12(15)
Tavish Scott (until 15 July 2019)	LD	2(5)
Alexander Stewart (until 25 February 2020)	Con	22(22)
Beatrice Wishart (from 5 February 2020)	LD	4(5)

## Substitute committee members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Neil Findlay (until 17 September 2019)	Lab	1
Rachael Hamilton (from 25 February 2020)	Con	1
Emma Harper	SNP	5
Patrick Harvie	Green	0
Dean Lockhart (until 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Alex Rowley (from 25 September 2019)	Lab	0
Mike Rumbles (until 10 September 2019)	LD	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Stephen Herbert

**Advisers:**

- Dr Filippo Fontanelli - International trade

- Professor Tobias Lock - Constitutional Law

**Visits:** The committee made 3 visits. Two to workshops with members of the public for the Arts Funding Inquiry at Ayrshire College, Ayr and Fire Station Collective, Dunfermline. One visit for the Article 50 Inquiry to Rowan Glen Creamery, Newton Stewart; Harbour Office, Stranraer; Ferry Port, Cairnryan.

**Events:** The committee held 1 event at the Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh for stakeholders who had engaged with the Arts Funding Inquiry to seek views on the Committee's recommendations.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	19
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	16
Representatives of local authorities	2
UK Ministers	1
UK Government officials	2
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	7
Representatives of voluntary sector	4
Other categories of witnesses	22

## Business transacted

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	3	Article 50 Inquiry; Arts Funding Inquiry; External Affairs Inquiry.
Consultations	3	External Affairs Inquiry; Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Culture and Tourism Sectors; UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill.
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered		
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	5	3 draft affirmatives; 1 laid only; 1 negative: SSI 2020/79
Petitions considered	1	PE1721
Divisions held	4	28 November 2019: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 5, 33, 34, 35
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	706	18 March 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Census (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/ draft)	691	4 March 2020	No Response
5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Putting Artists In The Picture: A Sustainable Arts Funding System For Scotland	647	10 December 2019	20 April 2020
4th Report, 2019 (Session 5): UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: Stage One Report	612	1 November 2019	4 November 2019
3rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: Annual Report 2018-19	540	21 May 2019	n/a

## 4.3.4. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016



**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 (from 3 March 2020)
- Graham Simpson (until 25 February 2020)

**Deputy Convener:** Stuart McMillan

**Membership:** The committee has 5 members

## Committee meetings

There were 34 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	34
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	30
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Tom Arthur (until 25 February 2020)	SNP	26(26)
Jeremy Balfour (10 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	16(18)
Bill Bowman (from 25 February 2020)	Con	8(8)
Mary Fee	Lab	24(34)
Alison Harris (until 10 September 2019)	Con	7(8)
Gordon Lindhurst (from 25 February 2020)	Con	8(8)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	30(34)
Gil Paterson (from 25 February 2020)	SNP	2(8)
Graham Simpson (until 25 February 2020)	Con	26(26)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Neil Bibby	Lab	1
Bill Bowman (until 25 February 2020)	Con	3
Oliver Mundell (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Alex Neil	SNP	1

## Ad-hoc substitute members

The following MSPs attended meetings of the committee as substitute members on an ad-hoc basis during the COVID-19 emergency

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Tom Arthur	SNP	2
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	1

**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	4
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
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	26	<p>Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Budget (No. 4) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Children (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Consumer Scotland Bill;</p> <p>Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Disclosure (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Referendums (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill;</p> <p>Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill;</p> <p>Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill;</p> <p>Scottish National Investment Bank Bill;</p> <p>South of Scotland Enterprise Bill;</p> <p>Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Transport (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill</p>
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent	5	<p>Agriculture Bill;</p> <p>Coronavirus Bill;</p>

Business	No	Details
Memorandums		Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill; European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill *; European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	256	73 draft affirmatives; 9 made affirmatives; 5 super affirmatives; 57 laid only; 112 negatives: SSI 2019/144; SSI 2019/159; SSI 2019/160; SSI 2019/161; SSI 2019/163; SSI 2019/166; SSI 2019/167; SSI 2019/168; SSI 2019/169; SSI 2019/172; SSI 2019/173 ; SSI 2019/174; SSI 2019/175; SSI 2019/176 ; SSI 2019/177; SSI 2019/178; SSI 2019/179 ; SSI 2019/190; SSI 2019/191; SSI 2019/193; SSI 2019/195; SSI 2019/204; SSI 2019/209; SSI 2019/210; SSI 2019/212; SSI 2019/213 ; SSI 2019/230; SSI 2019/231; SSI 2019/232; SSI 2019/242; SSI 2019/271; SSI 2019/273; SSI 2019/274; SSI 2019/276; SSI 2019/278; SSI 2019/280; SSI 2019/282; SSI 2019/284; SSI 2019/285; SSI 2019/288; SSI 2019/289 ; SSI 2019/290; SSI 2019/295; SSI 2019/312; SSI 2019/320; SSI 2019/322; SSI 2019/325; SSI 2019/333; SSI 2019/336; SSI 2019/345; SSI 2019/346; SSI 2019/347; SSI 2019/356 ; SSI 2019/357; SSI 2019/358; SSI 2019/375; SSI 2019/380; SSI 2019/381; SSI 2019/382; SSI 2019/384; SSI 2019/393; SSI 2019/407 ; SSI 2019/408; SSI 2019/412; SSI 2019/414 ; SSI 2019/415; SSI 2019/419; SSI 2019/421; SSI 2019/423; SSI 2019/425; SSI 2019/426; SSI 2019/427; SSI 2019/438; SSI 2020/3; SSI 2020/4; SSI 2020/6; SSI 2020/7; SSI 2020/16; SSI 2020/17; SSI 2020/18; SSI 2020/21; SSI 2020/25; SSI 2020/26; SSI 2020/30; SSI 2020/31; SSI 2020/32; SSI 2020/33; SSI 2020/34; SSI 2020/35; SSI 2020/36; SSI 2020/37; SSI 2020/38; SSI 2020/39; SSI 2020/40; SSI 2020/41; SSI 2020/42; SSI 2020/43; SSI 2020/44; SSI 2020/51; SSI 2020/54; SSI 2020/55; SSI 2020/56; SSI 2020/64; SSI 2020/79; SSI 2020/101; SSI 2020/108; SSI 2020/117; SSI 2020/120; SSI 2020/122; SSI 2020/123; SSI 2020/124; SSI 2020/128
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

\*A legislative consent memorandum was lodged for the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill on 22 October 2019. DPLR Committee looked at it on 29 October 2019. The Bill fell on dissolution of the UK Parliament on 6 November 2019.

\*\*The UK Government introduced a new European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill. A legislative consent memorandum was lodged on 20 December 2019. DPLR looked at this one on 7 January 2020

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
26th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 May 2020	724	6 May 2020	No Response
25th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 April 2020	722	30 April 2020	No Response
24th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Disclosure (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	720	23 April 2020	No Response
23rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 April 2020	718	22 April 2020	No Response
22nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 April 2020	717	1 April 2020	No Response
21st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 March 2020	712	24 March 2020	No Response
20th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 March 2020	707	17 March 2020	No Response
19th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Consumer Scotland Bill as amended at Stage 2	704	13 March 2020	No Response
18th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee at its meeting on 10 March 2020	700	10 March 2020	No Response
17th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020	699	10 March 2020	No Response
16th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 March 2020	694	4 March 2020	No Response
15th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill as amended at Stage 2	692	3 March 2020	No Response
14th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 February 2020	688	26 February 2020	No Response
13th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill: Stage 1	682	18 February 2020	No Response
12th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 February 2020	681	18 February 2020	No Response
11th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	675	6 February 2020	No Response
10th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	674	4 February 2020	No Response
9th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4 February 2020	673	4 February 2020	No Response
8th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	667	31 January 2020	No Response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	665	29 January 2020	No Response
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 January 2020	663	28 January 2020	No Response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 January 2020	662	21 January 2020	No Response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	661	17 January 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 January 2020	660	15 January 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Scottish National Investment Bank Bill: as amended at Stage 2	659	14 January 2020	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Statutory Instruments Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 January 2020	655	9 January 2020	No Response
67th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	653	19 December 2019	No Response
66th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Referendums (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	652	17 December 2019	No Response
65th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Committee on 17 December 2019	651	17 December 2019	No Response
64th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 December 2019	649	10 December 2019	No Response
63rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	648	10 December 2019	No Response
62nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill: Stage 1	636	28 November 2019	No Response
61st Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Committee on 26 November 2019	624	26 November 2019	No Response
60th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in 2018-19	633	26 November 2019	No Response
59th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	627	19 November 2019	No Response
58th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 November 2019	626	19 November 2019	No Response
57th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Children (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	625	19 November 2019	No Response
56th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 November 2019	621	13 November 2019	No Response
55th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 November 2019	615	5 November 2019	No Response
54th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	611	31 October 2019	No Response
53rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Consumer Scotland Bill: Stage 1	610	31 October 2019	No Response
52nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 October 2019	606	30 October 2019	No Response
51st Report, 2019 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Domestic Abuse Bill	605	29 October 2019	No Response
50th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 October 2019	601	8 October 2019	No Response
49th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Transport (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2 (supplementary report)	600	8 October 2019	No Response
48th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill: Stage 1	598	3 October 2019	No Response
47th Report, 2019 (Session 5): UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	597	3 October 2019	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
46th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Disclosure (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	594	2 October 2019	No Response
45th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 October 2019	593	2 October 2019	No Response
44th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Transport (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	592	1 October 2019	No Response
43rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill: Stage 1	588	27 September 2019	No Response
42nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 24 September 2019	586	26 September 2019	No Response
41st Report, 2019 (Session 5): Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	582	19 September 2019	No Response
40th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 17 September 2019	580	18 September 2019	No Response
39th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Referendums (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	577	17 September 2019	No Response
38th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 September 2019	576	10 September 2019	No Response
37th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 September 2019	574	6 September 2019	No Response
36th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	566	26 June 2019	No Response
35th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 June 2019	565	25 June 2019	No Response
34th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	564	25 June 2019	No Response
33rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 June 2019	562	18 June 2019	No Response
32nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	555	5 June 2019	No Response
31st Report, 2019 (Session 5): Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	554	5 June 2019	No Response
30th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4 June 2019	551	4 June 2019	No Response
29th Report, 2019 (Session 5): South of Scotland Enterprise Bill: as amended at Stage 2	545	30 May 2019	No Response
28th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 May 2019	544	29 May 2019	No Response
27th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2	539	21 May 2019	No Response
26th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Annual Report 2018-19	538	21 May 2019	n/a
25th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 May 2019	537	21 May 2019	No Response
24th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 May 2019	525	14 May 2019	No Response



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

**Established:** 6 September 2018

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

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

**Convener:**

- Michelle Ballantyne (from 3 March 2020)
- Gordon Lindhurst (until 25 February 2020)

**Deputy Convener:**

- Willie Coffey (from 10 September 2019)
- John Mason (until 3 September 2019)

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

**Committee meetings**

There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	2

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie (until 5 May 2020)	Lab	27(31)
Michelle Ballantyne (from 25 February 2020)	Con	6(6)
Colin Beattie	SNP	29(33)
Willie Coffey (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	25(25)
Angela Constance (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	8(8)
Rhoda Grant (from 5 May 2020)	Lab	2(2)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (until 25 February 2020)	Con	25(27)
Alison Harris (from 25 February 2020)	Con	5(6)
Gordon Lindhurst (until 25 February 2020)	Con	26(27)
Dean Lockhart	Con	26(33)
Richard Lyle (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	23(25)
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	32(33)
John Mason (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	8(8)
Andy Wightman	Green	30(33)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Willie Coffey (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	0
Maurice Golden (from 25 February 2020)	Con	1
Rhoda Grant (10 September 2019 - 5 May 2020)	Lab	3
John Mason (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	4
Tom Mason (until 25 February 2020)	Con	2
Pauline McNeill (until 10 September 2019)	Lab	0
Mark Ruskell	Green	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Alison Walker

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee made 3 fact-finding visits: one to Alexander Dennis in Larbert, one to Mitsubishi Electric in Livingston and one to the ReFLEX project in Orkney.

**Events:** The committee held 2 focus group meetings. One for the Protected Trust Deeds Inquiry at Inverclyde Community Hub, Greenock and one electric vehicle focus group meeting in Stirling for the Energy Inquiry.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	15
Scottish Government officials	11
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	26
Representatives of local authorities	5
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	28
Representatives of voluntary sector	16
Other categories of witnesses	36

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	Common Frameworks Inquiry; Energy Inquiry; Protected Trust Deeds Inquiry; Publicly Owned Energy Company Inquiry; Reform of the Law on Moveable Transactions Inquiry
Consultations	11	COVID-19 – impact on Scotland's businesses, workers and the economy; Consumer Scotland Bill; Energy Inquiry; Energy Statement; Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill; Pre-budget Scrutiny; Protected Trust Deeds Inquiry; Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill; Reform of the Law on Moveable Transactions Inquiry; Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill.
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Consumer Scotland Bill; Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill; Scottish National Investment Bank Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	6	The Insolvency (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019; The European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Inspire (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (EFTA States) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; European Structural and Investment Funds Common Provisions and Common Provision Rules etc. (Amendment) (EU Exit) (Revocation) Regulations 2020
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	8	4 draft affirmatives; 4 negatives: SSI 2019/173; SSI 2019/176; SSI 2019/414; SSI 2020/123

Business	No	Details
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	23	17 September 2019: Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment regulations 2019 [Draft] motion S5M-17827  19 November 2019: Scottish National Investment Bank Bill: Stage 2, amendments 5, 7, 8, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 34, 35, 39, 44, 45, 46, 60, 61, 62, 63
Plenary debates	1	17 September 2019: Motion S5M-18727

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Non-executive Directors of the Scottish National Investment Bank plc as Specified Authorities) Order 2020 [draft]	715	26 March 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Consumer Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2020 [draft]	684	25 February 2020	No Response
13th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Consumer Scotland Bill	650	28 December 2019	15 January 2020
12th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019	631	22 November 2019	No Response
11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Pre-budget scrutiny 2020-21	613	6 November 2019	6 February 2020
10th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019	578	18 September 2019	No Response
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Scottish National Investment Bank Stage 1 Report	571	4 July 2019	26 August 2019
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Under Construction: Building the future of the sector in Scotland	569	2 July 2019	27 August 2019
7th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Pre-release Access – Committee Bill proposal report	553	6 June 2019	No Response
6th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Annual Report 2018-19	542	23 May 2019	n/a

### 4.3.6. Education and Skills Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**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 (from 11 September 2019)
- Johann Lamont (until 5 September 2019)

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

## Committee meetings

There were 26 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	26
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	23
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	2

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Clare Adamson	SNP	25(26)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	26(26)
Jenny Gilruth (until 19 February 2020)	SNP	19(21)
Iain Gray	Lab	25(26)
Jamie Greene (from 25 February 2020)	Con	4(4)
Ross Greer	Green	25(26)
Jamie Halcro Johnston (from 25 February 2020)	Con	4(4)
Alison Harris (10 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	12(14)
Daniel Johnson (from 10 September 2019)	Lab	17(18)
Johann Lamont (until 5 September 2019)	Lab	7(8)
Gordon MacDonald (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	7(7)
Rona Mackay	SNP	24(26)
Oliver Mundell (until 10 September 2019)	Con	5(8)
Alex Neil (from 25 February 2020)	SNP	3(4)
Gail Ross (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	19(19)
Tavish Scott (until 15 July 2019)	LD	3(7)
Liz Smith (until 25 February 2020)	Con	21(22)
Beatrice Wishart (from 10 September 2019)	LD	16(18)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Kezia Dugdale (until 18 June 2019)	Lab	0
Neil Findlay (from 25 September 2019)	Lab	1
Alison Harris (until 10 September 2019)	Con	2
Daniel Johnson (18 June 2019 - 9 September 2019)	Lab	1
Alison Johnstone	Green	0
Liam McArthur	LD	0
Oliver Mundell (10 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	2
Gil Paterson	SNP	4
Liz Smith (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0

**Reporters:** Jenny Gilruth MSP - EU Reporter

**Committee Clerk:** Roz Thomson

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee made 2 fact-finding visits for the STEM in early years education inquiry. One to the Primary Science Education Conference at the Edinburgh Exhibition centre and one to the Scottish Learning Festival at the SEC, Glasgow.

**Events:** The committee held 3 events. Two focus group meetings, with voluntary groups and people with care experience for the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill at the Scottish Parliament. One workshop, with S1 and S6 female pupils and their teachers, for the inquiry into STEM in early years education at the Scottish Parliament.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	9
Scottish Government officials	30
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	21
Representatives of local authorities	4
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	6
Representatives of voluntary sector	17
Other categories of witnesses	11

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	6	Counsellors in school education; Impact of Coronavirus outbreak on children and young people; Initial teacher education and the early phase of teaching; Modern studies; STEM in early years education; Subject choices.
Consultations	5	Counsellors in school education; Disclosure (Scotland) Bill; Impact of Coronavirus outbreak on children and young people; Initial teacher education and the early phase of teaching; Modern studies.
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Disclosure (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	2	The European University Institute (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The EU Research and Development Programmes (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	13	6 draft affirmatives; 7 negatives: SSI 2019/144; SSI 2019/179; SSI 2019/212; SSI 2019/213; SSI 2019/375; SSI 2020/3; SSI 2020/128
Petitions considered	1	PE1548
Divisions held	4	11 March 2020: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 222, 223, 224, 225
Plenary debates	0	



## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill	643	17 December 2019	14 January 2020
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on STEM in early years education	624	19 November 2019	17 January 2020
7th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 (Draft)	585	27 September 2019	No Response
6th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subject choices in schools	575	16 September 2019	19 November 2019 21 November 2019
5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Education and Skills Committee on 22 and 29 May 2019	548	3 June 2019	No Response
4th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual Report 2018 - 2019	554	23 May 2019	n/a

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

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**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 (from 17 September 2019)
- John Scott (until 10 September 2019)

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

#### Committee meetings

There were 31 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	29
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	2

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claudia Beamish	Lab	29(31)
Finlay Carson	Con	28(31)
Rachael Hamilton (10 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	17(18)
Angus MacDonald	SNP	29(31)
Gillian Martin	SNP	31(31)
Mark Ruskell	Green	30(31)
John Scott (until 10 September 2019)	Con	7(9)
Stewart Stevenson	SNP	28(31)
Annie Wells (from 25 February 2020)	Con	2(4)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Golden (until 25 February 2020)	Con	1
Richard Lyle (until 5 March 2020)	SNP	0
Ruth Maguire (from 5 March 2020)	SNP	0
John Scott (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Colin Smyth	Lab	1
Andy Wightman	Green	0

## Reporters:

- Mark Ruskell MSP - EU rapporteur
- Angus McDonald MSP - Human Rights rapporteur

**Committee Clerk:** Lynn Tullis

**Advisers:** Professor Colin Reid

**Visits:** The committee made 5 visits. One fact-finding visit to explore land management and environmental enhancement in the Cairngorms National Park. One fact-finding visit to a flood management project in Inverness. Three fact-finding visits to Orkney, Shetland and the Firth of Clyde for the Marine inquiry.

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	11
Scottish Government officials	53
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	115
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	1
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
Other categories of witnesses	0

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Draft Budget 2020-21; Marine inquiry
Consultations	4	Deposit Return Scheme; Draft Budget 2020-21; Marine inquiry; The Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill; Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill; Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	5	The Environment and Rural Affairs (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 3) Regulations 2019; The Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Legislative Functions) and Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Import of and Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	25	7 draft affirmatives; 1 super affirmative; 7 laid only; 10 negatives: SSI 2019/175; SSI 2019/178; SSI 2019/271; SSI 2019/276; SSI 2019/320; SSI 2019/356; SSI 2019/426; SSI 2019/427; SSI 2020/4; SSI 2020/21
Petitions considered	3	PE1750; PE1755; PE1758
Divisions held	34	18 June 2019: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 1, 1B, 6, 7, 21, 24, 25, 28, 54, 92, 95, 111  25 June 2019: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 48, 49, 49A, 49B, 100, 103, 123, 130, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 143, 144, 150, 151  17 September 2019: proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government

Business	No	Details
		legislating using the powers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in relation to the REACH etc (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) (No 3) Regulations 2019
		29 April 2020: motion S5M-21535 on the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 [draft], motion S5M-21536 on the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]	726	7 May 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 [Draft]	725	7 May 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [Draft]	710	20 March 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers)(Scotland) Bill	677	10 February 2020	9 March 2020
12th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on the proposed draft Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020	645	10 December 2019	No Response
11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft]	635	28 November 2019	No Response
10th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]	603	29 October 2019	No Response
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Pre Budget Report: Draft 2020/21 Budget	602	14 October 2019	6 February 2020
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] and the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]	591	27 September 2019	No Response
7th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - The Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill	552	5 June 2019	No Response
6th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 2 Report on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill	547	5 June 2019	12 June 2019
5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Annual Report 2018-2019	524	17 May 2019	n/a

### 4.3.8. Equalities and Human Rights Committee

**Established:** 29 September 2016

**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 24 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	24
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	21
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	17(24)
Angela Constance (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	15(18)
Mary Fee	Lab	22(24)
Maurice Golden (from 25 February 2020)	Con	3(3)
Alison Harris (from 25 February 2020)	Con	3(3)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	23(24)
Ruth Maguire	SNP	23(24)
Oliver Mundell (until 25 February 2020)	Con	19(21)
Gail Ross (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	6(6)
Annie Wells (until 25 February 2020)	Con	17(21)

### Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Miles Briggs (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Linda Fabiani	SNP	1
Rhoda Grant (until 10 September 2019)	Lab	2
Jamie Greene (10 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	1
Alison Harris (until 10 September 2019)	Con	2
Willie Rennie (until 25 September 2019)	LD	0
Elaine Smith (from 10 September 2019)	Lab	0
Beatrice Wishart (from 25 September 2019)	LD	4

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Claire Menzies

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee made 4 visits linked to the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill. One to Community InfoSource, Glasgow; one to The Ruby Project at the Glasgow Rape Crisis Centre; one to the Women's Support Project, Glasgow and one to Multi-Cultural Family Base, Edinburgh.

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	6
Scottish Government officials	12
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	1
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	36
Other categories of witnesses	11

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	Draft Budget Scrutiny 2020-21; Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Equalities and Human Rights; Race equality, employment and skills inquiry
Consultations	5	Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill; Draft Budget Scrutiny 2020-21; Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill; Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Equalities and Human Rights; Race equality, employment and skills inquiry
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill; Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill; Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (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	6	1 draft affirmative; 4 laid only; 1 negative: SSI 2020/120
Petitions considered	1	PE1695
Divisions held	9	20 June 2019: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9  23 January 2020: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 23, 25
Plenary debates	0	



## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	716	31 March 2020	28 April 2020
5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 Report	641	5 December 2019	11 December 2019
4th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Looking ahead to the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2020-21: Valuing the Third Sector	614	7 November 2019	6 February 2020
3rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities and Human Rights Committee on 12 September 2019	579	18 September 2019	No Response
2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Equalities and Human Rights Committee Annual Report 2018-19	530	21 May 2019	n/a
1st Report, 2019 (Session 5): Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	528	16 May 2019	23 May 2019

### 4.3.9. Finance and Constitution Committee

**Established:** 29 September 2016

**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.

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

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

- (a) any report or other document 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 Government Business and Constitutional Relations.

**Convener:** Bruce Crawford

**Deputy Convener:**

- Murdo Fraser (from 26 February 2020)
- Adam Tomkins (until 25 February 2020)

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

### Committee meetings

There were 28 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	28
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	10
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam (from 25 February 2020)	SNP	4(5)
Tom Arthur	SNP	26(28)
Jackie Baillie (from 5 May 2020)	Lab	0(0)
Neil Bibby (until 1 May 2020)	Lab	22(28)
Alexander Burnett	Con	24(28)
Donald Cameron (from 25 February 2020)	Con	4(5)
Willie Coffey (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	6(6)
Angela Constance	SNP	25(28)
Bruce Crawford	SNP	26(28)
Murdo Fraser	Con	26(28)
Emma Harper (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	6(6)
Patrick Harvie	Green	28(28)
James Kelly (until 5 September 2019)	Lab	7(7)
Gordon MacDonald (3 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	SNP	16(17)
John Mason (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	20(22)
Alex Rowley (from 10 September 2019)	Lab	19(21)
Adam Tomkins (until 25 February 2020)	Con	23(23)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
George Adam (until 25 February 2020)	SNP	5
Sarah Boyack (5 February 2020 - 25 February 2020)	Lab	1
John Finnie	Green	0
Rhoda Grant (10 September 2019 - 5 February 2020 and from 25 February 2020)	Lab	0
Jamie Halcro Johnston (until 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Gillian Martin (from 25 February 2020)	SNP	0
Elaine Smith (until 5 September 2019)	Lab	0
Adam Tomkins (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Jim Johnston

### Advisers:

- Dr Alistair Clark - Referendums (Scotland) Bill
- David Eiser - Fiscal framework
- Professor Tom Mullen – Constitutional issues

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee had 3 stakeholder engagement workshops for the funding of EU structural fund priorities in Scotland, post-Brexit inquiry in Paisley, Inverness and Dunfermline.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	18
Scottish Government officials	36
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	3
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	1
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	47
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	<p>Funding of EU Structural Fund Priorities Post Brexit;</p> <p>Budget scrutiny 2020-21;</p> <p>The impact of COVID-19 on the public finances and the Fiscal Framework;</p> <p>UK Internal Market</p>
Consultations	15	<p>Financial Memorandum for the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Children (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Financial Memorandum for the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Referendums (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>The impact of COVID-19 on the public finances and the Fiscal Framework;</p> <p>UK Internal Market</p>
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	<p>Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill;</p> <p>Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill;</p> <p>Referendums (Scotland) Bill</p>
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	<p>Coronavirus Bill;</p> <p>European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill</p>
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	8	<p>4 draft affirmatives;</p> <p>3 made affirmatives;</p>

Business	No	Details
1 super affirmative		
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	12	27 November 2019: Referendums (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 8, 28, 35, 79, 81, 83, 90, 91, 92, 93, 106 04 December 2019: Referendums (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendment 111
Plenary debates	1	24 September 2019: S5M-18951

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Committee on 11 March 2020	705	13 March 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax	689	27 February 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on Scottish Government Budget 2020-21	683	21 February 2020	3 March 2020
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Pre-budget scrutiny 2020-21	619	12 November 2019	6 February 2020
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on Budget (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft]	617	6 November 2019	No Response
7th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the Referendums (Scotland) Bill	607	31 October 2019	14 November 2019
6th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on Funding of European Union Structural Fund priorities in Scotland, post-Brexit	599	4 October 2019	14 November 2019
5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual report 2018-19	527	17 May 2019	n/a

## 4.3.10. Health and Sport Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**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 27 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held outside the Parliament in Perth and Kinross Council Chambers.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	27
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	24
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	2

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam	SNP	26(27)
Miles Briggs	Con	21(27)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	22(27)
Emma Harper	SNP	26(27)
Lewis Macdonald	Lab	27(27)
David Stewart	Lab	20(27)
David Torrance	SNP	24(27)
Sandra White	SNP	19(27)
Brian Whittle	Con	26(27)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bob Doris	SNP	5
Ross Greer	Green	0
Monica Lennon (from 10 September 2019)	Lab	1
Willie Rennie (until 18 September 2019)	LD	0
Anas Sarwar (until 10 September 2019)	Lab	4
Annie Wells	Con	0
Beatrice Wishart (from 18 September 2019)	LD	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** David Cullum

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee had 6 events. 4 public panels for the 'What should primary care look like for the next generation?' Inquiry (Phase One). One in Dunfermline, 2 in Inverurie and one in Cambuslang. 2 focus group meetings. One with service users and one with NHS staff and local health professionals for scrutiny of NHS Tayside in Perth.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	9
Scottish Government officials	38
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	37
Representatives of local authorities	30
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	1
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	30
Representatives of voluntary sector	8
Other categories of witnesses	19



## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	6	COVID-19;  Health Hazards in the Healthcare Environment;  Social prescribing of physical activity and sport;  Social care;  The supply and demand for medicines;  What should primary care look like for the next generation? (Phase two – health professionals).
Consultations	9	COVID-19 and care homes;  COVID-19 resilience and emergency planning;  COVID-19 testing;  Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill;  Social care;  Social prescribing of physical activity and sport;  The Public Services Reform (The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman) (Healthcare Whistleblowing) Order 2020, and its Explanatory Documents;  The supply and demand for medicines;  What should primary care look like for the next generation? (Phase two – health professionals).
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill*;  Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill** ;  Coronavirus Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	4	The Healthcare (European Economic Area and Switzerland Arrangements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;  The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Miscellaneous Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;  The Recognition of Professional Qualifications (EFTA States) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;  The Food and Feed Hygiene and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	25	6 draft affirmatives;  1 super affirmative;

Business	No	Details
		2 laid only;
		16 negatives: SSI 2019/174; SSI 2019/191; SSI 2019/284; SSI 2019/285; SSI 2019/333; SSI 2019/336; SSI 2019/346; SSI 2019/407; SSI 2020/6; SSI 2020/7; SSI 2020/17; SSI 2020/30; SSI 2020/51; SSI 2020/54; SSI 2020/55; SSI 2020/56
Petitions considered	2	PE1698; PE1533
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	1	18 February 2020: S5M-20753

\*Legislative consent memorandum lodged on 19 June 2019. At the end of the 2017-2019 session the Bill was carried over into the next session.

\*\* Legislative consent memorandum lodged on 30 January 2020.

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Coronavirus Bill (LCM (S5)36)	713	24 March 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 25 February 2020	687	27 February 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill (LCM (S5)31)	686	26 February 2020	No Response
14th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Social Prescribing: physical activity is an investment, not a cost	639	4 December 2019	4 February 2020
13th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health and Sport Committee on 19 November 2019	630	21 November 2019	No Response
12th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft]	609	31 October 2019	No Response
11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill	608	30 October 2019	No Response
10th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Looking ahead to the Scottish Government - Health Budget 2020-21: When is Hospital bad for your health?	595	3 October 2019	6 February 2020
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): What should primary care look like for the next generation?	570	3 July 2019	No Response
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) (Healthcare Whistleblowing) Order 2019 - Proposed Regulations	567	25 June 2019	No Response
7th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Health and Sport Committee for 2018/2019	533	23 May 2019	n/a

## 4.3.11. Justice Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**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:** Margaret Mitchell

**Deputy Convener:** Rona Mackay

**Membership:** The committee has 9 members

### Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	23
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	1

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alasdair Allan (from 25 February 2020)	SNP	4(4)
John Finnie	Green	28(30)
Jenny Gilruth (until 19 February 2020)	SNP	20(24)
Daniel Johnson (until 8 September 2019)	Lab	6(7)
James Kelly (from 10 September 2019)	Lab	21(22)
Liam Kerr	Con	29(30)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	28(30)
Rona Mackay	SNP	29(30)
Liam McArthur	LD	28(30)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	26(30)
Shona Robison	SNP	29(30)

### Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Corry	Con	2
Mary Fee	Lab	0
Bill Kidd	SNP	3
Tavish Scott (until 15 July 2019)	LD	0
Andy Wightman	Green	0

**Reporters:** Liam McArthur MSP, European Reporter

**Committee Clerk:** Stephen Imrie

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee made 3 fact-finding visits. One visit to HMP Barlinnie, Glasgow; one to the Vulnerable Witnesses Suite, Glasgow as part of consideration of issues in relation to the Vulnerable Witnesses Bill and also the Children Bill; and one visit for business planning purposes to Galashiels Police Station and a family mediation and contact centre to hear from police officers, legal and social work professionals in the Scottish Borders.

## Events: None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	13
Scottish Government officials	49
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	33
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	7
Representatives of voluntary sector	10
Other categories of witnesses	15

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Budget scrutiny 2020-21;  Secure care for children and young people in Scotland.
Consultations	6	Budget scrutiny 2020-21;  Children (Scotland) Bill;  Defamation and Malicious Publications (Scotland) Bill;  Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill;  Secure care for children and young people in Scotland;  The Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill.
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Children (Scotland) Bill;  Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill;  Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	5	Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill;  Domestic Abuse Bill;  Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill * ;  Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill ** ;  Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	2	The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;  The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Civil & Family) Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	49	15 draft affirmatives;  21 laid only;  13 negatives: SSI 2019/172; SSI 2019/230; SSI 2019/231; SSI 2019/280; SSI 2019/282; SSI 2019/357; SSI 2019/358; SSI 2019/380; SSI 2019/381; SSI 2019/382; SSI 2019/423; SSI 2020/33; SSI 2020/122
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	14	11 June 2019: motion S5M-17438 on the Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft];  4 February 2020: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill: Stage 2, amendments 3, 5, 8, 19, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 35, 36;  17 March 2020: motion S5M-21029 on the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Success Fee Agreements) Regulations 2020 [draft]

Business	No	Details
Plenary debates	1	12 September 2019: S5M-18818

\*Legislative consent memorandum lodged on 25 July 2019. At the end of the 2017-2019 session the Bill was carried over into the next session

\*\*Legislative consent memorandum lodged 5 February 2020

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
7th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Children (Scotland) Bill	721	1 May 2020	21 May 2020
6th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Success Fee Agreements) Regulations 2020 [draft]	709	20 March 2020	No Response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Justice Committee on 10 March 2020	701	13 March 2020	No Response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill	703	13 March 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill	693	5 March 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill	680	19 February 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]	664	30 January 2020	No Response
25th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill Stage 1 Report	640	9 December 2019	7 January 2020; 17 January 2020
24th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019	642	6 December 2019	No Response
23rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Pre-budget scrutiny of the Scottish Government's draft budget 2020/21: justice and policing	629	1 December 2019	6 February 2020
22nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Secure care and prison places for children and young people in Scotland	628	26 November 2019	28 January 2020
21st Report, 2019 (Session 5): Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2019	620	11 November 2019	No Response
20th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The Victim Surcharge and Victim Surcharge Fund	616	6 November 2019	No Response
19th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandums: the Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill & the Domestic Abuse Bill	604	29 October 2019	No Response
18th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Consent notification considered by the Justice Committee, 24 September 2019	589	26 September 2019	n/a
17th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2019 [draft]	587	27 September 2019	No Response
16th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Consent notification for the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	584	23 September 2019	No Response
15th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The impact of Brexit on the civil and criminal justice systems and policing in Scotland	563	27 June 2019	26 August 2019
14th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019	559	21 June 2019	No Response
13th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Justice Committee Annual Report 2018-19	534	22 May 2019	n/a

## 4.3.12. Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

**Established:** 6 October 2016

**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 12 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	12
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	10
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
John Finnie	Green	12(12)
Jenny Gilruth (25 September 2019 - 19 February 2020)	SNP	5(7)
Daniel Johnson (until 8 September 2019)	Lab	2(2)
James Kelly (from 25 September 2019)	Lab	9(9)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	11(12)
Rona Mackay	SNP	12(12)
Liam McArthur	LD	11(12)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	8(12)
Shona Robison (from 11 March 2020)	SNP	1(1)
Stewart Stevenson (until 20 June 2019)	SNP	1(2)

There are no substitute members on a Sub-Committee.

**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	3
Scottish Government officials	6
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	12
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	5
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	2

## 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	4	<p>Budget scrutiny 2020-21;</p> <p>Facial recognition: how policing in Scotland makes use of this technology;</p> <p>Police Scotland's custody provision;</p> <p>Police Scotland's proposed use of digital device triage systems [cyber kiosks].</p>

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Facial recognition: how policing in Scotland makes use of this technology	678	11 February 2020	15 April 2020
2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on capital resources for Police Scotland in the Scottish Government's 2020-21 budget	632	22 November 2019	6 February 2020

## 4.3.13. Local Government and Communities Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**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 (from 11 September 2019)
- Alex Rowley (until 4 September 2019)

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

## Committee meetings

There were 29 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	29
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	25
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour (from 25 February 2020)	Con	3(4)
Sarah Boyack (from 10 September 2019)	Lab	21(22)
James Dornan	SNP	28(29)
Annabelle Ewing	SNP	27(29)
Kenneth Gibson	SNP	27(29)
Alex Rowley (until 4 September 2019)	Lab	5(7)
Graham Simpson	Con	27(29)
Alexander Stewart (until 25 February 2020)	Con	25(25)
Andy Wightman	Green	26(29)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Patrick Harvie	Green	0
Tom Mason (until 25 February 2020)	Con	2
Pauline McNeill (until 25 September 2019; from 25 February 2020)	Lab	0
Anas Sarwar (25 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Lab	0
Alexander Stewart (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0
David Torrance	SNP	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Peter McGrath

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee made 7 visits.

One visit for the City Region Deals to meet with key figures involved in Stirling and Clackmannanshire's City Region Deal at Innovation Park, Stirling University.

One fact-finding visit for the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill to Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services to hear from those with direct experience of the

issues addressed by the Bill.

One fact-finding visit for the Empty homes in Scotland inquiry to East Ayrshire to see the impact of empty homes on the local area and to discuss the issue with representatives of the community.

Four fact-finding visits for the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill. One to George Watson's College, Edinburgh to discuss the impact of the bill directly with representatives from the independent school sector; one to Kilmarnock and two to Stirling at Raploch Community Centre and The Engine Shed to meet with representatives from local business communities and the third sector to discuss town high streets.

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	15
Scottish Government officials	28
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	34
Representatives of local authorities	7
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	16
Representatives of voluntary sector	9
Other categories of witnesses	4

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Alcohol licensing in communities;  Budget scrutiny;  Building regulations and fire safety in Scotland;  Empty homes in Scotland
Consultations	5	Budget Scrutiny: long-term financial sustainability of local government;  Community wellbeing: what matters to you?;  Empty homes in Scotland;  Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill;  Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill;  Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill;  Scottish Elections (Reform) 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	43	9 draft affirmatives;  9 laid only;  24 negatives: SSI 2019/160; SSI 2019/161; SSI 2019/177; SSI 2019/195; SSI 2019/204; SSI 2019/210; SSI 2019/273; SSI 2019/274; SSI 2019/295; SSI 2019/393; SSI 2019/438; SSI 2020/26; SSI 2020/31; SSI 2020/36; SSI 2020/37; SSI 2020/38; SSI 2020/39; SSI 2020/40; SSI 2020/41; SSI 2020/42; SSI 2020/43; SSI 2020/44; SSI 2020/101; SSI 2020/124
Petitions considered	1	PE1719
Divisions held	44	27 November 2019: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 14, 27, 84, 90, 91, 92;  4 December 2019: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 4, 15, 40, 41, 53, 56, 58, 59, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99
Plenary debates	1	7 January 2020: S5M-20280

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on the Energy Efficiency (Domestic Private Rented Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	695	26 March 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Report on Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 Subordinate Legislation	676	10 February 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill	668	5 February 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2020	666	30 January 2020	No Response
11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019	644	10 December 2019	No Response
10th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Empty Homes in Scotland	618	10 November 2019	17 December 2019
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill	596	4 October 2019	10 October 2019
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on the Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019	590	1 October 2019	No Response
7th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modification of Schedule 1) Regulations 2019	556	6 June 2019	No Response
6th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Local Government and Communities Committee Annual Report 2018/19	529	20 May 2019	n/a

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

**Established:** 29 September 2016

**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 (from 5 March 2020 to cover Jenny Marra's maternity leave)

**Deputy Convener:** Liam Kerr

**Membership:** The committee has 7 members. Membership was temporarily raised to 8

members from 5 March 2020 to cover Jenny Marra's maternity leave.

## Committee meetings

There were 27 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	27
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	1

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Colin Beattie	SNP	25(27)
Neil Bibby (from 4 March 2020)	Lab	1(4)
Bill Bowman	Con	27(27)
Willie Coffey	SNP	27(27)
Liam Kerr	Con	26(27)
Jenny Marra	Lab	19(23*)
Alex Neil	SNP	26(27)
Anas Sarwar	Lab	24(27)

\*Does not include period from 5 March 2020 when Jenny Marra was on maternity leave.

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Finlay Carson (until 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Angela Constance (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	0
Johann Lamont (from 11 March 2020)	Lab	1
John Mason (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	3
David Stewart (until 11 March 2020)	Lab	3
Adam Tomkins (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0

**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	0
Scottish Government officials	15
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	98
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	2
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	16

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
AGS Scotland Section 22 reports reviewed	10	<p>The 2018/19 audit of Bord na Gaidhlig: Governance and transparency;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of Disclosure Scotland;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of Highlands and Islands Enterprise: Cairngorm mountain and funicular railway;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of NHS Highland;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of NHS Lothian – Delay to the opening of the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of NHS Tayside;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated accounts;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Police Authority;</p> <p>The 2018/19 audit of Social Security Scotland</p>
AGS Scotland Section 23 reports reviewed	9	<p>Enabling digital government;</p> <p>Finances of Scottish Universities;</p> <p>NHS in Scotland 2019;</p> <p>NHS workforce planning - Part 2: The clinical workforce in general practice;</p> <p>Privately financed infrastructure investment: The Non-Profit Distributing (NPD) and hub models;</p> <p>Scotland's City Region and Growth Deals;</p> <p>Scotland's colleges 2019;</p> <p>Scottish Public Pensions Agency – Update on management of PS project;</p> <p>Social security – Implementing the devolved powers</p>
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	2	<p>Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010;</p> <p>Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002</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	1	1 October 2019: S5M-19160



## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Prison Service	672	20 February 2020	Response delayed
5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Key audit themes	573	1 September 2019	No Response
4th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Post-legislative Scrutiny: Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010	572	18 July 2019	19 September 2019
3rd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual Report 2018-19	560	13 June 2019	n/a
2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Audits of NHS Tayside	526	29 May 2019	No Response

### 4.3.15. Public Petitions Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**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 (from 5 September 2019)
- Angus MacDonald (until 26 August 2019)

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

#### Committee meetings

There were 18 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	18
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	5
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

## Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Maurice Corry (from 10 September 2019)	Con	13(13)
Rachael Hamilton (until 10 September 2019)	Con	5(5)
Johann Lamont	Lab	15(18)
Angus MacDonald (until 26 August 2019)	SNP	4(4)
Tom Mason (from 25 February 2020)	Con	1(2)
Gail Ross (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	13(14)
David Torrance	SNP	14(18)
Brian Whittle (until 25 February 2020)	Con	16(16)

## Substitute committee members

Substitute Member	Party	Number of meetings attended
Peter Chapman (from 10 September 2019)	Con	0
Maurice Corry (until 10 September 2019)	Con	0
Rona Mackay	SNP	1
Alex Rowley	Lab	1

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Lynn Russell

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee held 3 external meetings with petitioners to gather evidence for petitions. One meeting was with the petitioner and a representative from Wellbeing Scotland in Glasgow for PE1596: In Care Survivors Service Scotland. One meeting was at the petitioner's home for PE1770: Improving Water Safety. One meeting was with the petitioner, young people and their families at the offices of Friends Affected by Murder & Suicide in Motherwell for PE1725: Suicide awareness and support for young people.

**Events:** The committee held one outreach event at Galashiels Academy involving young people, parents and carers, third sector practitioners, GPs, teachers, pupil support assistants, school nurses, educational psychologists and education officials for the inquiry into mental health support for young people in Scotland.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Petitioners	1
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	6
Members of the Scottish Parliament	22
Representatives of public bodies	0
Representatives of local authorities	1
UK Ministers	1
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	3

## 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	0	

## Reports

Report title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual Report 2018-19	549	31 May 2019	n/a

## Petitions considered

	no. of petitions
<b>New petitions lodged from 12 May 2019 until 11 May 2020</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee from 12 May 2019 until 11 May 2020 (petitions may have been considered by committees multiple times) :</b>	<b>127</b>
PE1319, PE1463, PE1517, PE1533, PE1540, PE1545, PE1548, PE1577, PE1591, PE1595, PE1596, PE1600, PE1603, PE1610, PE1619, PE1629, PE1631, PE1634, PE1635, PE1637, PE1645, PE1652, PE1653, PE1657, PE1658, PE1660, PE1661, PE1662, PE1667, PE1668, PE1671, PE1673, PE1674, PE1678, PE1682, PE1683, PE1688, PE1689, PE1690, PE1691, PE1693, PE1695, PE1696, PE1698, PE1699, PE1701, PE1703, PE1704, PE1706, PE1707, PE1708, PE1709, PE1710, PE1711, PE1712, PE1713, PE1714, PE1715, PE1716, PE1718, PE1719, PE1720, PE1721, PE1722, PE1723, PE1724, PE1725, PE1726, PE1727, PE1728, PE1729, PE1730, PE1731, PE1732, PE1733, PE1734, PE1735, PE1736, PE1737, PE1738, PE1739, PE1740, PE1741, PE1742, PE1743, PE1744, PE1745, PE1746, PE1747, PE1748, PE1749, PE1750, PE1751, PE1752, PE1753, PE1754, PE1755, PE1756, PE1757, PE1758, PE1759, PE1760, PE1761, PE1762, PE1764, PE1765, PE1767, PE1770, PE1771, PE1772, PE1773, PE1774, PE1775, PE1766, PE1768, PE1769, PE1776, PE1777, PE1778, PE1779, PE1780, PE1781, PE1782, PE1783, PE1784, PE1785, PE1787	
<b>Petitions referred to Scottish Parliament Committees from 12 May 2019 until 11 May 2020:</b>	<b>12</b>
PE1698: Health and Sport Committee	
PE1703: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee	
PE1695: Equalities and Human Rights Committee	
PE1533: Health and Sport Committee	
PE1750: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee	
PE1715: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee	
PE1755: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee	
PE1719: Local Government and Communities Committee	
PE1758: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee	
PE1721: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee	
PE1548: Education and Skills Committee	
PE1733: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee	
<b>Petitions referred for information only to Scottish Parliament Committees from 12 May 2019 until 11 May 2020</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Petitions closed from 12 May 2019 until 11 May 2020:</b>	<b>52</b>
PE1696, PE1591, PE1658, PE1634, PE1653, PE1691, PE1631, PE1635, PE1645, PE1603, PE1619, PE1673, PE1704, PE1708, PE1660, PE1661, PE1714, PE1463, PE1752, PE1753, PE1754, PE1595, PE1667, PE1701, PE1706, PE1716, PE1718, PE1763, PE1689, PE1693, PE1720, PE1711, PE1771, PE1629, PE1699, PE1724, PE1600, PE1674, PE1709, PE1772, PE1688, PE1710, PE1713, PE1732, PE1739, PE1779, PE1678, PE1734, PE1735, PE1736, PE1737, PE1738	
<b>Petitions withdrawn at the request of the petitioner from 12 May 2019 until 11 May 2020:</b>	<b>3</b>
PE1717, PE1727, PE1728	

### 4.3.16. Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

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

**Previous remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and the matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.

**Convener:** Edward Mountain

**Deputy Convener:**

- Maureen Watt (from 4 September 2019)
- Gail Ross (until 3 September 2019)

**Membership:** The committee has 11 members

### Committee meetings

There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	23
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Peter Chapman	Con	29(30)
John Finnie	Green	29(30)
Jamie Greene (until 25 February 2020)	Con	25(26)
Rachael Hamilton (from 25 February 2020)	Con	2(4)
Emma Harper (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	23(23)
Richard Lyle	SNP	27(30)
Angus MacDonald (from 3 September 2019)	SNP	23(23)
John Mason (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	7(7)
Edward Mountain	Con	30(30)
Gail Ross (until 3 September 2019)	SNP	6(7)
Mike Rumbles	LD	29(30)
Colin Smyth	Lab	30(30)
Stewart Stevenson	SNP	27(30)
Maureen Watt	SNP	30(30)

## Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claudia Beamish (from 25 September 2019)	Lab	0
Finlay Carson (18 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	1
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	0
Christine Grahame	SNP	2
Rhoda Grant (until 10 September 2019)	Lab	0
Dean Lockhart (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Mark Ruskell	Green	0
John Scott (until 18 September 2019)	Con	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Steve Farrell

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The committee made 3 visits. One fact finding visit to Ferguson Marine in Port Glasgow for the inquiry into construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland. One fact finding visit to a salmon farm and feed plant in Kyleakin, Skye, as part of ongoing monitoring of issues in salmon farming. One fact finding visit to BT Openreach regional training school in Livingstone as part of the Committee's ongoing work on digital connectivity.

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	20
Scottish Government officials	99
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	9
Representatives of local authorities	5
UK Ministers	1
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	119
Representatives of voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	6

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland
Consultations	4	Agriculture (EU Retained Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill; Construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland; Proposed National Islands Plan; Pre-Budget/Financial scrutiny on roads maintenance in Scotland;
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	4	Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill; Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill; South of Scotland Enterprise Bill; Transport (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	13	The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products and Common Agricultural Policy (Miscellaneous Amendments, etc.) (EU Exit) (No.2) Regulations 2019; The Common Agricultural Policy and Market Measures (Miscellaneous Amendments (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Plant Health and Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Pesticides (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Market Measures and Notifications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Common Agricultural Policy and Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Trade in Animals and Animal Products (Legislative Functions) and Veterinary Surgeons (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 3) Regulations 2019; The Pilotage And Port Services (Amendment etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The Animal Health and Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; The European Rail Network For Competitive Freight And Transeuropean Transport Network (Amendment And Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Business	No	Details
SSIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	35	<p>4 draft affirmatives;</p> <p>2 made affirmatives;</p> <p>6 laid only;</p> <p>23 negatives: SSI 2019/159; SSI 2019/166; SSI 2019/167; SSI 2019/168; SSI 2019/169; SSI 2019/190; SSI 2019/209; SSI 2019/242; SSI 2019/278; SSI 2019/288; SSI 2019/289; SSI 2019/290; SSI 2019/312; SSI 2019/322; SSI 2019/345; SSI 2019/347; SSI 2019/412; SSI 2019/415; SSI 2019/419; SSI 2019/421; SSI 2019/425; SSI 2020/34; SSI 2020/35</p>
Petitions considered	3	PE1703; PE1715; PE1733
Divisions held	160	<p>15 May 2019: South of Scotland Enterprise Bill: Stage 2, amendment 43;</p> <p>05 June 2019: Transport (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 2, 3, 3A, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, 54, 55, 58, 192, 193, 195, 196, 199, 221, 223, 225, 226;</p> <p>12 June 2019: Transport (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 60, 63, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 102, 107, 110, 111, 117, 205, 206, 207, 211, 215, 216, 227, 230, 231, 237, 238, 241, 242, 246, 247, 248, 248A, 284, 285, 286, 290, 291, 299, 303;</p> <p>19 June 2019: Transport (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 7, 8, 7B, 7C, 7D, 9, 9B, 10, 10A, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16A, 16C, 16D, 16N, 16O, 16P, 16Q, 16R, 16S, 16T, 16U, 16V, 16W, 16X, 16Y, 16Z, 16AA, 16AB, 16AC, 16AE, 16AF, 16AH, 16AI, 16AJ, 17, 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D, 17H, 17O, 17P, 17Q, 17R, 17S, 18, 18A, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 311;</p> <p>26 June 2019: Transport (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2, amendments 169, 255, 256, 257, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 280, 316, 326, 327</p>
Plenary debates	0	

## 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 23 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	23
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	18
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	1

### Committee Members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alasdair Allan (until 25 February 2020)	SNP	19(19)
Tom Arthur (from 25 February 2020)	SNP	4(4)
Jeremy Balfour	Con	23(23)
Michelle Ballantyne (until 25 February 2020)	Con	18(19)
Keith Brown	SNP	22(23)
Bob Doris	SNP	22(23)
Mark Griffin	Lab	17(23)
Alison Johnstone	Green	22(23)
Pauline McNeill	Lab	18(23)
Shona Robison	SNP	22(23)
Graham Simpson (from 25 February 2020)	Con	4(4)

### Substitute members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
James Dornan (from 25 February 2020)	SNP	0
Jenny Gilruth (until 19 February 2020)	SNP	0
Ross Greer	Green	0
Monica Lennon	Lab	0
Gordon Lindhurst (until 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Brian Whittle (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Anne Peat

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** None

**Events:** The committee held 1 informal meeting for the Benefit Take-up Inquiry in Wester Hailes where they met with staff and volunteers from a variety of initiatives in the area that provide support and advice to local residents.

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	13
Scottish Government officials	26
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	25
Representatives of local authorities	6
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	3
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	13
Other categories of witnesses	8

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Benefit take-up
Consultations	2	Benefit take-up; Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill
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	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered		
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	22	7 draft affirmatives; 6 laid only; 9 negatives: SSI 2019/193; SSI 2019/232; SSI 2019/325; SSI 2019/384; SSI 2020/25; SSI 2020/32; SSI 2020/64; SSI 2020/108; SSI 2020/117
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	19 December 2019: motion S5M-20206
Plenary debates	0	

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 19 March 2020	708	20 March 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Benefit Take-up	696	11 March 2020	15 June 2020
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 5 March 2020	698	10 March 2020	No Response
11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 19 December 2019	654	20 December 2019	No Response
10th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 28 November 2019	638	3 December 2019	No Response
9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Security Committee on 19 September 2019	583	24 September 2019	No Response
8th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Appointment of Members of the Poverty and Inequality Commission	557	14 June 2019	No Response
7th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Social Security Support for Housing	550	12 June 2019	8 August 2019
6th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual Report of the Social Security Committee for 2018/19	516	17 May 2019	n/a

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

**Established:** 31 October 2019

**Remit:** To consider matters relating to the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 31 October 2019)

**Duration:** Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.

**Convener:** Christine Grahame (from 26 November 2019)

**Deputy Convener:** Bill Bowman (from 26 November 2019)

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

### Committee meetings

There were 3 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	3
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	2
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

### Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bill Bowman (from 31 October 2019)	Con	3(3)
Christine Grahame (from 31 October 2019)	SNP	3(3)
Daniel Johnson (from 20 November 2019)	Lab	3(3)
Monica Lennon (31 October 2019 - 15 November 2019)	Lab	0(0)
John Mason (from 31 October 2019)	SNP	3(3)

There are no substitute members on a Private Bill Committee.

**Reporters:** None

**Committee Clerk:** Felicity Hollands

**Advisers:** None

**Visits:** The Committee made 1 visit to the building of the Society of Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland, Edinburgh

**Events:** None

## Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Promoters	5
Promoter's drafting adviser	1
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
Other categories of witnesses	0

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

## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee - Preliminary Stage Report	657	15 January 2020	No Response

## 4.3.19. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

**Established:** 1 June 2016

**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.

(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 26 June 2019)

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

- (a) the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business;
- (b) whether a member's conduct is in accordance with these Rules and any Code of Conduct for members, matters relating to members interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their parliamentary duties;
- (c) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members;
- (d) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland;
- (e) matters relating to the regulation of lobbying; and
- (f) matters relating to Scottish general elections falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations.

**Convener:** Bill Kidd

**Deputy Convener:** Mark Ruskell

**Membership:** The committee has 7 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	20
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference (from 21 April 2020)	0

**Committee members**

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Neil Findlay (from 10 September 2019)	Lab	20(21)
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Con	21(26)
Bill Kidd	SNP	26(26)
Tom Mason (until 25 February 2020)	Con	21(22)
Gil Paterson	SNP	23(26)
Mark Ruskell	Green	24(26)
Elaine Smith (until 5 September 2019)	Lab	4(5)
Alexander Stewart (from 25 February 2020)	Con	4(4)
Maureen Watt	SNP	25(26)

**Substitute committee members**

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack (from 25 September 2019)	Lab	0
John Finnie	Green	0
Rhoda Grant (until 10 September 2019)	Lab	0
Liam Kerr (from 25 February 2020)	Con	0
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	1
Edward Mountain (18 September 2019 - 25 February 2020)	Con	1
Anas Sarwar (10 September 2019 - 25 September 2019)	Lab	0
John Scott (until 18 September 2019)	Con	1

**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	20
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	20
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	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	3
Other categories of witnesses	3

## Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Committee Bill to amend the process for complaints against MSPs; Committee Bill on financial assistance for opposition parties
Consultations	2	Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill; Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill
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	5	3 draft affirmatives; 1 made affirmative; 1 negative: SSI 2019/408
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	19	16 January 2020: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill stage 2, amendments 1, 7, 8, 9, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
Plenary debates	1	10 December 2019: S5M-20144



## Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations	711	20 March 2020	No Response
4th Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]	671	5 February 2020	No Response
3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): The Representation of the People (Data Matching) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]	670	5 February 2020	No Response
2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Proposal for a Committee Bill - Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill	669	5 February 2020	No Response
1st Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill	656	14 January 2020	30 January 2020
16th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Code of Conduct for MSPs - proposed revisions to implement the recommendations contained in the Joint Working Group's Report on Sexual Harassment and Sexist Behaviour	637	3 December 2019	No Response
15th Report, 2019 (Session 5): The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2019	623	14 November 2019	20 November 2019
14th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representations) Bill	622	13 November 2019	22 November 2019
13th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Complaint against Rachael Hamilton MSP	568	27 June 2019	n/a
12th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Standing Order rule changes	532	22 May 2019	No Response
11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual Report 2018-19	531	21 May 2019	n/a

## 5. Legislation

### 5.1. Bills and Proposed Bills

#### 5.1.1. Bill Summary

##### Proposals for Bills

Members' Bills proposals	Number
Draft proposals lodged	6
Draft proposals lodged with a consultation attached	6
Draft proposals lodged with a statement of reasons	0
Draft proposals fell	0
Draft proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals lodged after no consultation	0
Final proposals lodged after consultation	4
Final proposals fell	0
Final proposals fell because the Scottish Government gave indication under Rule 9.14.13(a) that they will legislate in this area	0
Final proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals that secured the right to introduce a Bill	4

##### Bills Introduced

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	21
Members' Bills	6
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

##### Bills fell

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

##### Bills withdrawn

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

## Bills passed

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	18
Members' Bills	1
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

## Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Royal Assent	Number
Received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	21
Average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	421

### 5.1.2. Progress of Public Bills during the 4th 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 2019- 11 May 2020, are listed in the previous year/s volume or subsequent volume/s.

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

#### Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill

Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	17
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	4
Date introduced	19 Jun 17
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	
Date withdrawn	19 Sep 19
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

## Planning (Scotland) Bill

Planning (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	23
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	55
Date introduced	4 Dec 17
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	18 Jun 19
	19 Jun 19
	20 Jun 19
Date passed	20 Jun 19
Length of Bill as passed	82
Length of passage in calendar days	25 Jul 19
Date of Royal Assent	599
Act Number	2019 (asp 13)

## Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	27
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	36
Date introduced	22 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	DPLR 25 Jun 19
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	25 Jun 19
Date passed	25 Jun 19
Length of Bill as passed	44
Length of passage in calendar days	524
Date of Royal Assent	30 Jul 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 14)

## 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	

**Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	29
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	35
Date introduced	13 Mar 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	7 May 19
Date passed	7 May 19
Length of Bill as passed	51
Length of passage in calendar days	456
Date of Royal Assent	11 Jun 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 7)

## Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	30
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	21
Date introduced	23 May 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	ECCLR 14 May 19 ECCLR 21 May 19 ECCLR 28 May 19 ECCLR 4 Jun 19 ECCLR 18 Jun 19 ECCLR 25 Jun 19
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 17 Sep 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 582
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	25 Sep 19
Date passed	25 Sep 19
Length of Bill as passed	28
Length of passage in calendar days	527
Date of Royal Assent	31 Oct 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 15)



**Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	31
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	13
Date introduced	23 May 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	380
Date of Royal Assent	6 Jun 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 6)

## Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	32
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	34
Date introduced	8 Jun 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 discussion	DPLR 4 Jun 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 555
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	11 Jun 19
Date passed	11 Jun 19
Length of Bill as passed	37
Length of passage in calendar days	406
Date of Royal Assent	18 Jul 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 11)

## Transport (Scotland) Bill

Transport (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	33
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	88
Date introduced	8 Jun 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	RECC 22 May 19 RECC 29 May 19 RECC 5 Jun 19 RECC 12 Jun 19 RECC 19 Jun 19 RECC 26 Jun 19
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 1 Oct 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 592 SP 600
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	DPLR 8 Oct
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	9 Oct 19 10 Oct 19
Date passed	10 Oct 19
Length of Bill as passed	124
Length of passage in calendar days	526
Date of Royal Assent	15 Nov 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 17)

## Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	34
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	12
Date introduced	12 Jun 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	367
Date of Royal Assent	13 Jun 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 8)

## Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill

Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	37
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	6
Date introduced	26 Jun 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	DPLR 21 May 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 539
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	DPLR 4 Jun 19
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	6 Jun 19 11 Jun 19
Date passed	11 Jun 19
Length of Bill as passed	12
Length of passage in calendar days	388
Date of Royal Assent	18 Jul 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 10)

## Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	38
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	6 Sep 18
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EHRiC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRiC 16 May 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 395
	SP 528
Stage 1 plenary debate	28 May 19
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	EHRiC 6 Jun 19
Stage 2 committee discussions	EHRiC 20 Jun 19
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	3 Oct 19
Date passed	3 Oct 19
Length of Bill as passed	2
Length of passage in calendar days	428
Date of Royal Assent	7 Nov 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 16)

## Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill

Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	39
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	21 Sep 18
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	RECC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RECC 15 May 19
	RECC 22 May 19
	RECC 29 May 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 396
	SP 546
Stage 1 plenary debate	13 Jun 19
	Bill fell on 13 Jun 19
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	

## Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	40
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	1
Date introduced	2 Oct 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	DPLR 4 Jun 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 554
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	12 Jun 19
Date passed	12 Jun 19
Length of Bill as passed	1
Length of passage in calendar days	290
Date of Royal Assent	18 Jul 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 12)



## South of Scotland Enterprise Bill

South of Scotland Enterprise Bill	
SP Bill number	41
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	10
Date introduced	24 Oct 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	RECC 15 May 19
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 28 May 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 545
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	5 Jun 19
Date passed	5 Jun 19
Length of Bill as passed	13
Length of passage in calendar days	262
Date of Royal Assent	12 Jul 19
Act Number	2019 (asp 9)

## Scottish National Investment Bank Bill

Scottish National Investment Bank Bill	
SP Bill number	43
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	9
Date introduced	27 Feb 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	EEFW
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EEFW 14 May 19
	EEFW 21 May 19
	EEFW 28 May 19
	EEFW 4 Jun 19
	EEFW 11 Jun 19
	EEFW 18 Jun 19
	EEFW 25 Jun 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 507
	SP 571
Stage 1 plenary debate	26 Sep 19
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EEFW 19 Nov 19
After Stage 2 discussions	DPLR 7 Jan 20
	DPLR 14 Jan 20
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 659
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	21 Jan 20
Date passed	21 Jan 20
Length of Bill as passed	13
Length of passage in calendar days	364
Date of Royal Assent	25 Feb 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 3)

## Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	44
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	20
Date introduced	25 Mar 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	DPLR 14 May 19
Lead committee appointed	LGC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGC 22 May 19
	LGC 29 May 19
	LGC 5 Jun 19
	LGC 19 Jun 19
	LGC 26 Jun 19
	LGC 11 Sep 19
	LGC 25 Sep 19
	LGC 2 Oct 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 25 Jun 19
	FCC 26 Jun 19
	DPLR 5 Nov 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 566
	SP 596
Stage 1 plenary debate	10 Oct 19
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	LGC 27 Nov 19
	LGC 4 Dec 19
After Stage 2 discussions	DPLR 14 Jan 20
	DPLR 28 Jan 20
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 665
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	4 Feb 20
	5 Feb 20
Date passed	5 Feb 20
Length of Bill as passed	29
Length of passage in calendar days	352
Date of Royal Assent	11 Mar 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 4)

## 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	LGC 20 Nov 19
Lead committee appointed	LGC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	LGC 18 Dec 19
	LGC 8 Jan 20
	LGC 15 Jan 20
	LGC 29 Jan 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 17 Sep 19
	DPLR 17 Dec 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 653
	SP 668
Stage 1 plenary debate	25 Feb 20
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	

## Referendums (Scotland) Bill

Referendums (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	46
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	163
Date introduced	28 May 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	DPLR 25 Jun 19
Lead committee appointed	FCC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	FCC 26 Jun 19
	FCC 4 Sep 19
	FCC 11 Sep 19
	FCC 18 Sep 19
	FCC 25 Sep 19
	FCC 9 Oct 19
	FCC 30 Oct 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 3 Sep 19
	DPLR 10 Sep 19
	DPLR 17 Sep 19
	DPLR 19 Nov 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 577
	SP 607
Stage 1 plenary debate	7 Nov 19
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	FCC 27 Nov 19
After Stage 2 discussions	DPLR 10 Dec 19
	DPLR 17 Dec 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 652
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	19 Dec 19
Date passed	19 Dec 19
Length of Bill as passed	166
Length of passage in calendar days	332
Date of Royal Assent	24 Apr 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 2)

## Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	47
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	16
Date introduced	29 May 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	EHRiC 27 Jun 19 DPLR 3 Sep 19
Lead committee appointed	EHRiC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRiC 12 Sep 19 EHRiC 19 Sep 19 EHRiC 10 Oct 19 EHRiC 7 Nov 19 EHRiC 14 Nov 19 EHRiC 28 Nov 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 29 Oct 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 611 SP 641
Stage 1 plenary debate	18 Dec 19
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EHRiC 23 Jan 20
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 10 Dec 19 DPLR 17 Dec 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 652
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	19 Dec 19
Date passed	19 Dec 19
Length of Bill as passed	166
Length of passage in calendar days	247
Date of Royal Assent	29 Jan 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 2)

## Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill	
SP Bill number	48
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	16
Date introduced	30 May 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 25 Jun 19
	J 10 Sep 19
	J 24 Sep 19
	J 1 Oct 19
	J 29 Oct 19
	J 12 Nov 19
	J 26 Nov 19
	J 3 Dec 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 1 Oct 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 598
	SP 640
Stage 1 plenary debate	9 Jan 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	J 4 Feb 20
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 3 Mar 20
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 692
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	10 Mar 20
Date passed	10 Mar 20
Length of Bill as passed	20
Length of passage in calendar days	327
Date of Royal Assent	20 Apr 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 8)

## 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	EEFW
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EEFW 1 Oct 19
	EEFW 29 Oct 19
	EEFW 5 Nov 19
	EEFW 12 Nov 19
	EEFW 26 Nov 19
	EEFW 3 Dec 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 17 Sep 19
	DPLR 29 Oct 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 610
	SP 650
Stage 1 plenary debate	23 Jan 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EEFW 25 Feb 20
After stage 2 discussions	10 Mar 20
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 704
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	6 May 2020
Date passed	6 May 2020
Length of Bill as passed	19
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	



**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	ES 4 Sep 19
	ES 9 Oct 19
	ES 6 Nov 19
	ES 13 Nov 19
	ES 20 Nov 19
	ES 4 Dec 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 24 Sep 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 594
	SP 643
Stage 1 plenary debate	16 Jan 19
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	19 Feb 20
Stage 2 committee discussions	ES 4 Mar 20
	ES 11 Mar 20
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 21 Apr 20
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 720
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	

## Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill	
SP Bill number	51
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	6
Date introduced	20 Jun 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	SPPA
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SPPA 12 Sep 19
	SPPA 19 Sep 19
	SPPA 3 Oct 19
	SPPA 10 Oct 19
	SPPA 31 Oct 19
	SPPA 7 Nov 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 24 Sep 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 588
	SP 622
Stage 1 plenary debate	28 Nov 19
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	SPPA 16 Jan 20
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	20 Feb 20
Date passed	20 Feb 20
Length of Bill as passed	9
Length of passage in calendar days	286
Date of Royal Assent	1 Apr 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 6)

## 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	J 17 Sep 19 J 12 Nov 19
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 26 Nov 19 J 17 Dec 19 J 7 Jan 20 J 14 Jan 20 J 21 Jan 20 J 28 Jan 20 J 20 Feb 20 J 25 Feb 20 J 3 Mar 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 12 Nov 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 625 SP 721
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	

## 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	SPPA 26 Sep 19
	SPPA 14 Nov 19
	SPPA 21 Nov 19
	SPPA 28 Nov 19
	SPPA 5 Dec 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 5 Nov 19
	LGC 6 Nov 19
	DPLR 26 Nov 19
	LGC 27 Nov 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 636
	SP 656
Stage 1 plenary debate	6 Feb 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	SPPA 12 Mar 20
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	

**UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill**

<b>UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	54
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	13
Date introduced	24 Sep 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	CTEEA
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CTEEA 3 Oct 19
	CTEEA 10 Oct 19
	CTEEA 31 Oct 19
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 1 Oct 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 597
	SP 612
Stage 1 plenary debate	5 Nov 19
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	CTEEA 28 Nov 19
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 10 Dec 19
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 648
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	17 Dec 19
Date passed	17 Dec 19
Length of Bill as passed	14
Length of passage in calendar days	122
Date of Royal Assent	23 Jan 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 1)

## 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	ECCLR 8 Oct 19
Lead committee appointed	ECCLR
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECCLR 29 Oct 19
	ECCLR 3 Dec 19
	ECCLR 10 Dec 19
	ECCLR 17 Dec 19
	ECCLR 21 Jan 20
	ECCLR 28 Jan 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 19 Nov 19
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 627
	SP 677
Stage 1 plenary debate	12 Mar 20
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	

**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	EHRiC 31 Oct 19
	EHRiC 14 Nov 19
	EHRiC 6 Feb 20
Lead committee appointed	EHRiC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRiC 20 Feb 20
	EHRiC 27 Feb 20
	EHRiC 5 Mar 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 14 Jan 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 661
	SP 716
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	

## 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 3 Mar 20
	EEFW 6 May 20
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	



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

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	59
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	16
Date introduced	6 Nov 19
Preliminary discussions in committee	RECC 13 Nov 19
Lead committee appointed	RECC
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RECC 20 Nov 19
	RECC 27 Nov 19
	RECC 4 Dec 19
	RECC 18 Dec 19
	RECC 15 Jan 20
	RECC 19 Feb 20
	RECC 26 Feb 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 10 Dec 19
	DPLR 7 Jan 19
	DPLR 21 Jan 20
	ECCLR 28 Jan 20
	DPLR 28 Jan 20
	DPLR 4 Feb 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 675
	SP 690
Stage 1 plenary debate	5 May 20
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	

## 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	HS 3 Dec 19
	DPLR 28 Jan 20
Lead committee appointed	HS
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HS 17 Mar 20
	HS 24 Mar 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 667
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	

## 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
Preliminary discussions in committee	J 14 Jan 20
	J 3 Mar 20
Lead committee appointed	J
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	J 17 Mar 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 4 Feb 20
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 674
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	

## 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	DPLR 10 Mar 20
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	

**Budget (No. 4) (Scotland) Bill**

<b>Budget (No. 4) (Scotland) Bill</b>	
SP Bill number	63
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	12
Date introduced	6 Feb 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	DPLR
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	DPLR 18 Feb 20
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 682
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 Feb 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	FCC 4 Mar 20
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	5 Mar 20
Date passed	5 Mar 20
Length of Bill as passed	12
Length of passage in calendar days	42
Date of Royal Assent	18 Mar 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 5)

## Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill	
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	
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	
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	

## 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	
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	

## Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill

Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	66
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	69
Date introduced	31 Mar 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	1 Apr 20
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	1 Apr 20
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	1 Apr 20
Date passed	1 Apr 20
Length of Bill as passed	68
Length of passage in calendar days	7
Date of Royal Assent	6 Apr 20
Act Number	2020 (asp 7)



## 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	
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	

## 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	
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	

## 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	
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	

## 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	
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	

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

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Bill	
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	
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	

### 5.1.3. Progress of Private Bills during the 4th 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 2019 - 11 May 2020, are listed in previous or subsequent Scottish Parliament Statistics publications.

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

## Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill	
SP Bill number	36
Type of bill	P
Length of bill (no. of pages in the bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	25 June 2018
Preliminary stage discussions in Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee	
Preliminary stage discussions in other committees	
Preliminary stage report ref.	
Preliminary stage plenary debate/s	
Consideration stage discussions in committee	
Final stage plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of the final bill (excluding contents pages and back sheets)	
Date of Royal Assent	31 May 2019
Length of passage in calendar days	341
Act Number	2019 (asp 5)

## 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	26 Nov 19; 17 Dec 19; 14 Jan 20
Preliminary stage discussions in other committees	
Preliminary stage report reference	
Preliminary stage plenary debate/s	
Consideration stage discussions in committee	
Final stage plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of the final bill (excluding contents pages and back sheets)	
Date of Royal Assent	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Act Number	

## 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 on the recommendation of the lead committee.

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

### Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, 12 May 19 to 11 May 20

Subordinate Legislation Type	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Total
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Made Affirmative	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	10
Draft Affirmative Instruments	1	7	1	0	6	4	4	5	12	14	12	0	4	70
Negative Instruments	16	9	1	0	13	12	7	11	6	22	3	8	3	111
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to parliamentary procedure)	2	3	1	1	7	11	5	8	0	6	9	4	0	57
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
<b>Total Number of Instruments</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>255</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 breakdown by committee).

## Number of consent notification received

	Number received
From 12 May 19	7
Jun 19	8
Jul 19	2
Aug 19	3
Sep 19	5
Oct 19	3
Nov 19	3
Dec 19	0
Jan 20	2
Feb 20	0
Mar 20	0
Apr 20	1
To 11 May 20	0
<b>Total Consent Notifications</b>	<b>34</b>



## 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 2019	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	To 11 May 2020
11	21	26	15	41	41	50	27	10	18	24	32	2

### 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 11th Report 2019 (S5). The changes all came into force on 3 September 2019.

#### Chapter 5

- 5.6.1 - Amended

#### Chapter 8

- 8.11.3 - Amended
- 8.11.3A - Inserted

#### Chapter 9

- 9.14.12 - Amended
- 9.14.13 - Replaced
- 9.14.13A - Inserted
- 9.14.13B - Inserted
- 9.14.14 - Amended
- 9.15.7 - Amended
- 9.15.7A - Amended
- 9.15.7AA - Inserted
- 9.15.7AB - Inserted

#### Chapter 12

- 12.2ZA – Inserted
- 12.2A.1 – Amended
- 12.2A.2A - Amended

### Chapter 13

- 13.5.3 - Amended
- 13.6.A1- Inserted
- 13.6.3 – Inserted
- 13.6.4 – Inserted
- 13.6.5 – Inserted
- 13.6A.4 – Amended
- 13.8 – Amended
- 13.8.1- Amended
- 13.8.2 – Amended
- 13.8.3 - Amended
- 13.8.4 - Amended
- 13.8.5 - Amended
- 13.8.6 – Amended

### Chapter 16

- 16.2.2 - Deleted

## 7. Staff

### 7.1. MSPs and their Staff

#### Number of MSPs (as at 31 March 2020)

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

#### Number of MSP staff (as at 31 March 2020)

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSP Staff	559	247	312	44.2%	55.8%

### 7.2. Parliamentary Staff in Post by Group (as at 31 March 2020)

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	M	F	% M	%F
<b>Chief Executive's Group</b>					
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	8	3	5	37.5%	62.5%
Presiding Officer's Office (Includes IRO)	8	4	4	50%	50%
Assistant Chief Executives (Includes Personal Secretaries)	2	1	1	50%	50%
<b>Committees and Outreach Group</b>					
Committee Office (Includes Group Head)	62	21	41	33.9%	66.1%
Outreach Services	18	5	13	27.8%	72.2%
<b>Chamber, Reporting and Broadcasting Group</b>					
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	37	17	20	45.9%	54.1%
Official Report	41	15	26	36.6%	63.4%
Broadcasting	14	10	4	71.4%	28.6%
<b>Financial Resources Group</b>					
Finance	13	7	6	53.8%	46.2%
Allowances	13	0	13	0%	100%
<b>Research, Communications and Public Engagement Group</b>					
Committee Engagement Unit	5	1	4	20%	80%
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	50	22	28	44%	56%
Public Information and Publications	9	4	5	44.4%	55.6%
Media Relations Office	11	7	4	63.6%	36.4%
Web and Social Media	10	7	3	70%	30%
<b>HR &amp; Digital Services Group</b>					
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	57	38	19	66.7%	33.3%
Information Management and Governance	5	2	3	40%	60%
Human Resources	27	6	21	22.2%	77.8%
<b>FM, Events &amp; Exhibitions and Visitor Services Group</b>					
Facilities Management	33	18	15	54.5%	45.5%
Events and Exhibitions	11	4	7	36.4%	63.6%
Visitor Services	20	7	13	35%	65%
Project and Programme Office	1	1	0	100%	0%
<b>Legal Services and Audit Group</b>					
Solicitors Office	20	6	14	30%	70%
Internal Audit	1	1	0	100%	0%
<b>Procurement, Business Continuity and Security Group</b>					
Procurement	11	4	7	36.4%	63.6%
Security (Includes Group Head)	108	58	50	53.7%	46.3%
Business Continuity	1	1	0	100%	0%
<b>Centrally Managed Budget</b>					
	10	2	8	20%	80%
<b>Total Parliament Staff in Post</b>					
	596	270	326	45.3%	54.7%
<b>Total Parliament Staff (All - Including Centrally Managed Budget)</b>					
	606	272	334	44.9%	55.1%

## 8. Access

The Parliament closed to visitors on 17 March 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. There were no tours or education and outreach visits and the Parliament Shop closed. The Parliament Switchboard also closed but the Public Information Office maintained a limited enquiry service.

### 8.1. Public Visitors and Contacts

#### Visitors, Tours and Shop Transactions

	Visitor Numbers	Tour Numbers	Shop Number of Transactions	Average spend per shop visitor (£)
<b>May 19</b>	26,851	2,100	2,340	3.78
<b>Jun 19</b>	27,718	1,853	2,270	4.02
<b>Jul 19</b>	27,686	3,541	2,364	2.80
<b>Aug 19</b>	37,513	2,842	2,684	3.05
<b>Sep 19</b>	25,250	2,368	2,009	5.29
<b>Oct 19</b>	23,673	2,309	2,125	3.99
<b>Nov 19</b>	19,688	1,882	1,684	5.25
<b>Dec 19</b>	9,854	862	1,365	9.16
<b>Jan 20</b>	13,421	1,084	1,048	4.05
<b>Feb 20</b>	12,485	818	1,130	3.76
<b>Mar 20</b>	9,360	500	635	N/A
<b>Apr 20</b>	5	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>233,504</b>	<b>20,159</b>	<b>19,654</b>	<b>£4.10</b>

#### Public Enquiries and Calls

	Public Enquiries	Parliament Switchboard Calls
<b>May 19</b>	532	2,684
<b>Jun 19</b>	522	2,847
<b>Jul 19</b>	388	1,808
<b>Aug 19</b>	362	1,805
<b>Sep 19</b>	398	2,662
<b>Oct 19</b>	658	2,440
<b>Nov 19</b>	414	2,370
<b>Dec 19</b>	317	1,381
<b>Jan 20</b>	546	2,372
<b>Feb 20</b>	514	2,325
<b>Mar 20</b>	659	1,820
<b>Apr 20</b>	241	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,551</b>	<b>24,514</b>

Figures for 'Public Enquiries' include enquiries by phone, email, letter, text message, live chat and in person.

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

### Group and Visitor Numbers to the Scottish Parliament

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils	FE / HE Institutions	FE / HE Students	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 19	25	929	15	309	0	0	40	1,238
Oct 19	23	646	18	308	4	89	45	1,043
Nov 19	32	1,170	20	366	4	114	56	1,650
Dec 19	18	535	16	461	2	76	36	1,072
Jan 20	23	775	10	250	2	60	35	1,085
Feb 20	25	835	6	183	1	21	32	1,039
Mar 20	12	366	8	230	3	62	23	658
Apr 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>5,256</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>7,785</b>

### Education Outreach Events

	Sep 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Total
Outreach Events	30	22	32	15	21	26	18	0	0	0	164
Participants	1,710	958	1,373	704	874	1,131	717	0	0	0	7,467

## 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
<b>From 12 May 2019</b>	15	0	0
<b>June 2019</b>	16	0	0
<b>July 2019</b>	17	0	0
<b>August 2019</b>	6	0	0
<b>September 2019</b>	11	0	0
<b>October 2019</b>	21	0	0
<b>November 2019</b>	7	0	0
<b>December 2019</b>	4	0	0
<b>January 2020</b>	9	0	0
<b>February 2020</b>	11	0	0
<b>March 2020</b>	8	0	0
<b>April 2020</b>	6	0	0
<b>To 11 May 2020</b>	8	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 9. Other

### 9.1. Official Inward Visits and Outward Delegations

**Official inward visits and outward delegations supported by the International Relations Office**

	Official visits to the Parliament	Delegations to other Parliaments, Assemblies, Bodies
From 12 May 19	4	2
June 19	2	3
July 19	0	1
August 19	3	2
September 19	8	3
October 19	6	4
November 19	10	0
December 19	3	0
January 20	7	0
February 20	6	1
March 20	4	0
April 20	0	0
To 11 May 20	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>16</b>

### 9.2. Official Gifts

Type	Number
Received by the Parliament	14

### 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

## Committee of the Regions

Membership of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) ended when the UK left the EU on 31 January 2020.

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

CoR is made up of 329 members representing local and regional authorities from all 27 EU Member States. Members are proposed by Member States for a four-year mandate. In April 2019, the Bureau adopted a strategy for a gender-balanced participation of members in the CoR.

Prior to leaving the EU, the UK had 24 members and, within this, Scotland had four full and four alternate members: two full and two alternate members were nominated by local authorities through COSLA and two full and two alternates were nominated by the Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament and were ratified by a motion of the Scottish Parliament.

### Scottish Members of the UK delegation to the Committee of the Regions (until 31 January 2020)

#### Full Members:

- Mairi Gougeon
- Maurice Golden

### **Alternate Members:**

- Lewis Macdonald
- Andy Wightman

## **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 Carlow
- 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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