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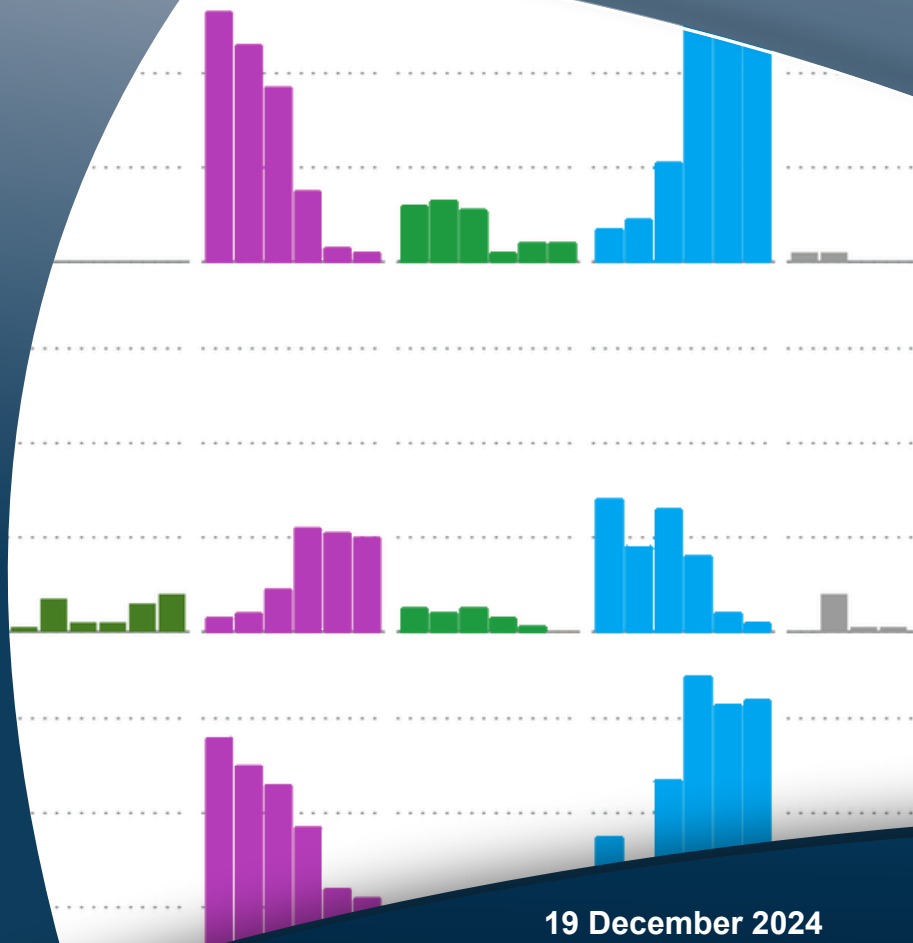
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Introduction

The statistics in this volume cover the period of the second parliamentary year of Session 6, 13 May 2022 - 12 May 2023.

At the start of this parliamentary year and following on from Covid restrictions, the Parliament fully opened again.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Parliament met in virtual or hybrid formats with either all or some Members participating by means of a virtual platform. In July 2022, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee produced a report looking at how the procedures regulating virtual and hybrid meetings of the Parliament and committees could be improved to retain the key features of debate and allow greater participation by Members.

This parliamentary year saw the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022. All parliamentary business was immediately suspended as a mark of respect.

The King and his Queen Consort attended for a motion of Condolence in the Chamber on 12 September 2022. Following a period of national mourning, the Parliament started Chamber business with tributes to Her Late Majesty The Queen on 20 September.

A newly established Citizens' Panel met for the first time on the weekend of 28 October 2022. The Citizens' Panel, which was made up of 22 people broadly reflecting the demographic make-up of Scotland, aimed to shape how Parliament engages with the people of Scotland and consider how the Scottish Parliament can best work with communities to ensure their needs are reflected in its work.

In November 2022, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee published a report calling for the introduction of a proxy voting pilot scheme with a view to it being established permanently in the Parliament.

The scheme would allow Members unable to vote for agreed reasons to nominate a proxy Member who would cast their vote according to their wishes.

In relation to parliamentary business, the most high-profile issue for the Parliament during this parliamentary year was the passing of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.

At stage 1, the Parliament's Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee received nearly 11,000 responses to its survey on the Bill, over 800 detailed written submissions, and held 8 evidence sessions with 40 witnesses.

The Bill came before the Chamber in December 2022 and after 3 consecutive days of sittings, going on as late as 01:34 on one of those days, the Bill was passed on 22 December 2022. For the first time in the Parliament's history, the UK Government used its powers under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 to prohibit the Presiding Officer from submitting the Bill for Royal Assent.

In late 2022, under the leadership of the Presiding Officer, the Parliament carried out a Gender Sensitive Audit, looking at the barriers to equal representation and participation at the Parliament. A cross-party board was established to assess the findings of the audit and it published a report in March 2023 with over 30 recommendations.

Nicola Sturgeon MSP resigned as First Minister on 27 March 2023 after a period of over 8 years in office. Humza Yousaf MSP became the new First Minister on 28 March 2023. He also became the first Scots Asian and Muslim Member to be elected to the post of First Minister.

Abbreviations

AGS - Auditor General for Scotland

asp - Act of Scottish Parliament

BIPA - British Irish Parliamentary Assembly

CALRE - Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies

CEEAC - Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

CJ - Criminal Justice Committee

CLRAE - Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

Con - Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

CoR - Committee of the Regions

COSLA - Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

CPA - Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

CPP - Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

CVDR - COVID-19 Recovery Committee

DPLR - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

ECYP - Education, Children and Young People Committee

EHRCJ - Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

EU - European Union

F - Female

FE - Further Education

FMQs - First Minister's Questions

FOI - Freedom of Information

FPA - Finance and Public Administration Committee

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

HSCS - Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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

Lab - Scottish Labour Party

LCM - Legislative Consent Memorandum

LD - Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

LGHP - Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

M - Male

M - Member's Bill

Mins - Minutes

MP - Member of the UK Parliament

MS - Multiple Sclerosis

MSP - Member of the Scottish Parliament

n/a - not applicable, or not available

No. - Number

NPA - No Party Affiliation

NZET - Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

P - Private Bill

PA - Public Audit Committee

PBACM - Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum

PE - Petition

PY - Parliamentary year (13 May 2022–12 May 2023)

RAI - Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

RAINE - Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Ref. - Reference

S - Substitute Committee Member

S6 - Sixth Session of Parliament

S6M - Session 6 Motion

SI -Statutory Instrument

SJSS - Social Justice and Social Security Committee

SNP - Scottish National Party

SP - Scottish Parliament

SPPA - Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

SPCB - Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

SPICe - Scottish Parliament Information Centre

SPSO - Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

SSI - Scottish Statutory Instrument

UK - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

WASPI - Women Against State Pension Inequality

% - Percentage

1. Members

1.1. Elections

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

1.1.1. Scottish Parliament Election Results

The most recent Scottish Parliament election was held on 6 May 2021. See [Scottish Parliament Statistics 2021-2022](#) for detailed analysis and statistics.

1.1.2. Scottish Parliament By-Elections

There were no by-elections during this parliamentary year.

1.2. State of the Parties

At 13 May 2022, start of the second parliamentary year of Session 6

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

At 5 September 2022, following the resignation of Dean Lockhart

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	62	2	64
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	5	25	30
Scottish Labour Party	2	20	22
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	0	4
No Party Affiliation (Alison Johnstone)	0	1	1
Total	73	55	128

At 6 September 2022, following the appointment of Roz McCall

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

1.3. Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)

1.3.1. MSPs who served during the parliamentary year

These tables provide a list of all MSPs who served during the parliamentary year. They are listed alphabetically by party and then by surname, with a note of the constituency or region that they represent, any resignation or election dates and any changes during the parliamentary year.

130 MSP served during the second parliamentary year of Session 6.

Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Jeremy Balfour	Lothian (R)
Miles Briggs	Lothian (R)
Alexander Burnett	Aberdeenshire West (C)
Donald Cameron	Highlands and Islands (R)
Jackson Carlaw	Eastwood (C)
Finlay Carson	Galloway and West Dumfries (C)
Sharon Dowey	South Scotland (R)
Russell Findlay	West Scotland (R)
Murdo Fraser	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Meghan Gallacher	Central Scotland (R)
Maurice Golden	North East Scotland (R)
Pam Gosal	West Scotland (R)
Jamie Greene	West Scotland (R)
Sandesh Gulhane	Glasgow (R)
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Highlands and Islands (R)
Rachael Hamilton	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire (C)
Craig Hoy	South Scotland (R)
Liam Kerr	North East Scotland (R)
Stephen Kerr	Central Scotland (R)
Dean Lockhart (until 5 September 2022)	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Douglas Lumsden	North East Scotland (R)
Roz McCall (from 6 September 2022)	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Edward Mountain	Highlands and Islands (R)
Oliver Mundell	Dumfriesshire (C)
Douglas Ross	Highlands and Islands (R)
Graham Simpson	Central Scotland (R)
Liz Smith	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Alexander Stewart	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Sue Webber	Lothian (R)
Annie Wells	Glasgow (R)
Tess White	North East Scotland (R)
Brian Whittle	South Scotland (R)

Scottish Green Party

MSP	Constituency or Region
Ariane Burgess	Highlands and Islands (R)
Maggie Chapman	North East Scotland (R)
Ross Greer	West Scotland (R)
Patrick Harvie	Glasgow (R)
Gillian Mackay	Central Scotland (R)
Mark Ruskell	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Lorna Slater	Lothian (R)

Scottish Labour Party

MSP	Constituency or Region
Jackie Baillie	Dumbarton (C)
Claire Baker	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Neil Bibby	West Scotland (R)
Sarah Boyack	Lothian (R)
Foysol Choudhury	Lothian (R)
Katy Clark	West Scotland (R)
Pam Duncan-Glancy	Glasgow (R)
Rhoda Grant	Highlands and Islands (R)
Mark Griffin	Central Scotland (R)
Daniel Johnson	Edinburgh Southern (C)
Monica Lennon	Central Scotland (R)
Richard Leonard	Central Scotland (R)
Michael Marra	North East Scotland (R)
Pauline McNeill	Glasgow (R)
Carol Mochan	South Scotland (R)
Paul O'Kane	West Scotland (R)
Alex Rowley	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Anas Sarwar	Glasgow (R)
Colin Smyth	South Scotland (R)
Paul Sweeney	Glasgow (R)
Mercedes Villalba	North East Scotland (R)
Martin Whitfield	South Scotland (R)

Scottish Liberal Democrats

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

Scottish National Party

MSPs	Constituency or Region
George Adam	Paisley (C)
Karen Adam	Banffshire and Buchan Coast (C)
Clare Adamson	Motherwell and Wishaw (C)
Alasdair Allan	Na h-Eileanan an Iar (C)
Tom Arthur	Renfrewshire South (C)
Colin Beattie	Midlothian North and Musselburgh (C)
Keith Brown	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane (C)
Siobhian Brown	Ayr (C)
Stephanie Callaghan	Uddingston and Bellshill (C)
Willie Coffey	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley (C)
Angela Constance	Almond Valley (C)
Graeme Dey	Angus South (C)
Natalie Don	Renfrewshire North and West (C)
Bob Doris	Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn (C)
James Dornan	Glasgow Cathcart (C)
Jackie Dunbar	Aberdeen Donside (C)
Annabelle Ewing	Cowdenbeath (C)
Fergus Ewing	Inverness and Nairn (C)
Jim Fairlie	Perthshire South and Kinross-shire (C)
Joe FitzPatrick	Dundee City West (C)
Kate Forbes	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch (C)
Kenneth Gibson	Cunninghame North (C)
Jenny Gilruth	Mid Fife and Glenrothes (C)
Mairi Gougeon	Angus North and Mearns (C)
Christine Grahame	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale (C)
Neil Gray	Airdrie and Shotts (C)
Emma Harper	South Scotland (R)
Clare Haughey	Rutherglen (C)
Jamie Hepburn	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth (C)
Fiona Hyslop	Linlithgow (C)
Bill Kidd	Glasgow Anniesland (C)
Richard Lochhead	Moray (C)
Gordon MacDonald	Edinburgh Pentlands (C)
Fulton MacGregor	Coatbridge and Chryston (C)
Rona Mackay	Strathkelvin and Bearsden (C)
Ben Macpherson	Edinburgh Northern and Leith (C)
Ruth Maguire	Cunninghame South (C)
Gillian Martin	Aberdeenshire East (C)
John Mason	Glasgow Shettleston (C)
Michael Matheson	Falkirk West (C)
Màiri McAllan	Clydesdale (C)
Ivan McKee	Glasgow Provan (C)
Christina McKelvie	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse (C)
Paul McLennan	East Lothian (C)
Stuart McMillan	Greenock and Inverclyde (C)
Marie McNair	Clydebank and Milngavie (C)

MSPs	Constituency or Region
Jenni Minto	Argyll and Bute (C)
Audrey Nicoll	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine (C)
Ash Regan	Edinburgh Eastern (C)
Angus Robertson	Edinburgh Central (C)
Shona Robison	Dundee City East (C)
Emma Roddick	Highlands and Islands (R)
Shirley-Anne Somerville	Dunfermline (C)
Collette Stevenson	East Kilbride (C)
Kaukab Stewart	Glasgow Kelvin (C)
Kevin Stewart	Aberdeen Central (C)
Nicola Sturgeon	Glasgow Southside (C)
John Swinney	Perthshire North (C)
Michelle Thomson	Falkirk East (C)
Maree Todd	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross (C)
David Torrance	Kirkcaldy (C)
Evelyn Tweed	Stirling (C)
Elena Whitham	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley (C)
Humza Yousaf	Glasgow Pollok (C)

No Party Affiliation

MSP	Constituency or Region
Alison Johnstone	Lothian (R)

Alison Johnstone was elected as a member of the Scottish Green Party. She took voluntary suspension from the Scottish Green Party following her election to the post of Presiding Officer

1.3.2. MSPs serving continuously since 1999

8 Members have served continuously since Session 1, 1999.

Class of 1999

Name	Party	Constituency or Region
Jackie Baillie	Lab	Dumbarton
Fergus Ewing	SNP	Inverness and Nairn
Christine Grahame	SNP	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale
Fiona Hyslop	SNP	Linlithgow
Michael Matheson	SNP	Falkirk West
Shona Robison	SNP	Dundee City East
Nicola Sturgeon	SNP	Glasgow Southside
John Swinney	SNP	Perthshire North

1.3.3. Dual Mandate MSPs

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

During parliamentary year 2022-2023 1 MSP held a dual mandate.

Douglas Ross MSP (Con):

- MSP for Highlands and Islands (from 6 May 2021)
- MP for Moray (from 8 June 2017)

1.3.4. MSPs by gender and ethnic minority background

MSPs by gender on 13 May 2022, start of the parliamentary year

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSPs	129	71	58	55	45

MSPs by gender on 12 May 2023, end of the parliamentary year

Dean Lockhart resigned on 5 September 2022 and was replaced by Roz McCall who was appointed on 6 September 2022

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
MSPs	129	70	59	54	46

MSPs by minority ethnic background

Total number of MSPs in the Parliament from minority ethnic backgrounds on 13 May 2022, start of the parliamentary year

	Female	Male	Total
From minority ethnic backgrounds	2	4	6

1.3.5. Female MSPs by Party

Female MSPs by Party on 13 May 2022, start of the parliamentary year

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	32	2	34	53	26
Scottish Labour Party	1	9	10	45	8
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	1	7	8	26	6
Scottish Green Party	0	4	4	67	3
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	1	25	1
No Party Affiliation	0	1	1	100	1
Totals	35	23	58		45

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

Female MSPs by Party on 6 September 2022, following the appointment of Roz McCall

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

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number

1.3.6. MSP Age Profile

Average ages of MSPs on 13 May 2022, start of the parliamentary year

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	52
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	50
Scottish Labour Party	48
Scottish Green Party	43
Scottish Liberal Democrats	55
No Party Affiliation	56
By Gender	
Females- all parties	50
Males- all parties	50
All MSPs	50

Average ages of MSPs on 6 September 2022, following the resignation of Dean Lockhart and the appointment of Roz McCall

	Average age
By Party	
Scottish National Party	52
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	50
Scottish Labour Party	48
Scottish Green Party	43
Scottish Liberal Democrats	55
No Party Affiliation	56
By Gender	
Females- all parties	50
Males- all parties	51
All MSPs	51

Average ages of MSPs on 12 May 2023, end of the parliamentary year

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

1.4. Officers of the Parliament

1.4.1. Presiding Officers

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

Presiding Officer

- Alison Johnstone (NPA)

Deputy Presiding Officers

- Annabelle Ewing (SNP)
- Liam McArthur (LD)

1.4.2. Scottish Parliament Corporate Body

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

Membership of the SPCB

- Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone) (NPA)

- Claire Baker MSP (Lab)
- Jackson Carlaw MSP (Con)
- Maggie Chapman MSP (Green)
- Christine Grahame MSP (SNP)

Number of SPCB meetings attended, 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023

SPCB Member	Meetings attended (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone) (NPA)	15 (17)
Claire Baker MSP (Lab)	17 (17)
Jackson Carlaw MSP (Con)	13 (17)
Maggie Chapman MSP (Green)	16 (17)
Christine Grahame MSP (SNP)	17 (17)

1.4.3. Parliamentary Bureau

The Parliamentary Bureau consists of the Presiding Officer and representatives of each political party or group in the Parliament which has five or more Members. The representatives are nominated by the leader of each party. The main functions of the Parliamentary Bureau are:

- To propose the business programme.
- To propose alterations to the Daily Business List in the Business Bulletin if there should be changes in the advance programme.
- To propose the establishment, remit, membership and duration of any committee or sub-committee.
- To determine any question regarding the competence of a committee to deal with a matter and, if two or more committees are competent to deal with a matter, to determine which of those committees is to be the lead committee responsible for that matter.

Standing Orders allow Parliamentary Bureau members to arrange for another member to take their place at Bureau meetings by notifying the Presiding Officer in writing in advance.

A Deputy Presiding Officer may attend any meeting of the Parliamentary Bureau and may participate in the proceedings but may not vote unless he or she is chairing the meeting in place of the Presiding Officer, when he or she shall have a casting vote.

Members of the Parliamentary Bureau do not continue to serve during dissolution.

Membership of the Parliamentary Bureau

- Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone) (NPA)
- George Adam MSP (SNP)
- Neil Bibby MSP (Lab) (until 18 April 2023)

- Alexander Burnett (Con) (from 22 September 2022)
- Stephen Kerr MSP (Con) (until 22 September 2022)
- Gillian Mackay MSP (Green)
- Martin Whitfield MSP (Lab) (from 18 April 2023)

1.5. Oaths and Affirmations

Oath and affirmations by party, cumulative total for Session 6

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Scottish National Party	30	34	64
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	30	2	32
Scottish Labour Party	12	10	22
Scottish Green Party	1	7	8
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	2	4
Total	75	55	130

Oath and affirmations by gender, cumulative total for Session 6

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	46	25	71
Female	23	36	59
Total	69	61	130

When taking the oath or affirmation, MSPs are able to repeat the oath or affirmation in a second language of their choice.

21 MSPs chose to repeat the oath or affirmation in a second language in Session 6.

Languages used by MSPs when repeating the oath or affirmation (by party)

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	Lib Dem	Total
Gaelic	5	1	1	1	0	8
Doric	4	0	0	0	0	4
Scots	1	0	0	1	0	2
BSL	1	0	0	0	0	1
Canadian French	1	0	0	0	0	1
German	1	0	0	0	0	1
Orcadian	1	0	0	0	0	1
Urdu	1	0	0	0	0	1
Welsh	0	1	0	0	0	1
Zimbabwean Shona	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	15	2	1	3	0	21

Languages used by MSPs when repeating the oath or affirmation (by Gender)

	Male	Female	Total
Gaelic	2	6	8
Doric	2	2	4
Scots	0	2	2
BSL	0	1	1
Canadian French	0	1	1
German	1	0	1
Orcadian	1	0	1
Urdu	1	0	1
Welsh	0	1	1
Zimbabwean Shona	0	1	1
Total	7	14	21

2. Plenary Meetings

During the parliamentary year 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023, the total time spent in plenary sessions was **468 hours 49 minutes**. The Parliament sat on **105 days**.

2.1. Calendar of Meetings (May to August 2022)

May 2022

The parliament sat on 7 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 17 May 2022	14:00	17:01	17:05	17:43	3	39
Wednesday 18 May 2022	14:00	17:25	17:31	18:27	4	21
Thursday 19 May 2022	11:40	13:36	14:30	17:01	4	36
	17:05	17:14				
Tuesday 24 May 2022	14:00	17:07	17:11	18:12	4	08
Wednesday 25 May 2022	14:00	17:02	17:06	18:10	4	06
Thursday 26 May 2022	11:40	13:26	14:00	17:02	4	54
	17:06	17:12				
Tuesday 31 May 2022	14:00	17:57			3	57
Total from 17 May 2022					29	41

June 2022

The parliament sat on 13 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 June 2022	14:00	17:50			3	50
Tuesday 7 June 2022	14:00	17:14	17:17	17:58	3	55
Wednesday 8 June 2022	14:00	17:26	17:32	18:20	4	14
Thursday 9 June 2022	11:40	13:40	14:30	17:04	5	21
	17:07	17:54				
Tuesday 14 June 2022	14:00	14:10	14:17	15:53	6	10
	16:00	20:24				
Wednesday 15 June 2022	14:00	18:06	18:12	18:57	4	51
Thursday 16 June 2022	11:40	13:48	14:00	15:26	5	41
	15:34	17:41				
Tuesday 21 June 2022	14:00	17:00	17:06	17:49	3	43
Wednesday 22 June 2022	14:00	18:29	18:36	19:24	5	17
Thursday 23 June 2022	11:40	13:22	13:30	15:52	6	31
	15:58	17:13	17:19	18:31		
Tuesday 28 June 2022	14:00	15:49	15:56	18:56	7	42
	19:03	21:56				
Wednesday 29 June 2022	14:00	18:29	18:34	19:19	5	14
Thursday 30 June 2022	11:40	12:48	12:50	14:11	2	29
Total June 2022					64	58

There was no parliamentary business in July and August

2.1. Calendar of Meetings (September to December 2022)

September 2022

The parliament sat on 10 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 6 September 2022	14:00	17:36			3	36
Wednesday 7 September 2022	14:00	18:22			4	22
Thursday 8 September 2022	11:40	13:18	14:30	17:08	4	16
Monday 12 September 2022	17:49	18:17			0	28
Tuesday 20 September 2022	10:00	12:32			2	32
Wednesday 21 September 2022	14:00	17:50			3	50
Thursday 22 September 2022	11:40	12:48	12:51	13:23	4	48
Tuesday 27 September 2022	14:00	17:07	17:12	17:52	3	47
Wednesday 28 September 2022	14:00	17:58			3	58
Thursday 29 September 2022	11:40	13:41	14:30	17:04	4	54
	17:08	17:27				
Total September 2022					36	31

October 2022

The parliament sat on 6 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 4 October 2022	14:00	14:10	14:18	17:32	5	01
	17:35	19:12				
Wednesday 5 October 2022	14:00	15:21	15:27	16:21	6	11
	16:23	17:11	17:12	20:20		
Thursday 6 October 2022	11:40	12:48	12:49	13:33	4	34
	14:00	14:36	14:41	16:47		
Tuesday 25 October 2022	14:00	17:22	17:26	17:58	3	54
Wednesday 26 October 2022	14:00	17:46	17:49	18:49	4	46
Thursday 27 October 2022	11:40	12:49	12:51	13:30	4	55
	14:00	17:04	17:08	17:11		
Total October 2022					29	21

November 2022

The parliament sat on 14 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 1 November 2022	14:00	18:15			4	15
Wednesday 2 November 2022	14:00	17:47	17:49	18:33	4	31
Thursday 3 November 2022	11:40	12:54	12:55	13:20	5	07
	14:30	17:02	17:04	18:00		
Tuesday 8 November 2022	14:00	17:52			3	52
Wednesday 9 November 2022	14:00	17:09	17:11	18:00	3	58
Thursday 10 November 2022	11:40	13:41	14:30	17:01	4	32
Tuesday 15 November 2022	14:00	17:42			3	42
Wednesday 16 November 2022	14:00	17:03	17:07	17:48	3	44
Thursday 17 November 2022	11:40	13:34	14:30	17:01	4	25
Tuesday 22 November 2022	14:00	17:06	17:09	17:46	3	43
Wednesday 23 November 2022	14:00	18:04	18:07	19:27	5	24
Thursday 24 November 2022	11:40	12:52	12:53	13:32	4	40
	14:15	17:00	17:03	17:07		
Tuesday 29 November 2022	14:00	16:55	16:58	17:53	3	50
Wednesday 30 November 2022	14:00	17:12	17:14	17:53	3	51
Total November 2022					59	34

December 2022

The parliament sat on 10 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Thursday 1 December 2022	11:40	12:54	12:54	13:34	4	26
	14:30	17:02				
Tuesday 6 December 2022	14:00	17:10	17:12	18:07	4	05
Wednesday 7 December 2022	14:00	17:29	17:33	18:12	4	08
Thursday 8 December 2022	11:40	13:27	14:30	17:01	4	23
	17:03	17:08				
Tuesday 13 December 2022	14:00	17:21			3	21
Wednesday 14 December 2022	14:00	17:19	17:23	18:37	4	33
Thursday 15 December 2022	11:40	13:33	14:00	14:30	5	39
	14:31	15:11	18:19	18:22		
	18:29					
Tuesday 20 December 2022	14:00	14:30	14:44	15:05	8	29
	15:08	16:55	17:03	18:24		
	19:00	22:13	22:39	23:54		
	00:11	0:13				
Wednesday 21 December 2022	13:16	14:06	14:11	14:53	9	51
	16:08	19:07	19:53	21:14		
	21:35	01:34				
Thursday 22 December 2022	11:40	14:49	14:53	14:56	6	12
	14:59	15:02	15:05	18:02		
Total December 2022					55	07

2.1. Calendar of Meetings (January to May 2023)

January 2023

The parliament sat on 10 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 10 January 2023	14:00	14:12	14:17	19:39	5	34
Wednesday 11 January 2023	14:00	18:01			4	01
Thursday 12 January 2023	11:40	12:29	12:29	12:51	6	02
	12:53	13:41	13:59	18:02		
Tuesday 17 January 2023	14:00	18:01			4	01
Wednesday 18 January 2023	13:59	17:42	17:45	18:37	4	35
Thursday 19 January 2023	11:40	12:19	12:21	12:50	5	10
	12:53	13:49	14:00	17:01		
	17:04	17:09				
Tuesday 24 January 2023	14:00	14:40	14:47	17:31	6	37
	17:52	21:05				
Wednesday 25 January 2023	14:00	17:45	17:50	19:04	4	59
Thursday 26 January 2023	11:40	12:46	12:48	13:33	5	11
	14:00	17:18	17:21	17:23		
Tuesday 31 January 2023	14:00	14:08	14:13	17:16	4	26
	17:21	18:36				
Total January 2023					50	36

February 2023

The parliament sat on 9 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 February 2023	13:59	17:15			3	16
Thursday 2 February 2023	11:40	11:56	11:58	13:45	5	15
	14:30	17:01	17:04	17:45		
Tuesday 7 February 2023	14:00	16:59	17:02	17:50	3	47
Wednesday 8 February 2023	14:00	17:47	17:50	19:27	5	24
Thursday 9 February 2023	11:40	11:57	12:00	12:15	4	22
	12:17	12:53	12:54	13:33		
	14:30	17:02	17:04	17:07		
Tuesday 21 February 2023	14:00	17:01	17:04	17:47	3	44
Wednesday 22 February 2023	14:00	17:21	17:23	18:12	4	10
Thursday 23 February 2023	11:40	12:48	12:49	13:20	4	39
	14:00	16:57	17:01	17:04		
Tuesday 28 February 2023	14:00	17:14	17:18	18:21	4	17
Total February 2023					38	54

March 2023

The parliament sat on 14 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 1 March 2023	14:00	17:44	17:45	18:49	4	48
Thursday 2 March 2023	11:40	12:08	12:09	13:42	4	58
	14:00	16:57				
Tuesday 7 March 2023	14:00	17:00	17:03	17:48	3	45
Wednesday 8 March 2023	14:00	17:04	17:06	18:03	4	01
Thursday 9 March 2023	11:40	12:01	12:03	13:22	4	04
	14:30	16:54				
Tuesday 14 March 2023	14:00	17:04	17:06	18:27	4	25
Wednesday 15 March 2023	14:00	16:38	16:41	17:27	3	24
Thursday 16 March 2023	11:40	12:49	12:51	13:25	4	56
	13:59	17:09	17:11	17:14		
Tuesday 21 March 2023	14:00	17:05	17:08	18:06	4	03
Wednesday 22 March 2023	14:00	17:30	17:32	18:31	4	29
Thursday 23 March 2023	11:40	12:28	12:29	14:04	4	57
	14:29	17:00	17:02	17:05		
Tuesday 28 March 2023	14:00	14:56	15:01	15:31	1	55
	15:35	16:03				
Wednesday 29 March 2023	14:30	16:28			1	58
Thursday 30 March 2023	11:40	12:00	12:01	12:04	2	38
	12:05	12:06	12:06	12:13		
	12:14	12:15	12:19	12:21		
	12:23	13:05	14:30	15:20		
	15:23	15:55				
Total March 2023					54	21

April 2023

The parliament sat on 6 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 18 April 2023	14:00	17:41	17:45	18:38	4	34
Wednesday 19 April 2023	14:00	17:09	17:12	17:57	3	54
Thursday 20 April 2023	11:40	12:03	12:04	12:54	5	40
	12:55	13:40	14:00	16:59		
	17:02	17:45				
Tuesday 25 April 2023	14:00	16:48	16:51	17:26	3	23
Wednesday 26 April 2023	14:00	17:19	17:22	18:11	4	08
Thursday 27 April 2023	11:40	12:48	12:50	13:32	4	01
	14:29	16:40				
Total April 2023					25	40

May 2023

The parliament sat on 6 days

Date	Start	End	Restart	End	Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 2 May 2023	14:00	16:59	17:02	18:06	4	03
Wednesday 3 May 2023	14:00	17:21	17:24	18:12	4	09
Thursday 4 May 2023	11:40	12:46	12:47	13:44	4	29
	14:30	15:22	15:28	17:02		
Tuesday 9 May 2023	14:00	17:01	17:03	17:49	3	47
Wednesday 10 May 2023	14:00	17:25			3	25
Thursday 11 May 2023	11:40	12:48	12:50	13:39	4	13
	14:30	16:46				
Total to 12 May 2023					24	06

2.2. Recess Dates

First day of recess	Last day of recess
2 July 2022	4 September 2022
8 October 2022	23 October 2022
24 December 2022	8 January 2023
11 February 2023	19 February 2023
1 April 2023	16 April 2023

2.3. Place of Meeting

The Scottish Parliament met in the Chamber throughout the parliamentary year. All meetings were Hybrid.

3. Plenary Business

3.1. Division of Time on Parliamentary Business

During the parliamentary year 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023, the total time spent on parliamentary business was **468 hours 49 mins**

3.1.1. Time Spent on Bills

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

Total Time Spent on Bills

Bill Type	Time Hrs:mins
Government (excluding Emergency Bills)	61:58
Emergency	10:12
Members'	00:00
Committee	00:00
Hybrid	00:00
Private	00:00
Total	72:10

Time spent on Government Bills (excludes Emergency Government Bills)

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	7	13	41
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	9	39	15
Business Motions	4	0	15
Financial Resolutions	4	0	03
Motion to pass	9	8	44
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Government Bills (excluding Emergency Bills)		61	58

Time spent on Emergency Bills

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

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Stage 1	1	2	54
Stage 2	1	5	00
Stage 3	1	0	58
Motion to pass	1	1	10
Business Motions	1	0	08
Financial Resolution	1	0	02
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Emergency Bills		10	12

Time spent on Members' Bills

No time was spent on Members Bills.

Time spent on Committee Bills

No time was spent on Committee Bills.

Time spent on Hybrid Bills

No time was spent on Hybrid Bills.

Time spent on Private Bills

No time was spent on Private Bills.

3.1.2. Time spent on Statutory Instruments

Statutory Instruments

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Motion to approve (affirmative)	13	0	44
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
Withdrawal of Scottish Statutory Instruments	0	0	00
Total time spent on Statutory Instruments		0	44

3.1.3 Time spent on other Motions relating to Legislation

Other Motions relating to Legislation

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Legislative Consent Memorandums	6	1	13
Public Body Consent Memorandums	0	0	00
Total time spent on other Motions		1	13

3.1.4. Time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Business motions (not including Bills)	53	4	52
Committee establishment and membership	11	0	12
Designation of lead committee	8	0	06
Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders	2	0	01
Amendment to Standing Orders	0	0	00
Suspension of Standing Orders	4	0	07
Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions		5	18

3.1.5. Time spent on Motions for Debate

Motions for Debate

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	49	94	28
Scottish Labour Party	6	13	59
Conservative & Unionist Party	7	16	27
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	2	21
Scottish Green Party	0	0	00
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	10	19	23
Members' Business	97	70	54
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	1	0	42
Total time spent on Motions		218	14

3.1.6. Time spent on Debates without Motions

Debates without Motions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government	2	4	18
Scottish Labour Party	0	0	00
Conservative & Unionist Party	0	0	00
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Scottish Green Party	0	0	00
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	2	4	25
Members' Business	0	0	00
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	0	0	00
Total time spent on Debates without Motions		8	43

3.1.7. Time spent on Oral Questions

Oral Questions

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
General Question Time	35	11	41
Topical Question Time	35	11	16
Portfolio Question Time	66	46	03
First Minister's Question Time	35	28	43
Urgent Question Time	16	3	30
Urgent Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time	0	0	00
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time	3	0	52
Total time spent on question times		102	05

3.1.8. Time spent on Statements

Statements

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Scottish Government Statements	46	39	25
Presiding Officer Statements	4	0	05
Personal Statements	0	0	00
Total time spent on statements		39	30

3.1.9. Time spent on Other Matters

Other Matters

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Decision Time	94	8	56
Points of order	72	4	03
Motion without notice	40	0	32
Time for Reflection	35	2	17
Tributes to Her Late Majesty the Queen	1	2	25
Committee announcement	3	0	04
Motion of Condolence	1	0	22
Statement of Policy	1	0	09
Election Of First Minister	1	1	02
Elections/ Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	2	0	45
Standing Order rule changes	1	0	01
Oaths and Affirmations	1	0	03
Election to SPSO, Standards Commissioner, Commissioner for Children and Young people	1	0	03
Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland (Appointment)	1	0	02
Standards Commission for Scotland (Appointment of Member)	1	0	02
Two Minute's silence	1	0	06
Total time spent on other matters		20	52

3.2. Time for Reflection

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

There can be more than one contributor at Time for Reflection. Some contributors may represent more than one religion, faith or belief, so the totals may not match and may be greater than the total number of Time for Reflections.

The table only lists religions, organisations and individuals that have spoken during this parliamentary year, it is not a full list of religions or beliefs.

For a full list of Time for Reflections please refer to the fact sheet '[Contributors to Time for Reflection: Session 6](#)'.

Time for Reflection

In the parliamentary year 2022-2023 there were **35** Time for Reflections.

Organisation	Male Speakers	Female Speakers	Number of Time for Reflections
Christian	4	1	5
Church of England	1	0	1
Church of Scotland	8	2	10
Episcopal	1	0	1
Humanist	0	1	1
Interfaith	0	1	1
Mormon	0	1	1
Non-Faith	3	7	9
Religious Society of Friends	0	1	1
Roman Catholic	3	1	4
United Reform	0	1	1
Total	20	16	35

3.3. Parliamentary Questions

3.3.1. Oral Questions

3.3.1.(a) General Questions

The total number of general questions selected during the parliamentary year was **307**.

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

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

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	6	17	0	0	8	6	28
Con	5	10	0	0	7	5	16
Lab	2	10	0	0	7	3	11
Green	2	1	0	0	0	1	2
LD	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	15	39	0	0	23	15	57

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Total
SNP	16	8	12	18	4	14	137
Con	8	5	5	12	4	10	87
Lab	5	4	5	6	5	4	62
Green	1	3	0	3	2	0	15
LD	0	1	1	0	0	2	6
Totals	30	21	23	39	15	30	307

3.3.1.(b) First Minister's questions

The total number of First Minister's questions selected during the parliamentary year was **212**.

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

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

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	2	6	0	0	4	2	5
Con	5	12	0	0	7	5	9
Lab	4	10	0	0	6	4	8
Green	2	3	0	0	1	0	2
LD	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	13	32	0	0	19	12	25

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Annual Total
SNP	4	4	3	6	2	1	39
Con	9	7	6	11	4	2	77
Lab	8	5	6	9	4	3	67
Green	3	1	2	2	1	1	18
LD	1	1	1	2	2	0	11
Totals	25	18	18	30	13	7	212

3.3.1.(c) Portfolio questions

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

- Week 1: Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care
- Week 2: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice
- Week 3: Finance and the Economy; Education and Skills
- Week 4: COVID-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

From 19 September 2022

- Week 1: Justice and Veterans; Finance and the Economy; Education and Skills
- Week 2: COVID-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the

Economy; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

- Week 3: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

From 24 October 2022

- Week 1: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans; Education and Skills
- Week 2: COVID-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy; Net Zero, Energy and Transport
- Week 3: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

From 1 May 2023

- Week 1: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero and Just Transition
- Week 2: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Social Justice
- Week 3: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs; Education and Skills

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

The total number of portfolio questions answered during the parliamentary year was **984**.

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

Portfolio questions

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	15	44	0	0	28	204	43
Con	16	32	0	0	17	26	29
Lab	9	26	0	0	9	28	26
Green	1	6	0	0	4	6	4
LD	1	6	0	0	3	11	3
Totals	42	114	0	0	61	275	105

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Total
SNP	19	27	26	50	16	11	483
Con	22	21	25	27	15	17	247
Lab	10	17	12	26	12	12	187
Green	2	1	2	5	2	2	35
LD	4	1	1	2	0	0	32
Totals	57	67	66	110	45	42	984

3.3.1.(d) Topical questions

The total number of topical questions selected during the parliamentary year was **77**.

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

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Con	4	3	0	0	2	2	5
Lab	3	2	0	0	3	2	4
Green	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
LD	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	8	0	0	7	4	11

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Annual Total
SNP	0	0	1	1	1	0	4
Con	3	4	3	4	2	2	34
Lab	3	4	1	4	2	1	29
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
LD	1	0	1	1	0	1	5
Totals	7	8	6	10	5	4	77

3.3.1.(e) Urgent questions

The total number of urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was **18**.

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

Urgent Questions

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	0	2	0	0	1	1	4

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Annual Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	2	1	1	1	0	1	12
Lab	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Totals	3	3	1	2	0	1	18

3.3.1.(f) SPCB questions

The total number of SPCB questions answered during the parliamentary year was **22**

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

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

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sept 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
Con	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Green	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	6	0	0	0	0	8

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Con	0	0	0	3	0	0	6
Lab	0	0	0	5	0	0	10
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	8	0	0	22

3.3.1.(g) Urgent SPCB questions

The total number of urgent questions selected during the parliamentary year was **0**

3.3.2. Written Questions

3.3.2.(a) Written questions to the Scottish Government

The total number of written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **8923**. This does not include **17** written questions that were withdrawn.

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

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	22	29	25	14	17	30	51
Con	127	219	286	199	241	252	384
Lab	114	278	145	255	240	210	310
Green	6	35	9	18	4	12	17
LD	24	87	68	72	36	28	90
Totals	293	648	533	558	538	532	852

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Total
SNP	23	25	29	33	29	17	344
Con	466	766	363	628	522	162	4615
Lab	230	165	342	338	375	147	3149
Green	17	14	34	8	13	4	191
LD	29	36	36	52	24	42	624
Totals	765	1006	804	1059	963	372	8923

3.3.2.(b) Written questions to the SPCB

The total number of SPCB written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **19**.

Party	From 13 May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lab	0	1	3	0	1	0	1
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	0	2	3	0	1	0	4

Party	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Con	0	4	0	1	0	0	7
Lab	0	3	0	1	0	0	10
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	0	7	0	2	0	0	19

3.4. Motions

A motion is a way for MSPs to:

- raise awareness of an issue
- suggest a topic for debate
- recognise a group, business or individual

- agree Parliamentary business

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

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

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

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **4425**. This does not include **3** motions that were withdrawn.

3.4.1. Motions by Party

Motions lodged by Party, 13 May 2022 - 12 May 2023

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD
From 13 May 22	130	85	30	13	6
Jun 22	241	192	72	21	14
Jul 22	169	98	29	8	9
Aug 22	107	53	28	16	8
Sep 22	158	85	34	15	10
Oct 22	187	113	51	10	9
Nov 22	252	121	71	22	20
Dec 22	173	98	39	7	10
Jan 23	126	111	33	12	10
Feb 23	167	112	36	15	12
Mar 23	163	120	42	12	10
Apr 23	125	82	43	11	8
To 12 May 23	85	46	24	7	7
Totals	2083	1316	532	169	133

Motions lodged on behalf of bodies by Party Members, 13 May 2022 - 12 May 2023

	Committee	Parliamentary Bureau	SPCB	Lord Advocate	Solicitor General
From 13 May 22	0	12	0	0	0
Jun 22	0	32	0	0	0
Jul 22	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 22	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 22	0	20	0	0	0
Oct 22	0	8	0	0	0
Nov 22	0	20	0	0	0
Dec 22	0	20	0	0	0
Jan 23	0	21	0	0	0
Feb 23	0	17	0	0	0
Mar 23	0	25	0	0	0
Apr 23	0	12	0	0	0
To 12 May 23	0	5	0	0	0
Totals	0	192	0	0	0

3.4.2. Motions without Notice

A motion can be moved 'without notice'. A 'motion without notice' will usually ask for a motion to be taken at shorter notice than is normally allowed under Standing Orders, i.e. on the same day that it is lodged. The Presiding Officer decides whether this takes place immediately following the Parliament's agreement or at a later time on the same day.

Motions without Notice

Reason	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
to extend the time for debate	12	0	12
to change decision time	23	0	23
to move decision time to another day	1	0	1
to extend business	0	0	0
Members' Business be postponed to a future meeting of the Parliament	2	0	2
to extend the time limit for consideration of amendments	7	0	7
on the suspension of standing orders	1	1	2
the final sentence of rule 9.8.5A be suspended.	1	0	1
Total	47	1	48

3.4.3. Motions to Suspend Standing Orders

Motions to Suspend Standing Orders

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

Reason	Number	Motion
Suspension of standing orders	4	S6M-05171
		S6M-07325
		S6M-07666
		S6M-08230
Suspension and variation of standing orders	2	S6M-08474
		S6M-07155
Total	6	

3.4.4. Members' Business Motions

The total number of Members' Business debates during the parliamentary year was **100**.

For a full list of Members' Business debates, please refer to the fact sheet [Members' Business debates: Session 6](#)

Members' Business

Members' Business motions were discussed at the initiative of MSPs from the following parties

Party	Female	Male	Total
Scottish National Party	30	23	53
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	12	13	25
Scottish Labour Party	6	7	13
Scottish Green Party	3	2	5
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	2	4
Total	53	47	100

3.4.5. Legislative Consent Memorandums and Motions

During the parliamentary year there were:

- **17** Legislative Consent Memorandums published
- **4** Supplementary memorandums published
- **12** Legislative Consent Motions lodged
- **9** Legislative Consent Motions passed
- **3** Legislative Consent Motions withheld

3.4.6. Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandums and Motions

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

3.5. Ministerial Statements

The total number of Ministerial Statements during the parliamentary year was **57**.

For a full list of Ministerial Statements, please refer to the Fact Sheet [Ministerial Statements: Session 6](#)

Number of Ministerial Statements by Cabinet Secretary, Minister or Law Officers 2022-2023

Cabinet Secretary, Minister or Law Officer	Number of Statements
First Minister	5
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery	8
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance	0
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	4
Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care	0
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care	5
Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy	0
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy	1
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs	0
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans	3
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands	0
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands	1
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	3
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition	0
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport	4
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice	1
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government	1
Minister for Independence	0
Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy	0
Minister for Drugs Policy	5
Minister for Parliamentary Business	0
Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade	0
Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise	0
Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance	0
Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning	0
Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth	2
Minister for Public Health and Women's Health	0
Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport	0
Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport	0
Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care	1
Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise	0
Minister for Environment and Land Reform	0
Minister for Transport	3
Minister for Victims and Community Safety	0
Minister for Community Safety	0
Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine	2
Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights	2
Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity	4
Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees	0
Minister for Equalities and Older People	0
Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans	0
Minister for Further and Higher Education, Youth Employment and Training	1
Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work	1
Minister for Energy and Environment	0

Cabinet Secretary, Minister or Law Officer	Number of Statements
Minister for Housing	0
Lord Advocate	0
Solicitor General	0
Total	57

3.6. Committee Announcements

Committee announcements were introduced as a result of the Commission on Parliamentary Reform’s recommendation that committees be allowed to make significant or urgent announcements and set out the findings from recently published committee reports during chamber meetings.

The total number of committee announcements during the parliamentary year was **3**.

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

Committee Announcements 2022-2023

Committee	Number of announcements
Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee	0
Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee	0
COVID-19 Recovery Committee	1
Criminal Justice Committee	0
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee	0
Economy and Fair Work Committee	1
Education, Children and Young People Committee	0
Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee	0
Finance and Public Administration Committee	1
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee	0
Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee	0
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee	0
Public Audit Committee	0
Rural Affairs and Islands Committee	0
Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee	0
Social Justice and Social Security Committee	0
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee	0
Total	3

3.7. Presiding Officer's Rulings and Statements

The Presiding Officer made **2** rulings during the parliamentary year 2022-2023:

- 22 December 2022: The Presiding Officer made a ruling about the public gallery being cleared for a time during proceedings on 20 December.

- 22 December 2022: The Presiding Officer made a ruling in relation to the distribution of vote results.

The Presiding Officer made **3** statements during the parliamentary year 2022-2023:

- 8 September 2022: The Presiding Officer made a statement that Buckingham Palace had advised that the Queen's doctors are concerned for Her Majesty's health and have recommended that she remain under medical supervision at Balmoral.
- 15 November 2022: The Presiding Officer made a statement addressing an issue that occurred at the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee that morning. At that meeting, a visitor to the public gallery was asked to remove a purple, green and white scarf. Having declined to do so, the visitor was informed that she would not be able to return to the gallery.
- 23 November 2022: The Presiding Officer made a statement noting the Government had answered a Government-inspired question that morning on the judgment of the Supreme Court on a reference that was made by the Lord Advocate. The Presiding Officer asked the Government to reflect on the appropriateness of using a GIQ.

3.8. Votes

3.8.1 Electronic Votes

The total number of electronic votes during the parliamentary year was **599**

Electronic Votes

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

	Electronic votes
From 13 May 2022	21
Jun 22	128
Jul 22	0
Aug 22	0
Sept 22	12
Oct 22	45
Nov 22	30
Dec 22	170
Jan 22	117
Feb 22	21
Mar 22	25
Apr 22	18
To 12 May 2023	12
Total	599

3.8.2 Proxy Votes

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

The scheme is set out in the Scottish Parliament Standing Orders Temporary Rule 5 – Proxy Voting Pilot and may be varied by the Presiding Officer at any time, in consultation with the Parliamentary Bureau and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

A Member may designate another Member as their proxy to vote in a meeting of the Parliament or of a Committee of the Whole Parliament in the following circumstances:

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

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

Use of a proxy vote

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

3.8.3. Presiding Officer's Exercise of a Casting Vote

There was 1 instance of the Presiding Officer using a casting vote in the second parliamentary year of Session 6.

Casting votes

Date	Motion	Result
20 December 2022	Amendment 39 in the name of Michelle Thomson, which sought to pause an application for a GRC until any court case related to sexual offences has been resolved	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 are present in the committee room.

Committee Abbreviations

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

4.1.1. Individuals' Membership of Committees

This table lists the committees that each MSP was a member of, or substitute member of, during the parliamentary year. It does not list ad-hoc substitute members. MSPs marked as * served as Ministers, PO or DPOs during this parliamentary year and would not have served on committees during that time.

MSP	Convener	Deputy Convener	Committee Member	Substitute Member
George Adam*				
Karen Adam			EHRCJ, RAI;RAINE	
Clare Adamson	CEEAC		CEEAC	
Alasdair Allan			CEEAC, RAI, RAINE, SPPA	
Tom Arthur*				
Jackie Baillie				C-19, HSCS
Claire Baker	EFA		EFA	CEEAC
Jeremy Balfour			DPLR, SJSS	EHRCJ
Colin Beattie		EFW	EFW, PA	
Neil Bibby			CEEAC	CJ
Sarah Boyack			CEEAC	LGHP, NZET, EHRCJ
Miles Briggs			LGHP, SJSS	
Keith Brown*				FPA
Siobhian Brown	C-19		C-19	
Ariane Burgess	LGHP		LGHP, RAI, RAINE	
Alexander Burnett			EFW	PA
Stephanie Callaghan			ECYP, HSCS	SJSS
Donald Cameron		CEEAC	CEEAC	CJ
Jackson Carlaw	CPPP		CPPP	
Finlay Carson	RAI, RAINE		RAI, RAINE	
Maggie Chapman		EHRCJ	EFW, EHRCJ	
Foysol Choudhury			CPPP, SJSS	CEEAC
Katy Clark			CJ, SJSS	PA
Willie Coffey		LGHP	LGHP, PA	
Alex Cole-Hamilton				ECYP
Angela Constance*				
Graeme Dey			ECYP	CEEAC
Natalie Don	SJSS	SJSS	NZET, SJSS	ECYP
Bob Doris		SPPP	ECYP, SPPA	NZET
James Dornan			SJSS	HSCS
Sharon Dowe		PA	PA	CPPP
Jackie Dunbar			NZET	CJ
Pam Duncan-Glancy			ECYP, EHRCJ, SJSS	
Annabelle Ewing*				
Fergus Ewing			CPPP	FPA
Jim Fairlie	C-19		C-19, RAI, RAINE	
Russell Findlay		CJ	CJ	HSCH
Joe FitzPatrick	EHRCJ		EHRCJ	
Kate Forbes*				
Murdo Fraser		C-19	C-19	LGHP
Meghan Gallacher				ECYP

MSP	Convener	Deputy Convener	Committee Member	Substitute Member
Kenneth Gibson	FPA		FPA	
Jenny Gilruth*				
Maurice Golden			CEEAC	DPLR, SPPP
Pam Gosal			EHRCJ	
Mairi Gougeon*				
Christine Grahame			RAI	
Rhoda Grant			RAI	CPPP, DPLR, SPPA
Neil Gray*				
Jamie Greene			CJ	
Ross Greer			ECYP, FPA	
Mark Griffin			LGHP	SJSS
Dr. Sandesh Gulhane			HSCS	C-19
Jamie Halcro Johnston			EFW	FPA
Rachael Hamilton			EHRCJ, RAI, RAINE	SJSS
Emma Harper			HSCS, SPPA	RAINE, RAI,
Patrick Harvie*				
Clare Haughey	HSCS		HSCS	
Jamie Hepburn*				
Craig Hoy			DPLR, PA	EHRCJ
Fiona Hyslop		NZET	EFW, NZET	
Daniel Johnson		FPA	FPA	CJ, EFW, FPA
Alison Johnstone*				
Liam Kerr			NZET	
Stephen Kerr	ECYP		ECYP	SPPA
Bill Kidd		DPLR	DPLR, ECYP	PA
Monica Lennon			NZET	
Richard Leonard	PA		PA	
Richard Lochhead*				
Dean Lockhart	NZET		NZET	
Douglas Lumsden			FPA	
Gordon MacDonald		SJSS	EFW, SJSS	
Fulton MacGregor			CJ, EHRCJ	
Gillian Mackay			HSCS	
Rona Mackay			CJ	SPPA, DPLR
Ben Macpherson		ECYP	CEEAC, ECYP	EHRCJ
Ruth Maguire			ECYP	LGHP
Michael Marra		FPA	ECYP, FPA	
Gillian Martin	HSCS		HSCS	
John Mason			C-19, FPA	EFW
Michael Matheson*				
Màiri McAllan*				
Liam McArthur				RAI, RAINE
Roz McCall				PA
Ivan McKee			LGHP	ECYP
Christina McKelvie*				
Paul McLennan			LGHP, SPPA, SJSS	
Stuart McMillan	DPLR		C-19, DPLR	C-19

MSP	Convener	Deputy Convener	Committee Member	Substitute Member
Marie McNair			LGHP, SJSS	HSCS, CPPP
Pauline McNeill			CJ	
Jenni Minto			CEEAC, RAI, RAINE	DPLR
Carol Mochan			CPPP, DPLR, HSCS	CPPP
Edward Mountain	NZET		NZET, SPPA	RAI, RAINE
Oliver Mundell			DPLR, ECYP	
Audrey Nicoll	CJ		CJ	CEEAC
Paul O'Kane		HSCS	EHRCJ, HSCS, SJSS	EHRCJ
Ash Regan			NZET	C-19
Willie Rennie			ECYP	
Angus Robertson*				
Shona Robison*				
Emma Roddick		SJSS	SJSS	
Douglas Ross				
Alex Rowley			C-19	LGHP
Mark Ruskell			CEEAC, NZET	EHRCJ
Anas Sarwar				
Graham Simpson			DPLR, EFW	CEEAC
Lorna Slater*				
Liz Smith			FPA	EFW
Colin Smyth			EFW	FPA, PA, RAI, RAINE, SPPA
Shirley-Anne Somerville*				
Collette Stevenson	SJSS		CJ, SJSS, SPPA	NZET
Alexander Stewart			CPPP, EHRCJ, SPPA	
Kaukab Stewart	ECYP		ECYP, EHRCJ	EHRCJ
Kevin Stewart*				
Nicola Sturgeon*				
Paul Sweeney		HSCS	CPPP, DPLR, HSCS	EFW, CPPP
John Swinney*				
Michelle Thomson			EFW, FPA	
Maree Todd*				
David Torrance		CPPP	CPPP, HSCS	
Evelyn Tweed			HSCS	SJSS
Mercedes Villalba			DPLR, RAI, RAINE	DPLR, NZET, RAI
Sue Webber	ECYP		ECYP, HSCS	HSCS, SPPA
Annie Wells			LGHP	
Tess White			HSCS, SPPA	SJSS
Martin Whitfield	SPPA		SPPA	ECYP
Elena Whitham	SJSS		SJSS	
Brian Whittle			C-19	NZET
Beatrice Wishart		RAI, RAINE	RAI, RAINE	
Humza Yousaf*				

4.1.2. Conveners Group

The Conveners Group is made up of all the conveners of each mandatory or subject committee, excluding conveners of Private/Hybrid Bill Committees and Bill Committees. It is chaired by the Presiding Officer or a Deputy Presiding Officer. The rules about how the Conveners Group works are set out in Chapter 6A of the Standing Orders.

Remit: The Group handles a range of matters, for example:

- (a) approval of travel by committees or committee members
- (b) approval of meetings of committees outside Edinburgh
- (c) consideration of the biannual programme of committee meetings
- (d) endorsement of funding for civic participation events and external research
- (e) making recommendations to the Bureau on committee business to be scheduled in the Chamber.

Convener

- Liam McArthur (LD)

Members

- Clare Adamson (SNP)
- Claire Baker (Lab)
- Siobhian Brown (SNP) (until 30 March 2023)
- Ariane Burgess (Green)
- Jackson Carlaw (Con)
- Finlay Carson (Con)
- Natalie Don (SNP) (10 November 2022 – 11 April 2023)
- Jim Fairlie (SNP) (from 20 April 2023)
- Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) (until 11 April 2023)
- Kenneth Gibson (SNP)
- Neil Gray (SNP)
- Clare Haughey (SNP) (from 25 April 2023)
- Stephen Kerr (Con) (until 25 May 2022)
- Richard Leonard (Lab)
- Dean Lockhart (Con) (until 5 September 2022)

- Gillian Martin (SNP) (until 11 April 2023)
- John Mason (SNP)
- Stuart McMillan (SNP)
- Edward Mountain (Con) (from 20 September 2022)
- Audrey Nicoll (SNP)
- Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (from 25 April 2023)
- Collette Stevenson (SNP) (from 27 April 2023)
- Sue Webber (Con) (from 1 June 2022)
- Martin Whitfield (Lab)
- Elena Whitham (SNP)

4.1.2.(a) Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by Party

The members of a Committee must choose a Convener from a particular political party decided by Parliament. The Parliament makes this decision following a recommendation by the Parliamentary Bureau. In addition, each Committee normally has a Deputy Convener who will chair meetings in the Convener's absence. Deputy Conveners are chosen in the same way as Conveners. The Standing Orders also include provision for the appointment of an Acting Convener in circumstances where a Committee Convener is absent for an extended period of parental leave, allowing the Committee to appoint an Acting Convener on a temporary basis.

Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by party

This table is a running total for the parliamentary year

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD
Conveners	8	3	3	1	0
Acting Conveners	0	0	0	0	0
Deputy Conveners	8	4	2	1	1

4.1.2.(b) Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by Gender

Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by gender

This table is a running total for the parliamentary year

	Male	Female
Conveners	7	8
Acting Conveners	0	0
Deputy Conveners	10	6

4.2. Committee Meetings

4.2.1. Number of Committee Meetings

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

Number of committee meetings held, by each committee, during the parliamentary year (May to November)

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

	May 22	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
CPPP	1	3	0	0	1	1	2
CEEAC	2	4	0	0	3	2	4
CVDR	1	3	0	0	3	1	4
CJ	2	5	0	0	2	2	4
DPLR	2	4	0	0	3	2	5
EFW	2	3	0	0	3	2	5
ECYP	2	5	0	0	3	2	5
EHRCJ	3	5	0	0	3	2	4
FPA	3	4	0	0	3	2	5
HSCS	3	4	0	0	3	2	6
LGHP	3	4	0	0	2	2	5
NZET	3	3	0	0	3	2	4
PA	2	4	0	0	3	1	4
RAI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
RAINE	2	5	0	0	3	2	5
SJSS	2	4	0	0	3	3	5
SPPA	1	3	0	0	2	2	2
Total	34	63	0	0	43	30	69

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Number of committee meetings held, by each committee, during the parliamentary year (November to May)

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

	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 23	Total
CPPP	3	1	2	2	1	1	18
CEEAC	3	3	3	5	2	2	33
CVDR	2	2	2	4	2	1	25
CJ	3	3	3	4	2	2	32
DPLR	3	4	3	4	2	2	34
EFW	3	3	2	5	2	2	32
ECYP	2	3	3	5	1	2	33
EHRCJ	3	3	3	2	1	2	31
FPA	3	4	2	3	1	2	32
HSCS	3	4	3	5	2	2	37
LGHP	3	3	3	4	2	1	32
NZET	3	4	3	4	3	2	34
PA	3	3	3	5	1	2	31
RAI	n/a	n/a	2	5	2	2	11
RAINE	2	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	22
SJSS	4	1	3	5	1	2	33
SPPA	3	1	2	2	2	2	22
Total	46	44	43	64	27	29	492

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Total number of meetings by committee

Committee	Number of meetings
CPPP	18
CEEAC	33
CVDR	25
CJ	32
DPLR	34
EFW	32
ECYP	33
EHRCJ	31
FPA	32
HSCS	37
LGHP	32
NZET	34
PA	31
RAI	11
RAINE	22
SJSS	33
SPPA	22
Total number of committee meetings	492

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Number of committee meetings by month

	Number of meetings
From 13 May 22	34
Jun 22	63
Jul 22	0
Aug 22	0
Sep 22	43
Oct 22	30
Nov 22	69
Dec 22	46
Jan 23	44
Feb 23	43
Mar 23	64
Apr 23	27
To 12 May 23	29
Total number of committee meetings	492

4.2.2. Time Spent in Committee Meetings

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

Committee	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
CPPP	27:42	04:59	32:41
CEEAC	56:24	08:11	64:35
CVDR	33:31	07:12	40:43
CJ	64:03	24:29	88:32
DPLR	17:34	19:28	37:02
EFW	47:37	20:47	68:24
ECYP	54:04	31:21	85:25
EHRCJ	52:45	28:39	81:24
FPA	56:27	12:36	69:03
HSCS	79:50	20:40	100:30
LGHP	66:28	14:06	80:34
NZET	61:53	30:36	92:29
PA	38:57	32:22	71:19
RAI	20:46	07:08	27:54
RAINE	39:08	15:46	54:54
SJSS	43:37	19:15	62:52
SPPA	07:45	25:43	33:28

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

All Committees	Total Public h:min	Total Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	67:27	14:38	82:05
Jun 22	103:06	42:17	145:23
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	61:15	40:56	102:11
Oct 22	47:41	21:29	69:10
Nov 22	109:38	41:26	151:04
Dec 22	70:18	29:13	99:31
Jan 23	59:51	30:54	90:45
Feb 23	63:42	27:52	91:34
Mar 23	93:28	31:11	124:39
Apr 23	32:48	14:16	47:04
To 12 May 23	38:31	21:58	60:29
Total h:min	747:45	316:10	1063:55

Time spent in committee meetings, by committee and month, plus the division between public and private time (Committees A-L)

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

CPPP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	00:55	00:10	01:05
Jun 22	05:00	00:03	05:03
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	00:50	00:07	00:57
Oct 22	01:53	00:45	02:38
Nov 22	03:43	00:02	03:45
Dec 22	06:08	00:44	06:52
Jan 23	01:15	00:18	01:33
Feb 23	03:32	00:28	04:00
Mar 23	01:42	01:09	02:51
Apr 23	02:02	00:09	02:11
To 12 May 23	00:42	01:04	01:46
Total h:min	27:42	04:59	32:41

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

CEEAC	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	03:12	00:02	03:14
Jun 22	09:43	00:26	10:09
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	05:36	00:58	06:34
Oct 22	04:22	00:26	04:48
Nov 22	05:34	00:49	06:23
Dec 22	03:27	01:27	04:54
Jan 23	05:34	00:42	06:16
Feb 23	03:41	01:51	05:32
Mar 23	07:46	00:55	08:41
Apr 23	04:02	00:22	04:24
To 12 May 23	03:27	00:13	03:40
Total h:min	56:24	08:11	64:35

COVID-19 Recovery Committee

CVDR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	02:21	00:05	02:26
Jun 22	07:32	00:37	08:09
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	04:39	00:46	05:25
Oct 22	00:00	00:03	00:03
Nov 22	05:36	00:42	06:18
Dec 22	03:05	00:27	03:32
Jan 23	02:03	01:19	03:22
Feb 23	03:17	00:25	03:42
Mar 23	03:43	00:52	04:35
Apr 23	00:02	01:42	01:44
To 12 May 23	01:13	00:14	01:27
Total h:min	33:31	07:12	40:43

Criminal Justice Committee

CJ	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	06:25	00:23	06:48
Jun 22	09:43	04:30	14:13
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	01:35	02:47	04:22
Oct 22	03:22	01:08	04:30
Nov 22	08:22	02:22	10:44
Dec 22	05:48	00:56	06:44
Jan 23	08:19	01:18	09:37
Feb 23	05:29	03:43	09:12
Mar 23	08:29	03:28	11:57
Apr 23	02:17	01:30	03:47
To 12 May 23	04:14	02:24	06:38
Total h:min	64:03	24:29	88:32

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

DPLR	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	00:07	00:38	00:45
Jun 22	01:01	00:59	02:00
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	01:27	01:06	02:33
Oct 22	03:56	01:18	05:14
Nov 22	01:14	06:59	08:13
Dec 22	01:43	03:14	04:57
Jan 23	01:20	03:10	04:30
Feb 23	00:54	00:28	01:22
Mar 23	02:29	00:35	03:04
Apr 23	00:08	00:09	00:17
To 12 May 23	03:15	00:52	04:07
Total h:min	17:34	19:28	37:02

Economy and Fair Work Committee

EFW	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	04:58	00:26	05:24
Jun 22	02:54	03:02	05:56
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	03:08	01:42	04:50
Oct 22	03:55	02:36	06:31
Nov 22	04:36	05:46	10:22
Dec 22	05:21	01:19	06:40
Jan 23	06:45	01:00	07:45
Feb 23	02:59	01:04	04:03
Mar 23	07:37	01:39	09:16
Apr 23	02:58	00:37	03:35
To 12 May 23	02:26	01:36	04:02
Total h:min	47:37	20:47	68:24

Education, Children and Young People Committee

ECYP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	05:04	00:57	06:01
Jun 22	06:27	05:13	11:40
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	07:15	01:23	08:38
Oct 22	04:08	01:07	05:15
Nov 22	09:32	03:53	13:25
Dec 22	00:00	05:04	05:04
Jan 23	03:13	01:29	04:42
Feb 23	07:29	01:34	09:03
Mar 23	07:38	05:53	13:31
Apr 23	01:45	01:13	02:58
To 12 May 23	01:33	03:35	05:08
Total h:min	54:04	31:21	85:25

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

EHRCJ	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	07:29	01:20	08:49
Jun 22	12:37	02:26	15:03
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	00:21	11:39	12:00
Oct 22	01:29	04:14	05:43
Nov 22	08:33	01:33	10:06
Dec 22	05:25	01:06	06:31
Jan 23	03:06	01:50	04:56
Feb 23	05:15	02:12	07:27
Mar 23	02:18	01:26	03:44
Apr 23	01:45	00:23	02:08
To 12 May 23	04:27	00:30	04:57
Total h:min	52:45	28:39	81:24

Finance and Public Administration Committee

FPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	08:52	00:15	09:07
Jun 22	06:40	01:54	08:34
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	06:11	00:54	07:05
Oct 22	04:14	00:32	04:46
Nov 22	05:30	03:06	08:36
Dec 22	06:03	00:34	06:37
Jan 23	04:42	02:13	06:55
Feb 23	01:35	01:06	02:41
Mar 23	05:19	00:40	05:59
Apr 23	03:28	00:36	04:04
To 12 May 23	03:53	00:46	04:39
Total h:min	56:27	12:36	69:03

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

HSCS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	06:30	00:40	07:10
Jun 22	06:26	02:51	09:17
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	04:54	03:54	08:48
Oct 22	05:26	01:34	07:00
Nov 22	15:46	01:13	16:59
Dec 22	08:49	00:27	09:16
Jan 23	07:11	01:02	08:13
Feb 23	05:36	03:31	09:07
Mar 23	11:17	03:00	14:17
Apr 23	03:16	01:25	04:41
To 12 May 23	04:39	01:03	05:42
Total h:min	79:50	20:40	100:30

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

LGHP	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	05:40	00:34	06:14
Jun 22	05:48	02:48	08:36
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	02:52	01:20	04:12
Oct 22	02:50	00:55	03:45
Nov 22	14:17	02:23	16:40
Dec 22	05:28	02:10	07:38
Jan 23	05:40	01:24	07:04
Feb 23	08:56	00:47	09:43
Mar 23	10:00	01:10	11:10
Apr 23	02:46	00:29	03:15
To 12 May 23	02:11	00:06	02:17
Total h:min	66:28	14:06	80:34

Time spent in committee meetings, by committee and month, plus the division between public and private time (Committees M-Z)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

NZET	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	06:21	02:07	08:28
Jun 22	05:56	03:56	09:52
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	06:46	02:01	08:47
Oct 22	03:36	01:52	05:28
Nov 22	06:19	03:07	09:26
Dec 22	02:18	03:38	05:56
Jan 23	04:58	05:28	10:26
Feb 23	08:48	00:55	09:43
Mar 23	10:06	02:12	12:18
Apr 23	05:09	01:28	06:37
To 12 May 23	01:36	03:52	05:28
Total h:min	61:53	30:36	92:29

Public Audit Committee

PA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	02:55	02:11	05:06
Jun 22	07:25	02:31	09:56
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	04:54	02:47	07:41
Oct 22	02:06	00:16	02:22
Nov 22	03:42	01:45	05:27
Dec 22	03:29	03:59	07:28
Jan 23	01:27	06:43	08:10
Feb 23	03:39	05:08	08:47
Mar 23	04:52	05:53	10:45
Apr 23	01:27	00:33	02:00
To 12 May 23	03:01	00:36	03:37
Total h:min	38:57	32:22	71:19

Rural Affairs and Islands

RAI	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jun 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jul 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Aug 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sep 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oct 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nov 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 22	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jan 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Feb 23	03:26	01:45	05:11
Mar 23	09:17	03:23	12:40
Apr 23	04:52	00:24	05:16
To 12 May 23	03:11	01:36	04:47
Total h:min	20:46	07:08	27:54

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment

RAI	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	01:55	03:01	04:56
Jun 22	11:23	01:30	12:53
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	04:04	05:19	09:23
Oct 22	03:57	00:24	04:21
Nov 22	08:02	03:42	11:44
Dec 22	07:32	00:04	07:36
Jan 23	02:14	01:46	04:00
Feb 23	00:01	00:00	00:01
Mar 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apr 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
To 12 May 23	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total h:min	39:08	15:46	54:54

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

SJSS	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	03:35	00:43	04:18
Jun 22	04:12	03:58	08:10
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	05:20	02:33	07:53
Oct 22	02:06	02:49	04:55
Nov 22	08:30	02:05	10:35
Dec 22	05:13	01:23	06:36
Jan 23	01:21	00:11	01:32
Feb 23	02:03	01:30	03:33
Mar 23	07:54	01:31	09:25
Apr 23	01:41	00:52	02:33
To 12 May 23	01:42	01:40	03:22
Total h:min	43:37	19:15	62:52

Standards, Procedure and Public Appointments Committee

SPPA	Public h:min	Private h:min	Total h:min
From 13 May 22	01:08	01:06	02:14
Jun 22	00:19	05:33	05:52
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	01:23	01:40	03:03
Oct 22	00:21	01:30	01:51
Nov 22	00:22	01:59	02:21
Dec 22	00:29	02:41	03:10
Jan 23	00:43	01:01	01:44
Feb 23	00:28	03:10	03:38
Mar 23	02:18	00:48	03:06
Apr 23	00:02	02:48	02:50
To 12 May 23	00:12	03:27	03:39
Total h:min	07:45	25:43	33:28

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 13 May 22	02:19
Jun-22	02:17
Jul-22	00:00
Aug-22	00:00
Sep-22	02:17
Oct-22	02:16
Nov-22	02:07
Dec-22	02:12
Jan-23	02:00
Feb-23	02:07
Mar-23	02:04
Apr-23	01:56
To 12 May 23	02:12

Annual average length of meetings by committee

Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name.

Committee	Average h:min
CPPP	01:29
CEEAC	01:40
CVDR	01:20
CJ	02:18
DPLR	00:56
EFW	01:51
ECYP	02:13
EHR CJ	02:09
FPA	01:47
HSCS	02:19
LGHP	02:01
NZET	02:18
PA	01:57
RAI	02:32
RAINE	01:51
SJSS	01:37
SPPA	01:19
Annual average all committees	01:51

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

	CPPP h:min	CEEAC h:min	CVDR h:min	CJ h:min	DPLR h:min	EFW h:min
From 13 May 22	01:05	01:37	02:26	03:24	00:22	02:42
Jun 22	01:41	02:32	02:43	02:50	00:30	01:58
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	00:57	02:11	01:48	02:11	00:51	01:36
Oct 22	02:38	02:24	00:03	02:15	02:37	03:15
Nov 22	01:52	01:35	01:34	02:41	01:38	02:04
Dec 22	02:17	01:38	01:46	02:14	01:39	02:13
Jan 23	01:33	02:05	01:41	03:12	01:07	02:35
Feb 23	02:00	01:50	01:51	03:04	00:27	02:01
Mar 23	01:25	01:44	01:08	02:59	00:46	01:51
Apr 23	02:11	02:12	00:52	01:53	00:08	01:47
To 12 May 23	01:46	01:50	01:27	03:19	02:03	02:01
Annual Average	01:29	01:40	01:20	02:18	00:56	01:51

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

	ECYP h:min	EHRCJ h:min	FPA h:min	HSCS h:min	LGHP h:min
From 13 May 22	03:00	02:56	03:02	02:23	02:04
Jun 22	02:20	03:00	02:08	02:19	02:09
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	02:52	04:00	02:21	02:56	02:06
Oct 22	02:37	02:51	02:23	03:30	01:52
Nov 22	02:41	02:31	01:43	02:49	03:20
Dec 22	02:32	02:10	02:12	03:05	02:32
Jan 23	01:34	01:38	01:43	02:03	02:21
Feb 23	03:01	02:29	01:20	03:02	03:14
Mar 23	02:42	01:52	01:59	02:51	02:47
Apr 23	02:58	02:08	02:02	02:20	01:37
To 12 May 23	02:34	02:28	02:19	02:51	02:17
Annual Average	02:13	02:09	01:47	02:19	02:01

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

	NZET h:min	PA h:min	RAI h:min	RAINE h:min	SJSS h:min	SPPA h:min
From 13 May 22	02:49	02:33	n/a	02:28	02:09	02:14
Jun 22	03:17	02:29	n/a	02:34	02:02	01:57
Jul 22	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00	00:00	00:00
Aug 22	00:00	00:00	n/a	00:00	00:00	00:00
Sep 22	02:55	02:33	n/a	03:07	02:37	01:31
Oct 22	02:44	02:22	n/a	02:10	01:38	00:55
Nov 22	02:21	01:21	n/a	02:20	02:07	01:10
Dec 22	01:58	02:29	n/a	03:48	01:39	01:03
Jan 23	02:36	02:43	n/a	02:00	01:32	01:44
Feb 23	03:14	02:55	02:35	00:01	01:11	01:49
Mar 23	03:04	02:09	02:32	n/a	01:53	01:33
Apr 23	02:12	02:00	02:38	n/a	02:33	01:25
To 12 May 23	02:44	01:48	02:23	n/a	01:41	01:49
Annual Average	02:18	01:57	02:32	01:51	01:37	01:19

[List of committee abbreviations](#)

4.3. Committees

4.3.1. Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider public petitions addressed to the Parliament in accordance with these Rules (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A) and, in particular, to—

- (a) decide in a case of dispute whether a petition is admissible;
- (b) decide what action should be taken upon an admissible public petition;
- (c) keep under review the operation of the petitions system; and
- (d) to consider and report on public policy or undertake post-legislative scrutiny through the use of deliberative democracy, Citizen’ Assemblies or other forms of participative engagement.

Convener: Jackson Carlaw (Con)

Deputy Convener: David Torrance (SNP)

Membership: The committee has 5 members

Committee meetings

There were 18 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	18
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	16
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	5

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackson Carlaw	Con	17 (18)
Foysoil Choudhury (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	1 (1)
Fergus Ewing	SNP	16 (18)
Carol Mochan (19 January 2023 to 25 April 2023)	Lab	6 (6)
Alexander Stewart	Con	17 (18)
Paul Sweeney (until 19 January 2023)	Lab	10 (11)
David Torrance	SNP	14 (18)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sharon Dowey	Con	0
Marie McNair	SNP	1
Carol Mochan	Lab	1
Rhoda Grant (19 January 2023 - 31 January 2023)	Lab	0
Paul Sweeney (from 31 January 2023)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Lynn Tullis

Advisers: None

Visits

- In February and March 2023, members of the Committee visited Dublin and Paris, and held an online discussion with a representative of the French-speaking Parliament of Brussels, to explore their use of Citizens' Assemblies.
- Committee members visited Pressmennan Wood in East Lothian as part of their consideration of PE1812: Protect Scotland's remaining ancient, native and semi-native woodlands and woodland floors

Events

- Citizens Panel to discuss Public Participation in the Scottish Parliament
- An online, informal discussion with care experienced individuals as part of the

consideration of PE1958: Extend aftercare for previously looked after young people, and remove the continuing care age cap

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

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Public Participation in the Scottish Parliament
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	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote		
Plenary debates	1	17 January 2023: S6M-07487

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Public Participation in the Scottish Parliament	282	16 December 2022	n/a
1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Annual Report 2021-22	194	1 June 2022	n/a

Petitions Considered

	no. of petitions
New petitions lodged from 13 May 2022 until 12 May 2023	109
Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee from 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023 (petitions may have been considered by committees multiple times)	109
Petitions referred to Scottish Parliament Committees from 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023	2
Petitions referred for information only to Scottish Parliament Committees from 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023	0
Petitions closed from 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023	37
Petitions withdrawn at the request of the petitioner from 13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023	0

4.3.2. Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

- (a) the Scottish Government’s EU and external affairs policy;
- (b) policy in relation to the UK’s exit from the EU;
- (c) the international activities of the Scottish Administration, including international development; and
- (d) any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and any matter relating to inter-governmental relations within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Convener: Clare Adamson (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Donald Cameron (Con)

Membership: The committee has 7 members

Committee meetings

There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	25
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	1
Hybrid meetings	15

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Clare Adamson	SNP	31 (33)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	33 (33)
Neil Bibby (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	2 (3)
Sarah Boyack (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	29 (30)
Donald Cameron	Con	31 (33)
Maurice Golden	Con	28 (33)
Ben Macpherson (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	4 (4)
Jenni Minto (until 31 March 2023)	SNP	27 (29)
Mark Ruskell	Green	33 (33)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claire Baker (until 25 April 23)	Lab	1
Foysoyl Choudhury (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Graeme Dey (until 31 March 2023)	SNP	0
Audrey Nicoll (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	0
Graham Simpson	Con	10

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: James Johnston

Advisers: None

Visits

Members visited Brussels on 20-21 June 2022 to follow up a number of issues which the Committee had considered as part of its report on its inquiry into the Scottish Government's International Work.

Events

An engagement event at St Andrews University on 5 November 2022, at which the Committee met academics and students to discuss the findings of the report on its inquiry into the Scottish Government's International Work.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	4
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and 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
Representative of further or higher education institutions	16
Other categories of witnesses	19

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	7	How is devolution changing post-EU?; Impact of Brexit on Devolution; Inquiry into the Scottish Government's International Work; LCM for the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill (UK Parliament legislation); LCM for the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation); Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24 - Funding for Culture; Scotland's Census
Consultations	2	Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24 - Funding for Culture; Culture in Communities
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Northern Ireland Protocol Bill; Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	17 November 2022 S6M-06732

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	318	15 February 2023	No Response
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	257	14 November 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24: Funding for Culture	245	31 October 2022	20 December 2022
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Impact of Brexit on Devolution	223	22 September 2022	26 June 2023
4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021-22	184	30 May 2022	n/a

4.3.3. COVID-19 Recovery Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

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

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

Conveners:

- Siobhian Brown (SNP) (until 30 March 2023)
- Jim Fairlie (SNP) (from 20 April 2023)

Deputy Convener: Murdo Fraser (Con)

Membership: The committee has 6 members

Committee Meetings

There were 25 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	25
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	19
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	15

Meetings Attended

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Siobhian Brown (until 30 March 2023)	SNP	21 (22)
Jim Fairlie	SNP	24 (25)
Murdo Fraser	Con	24 (25)
Stuart McMillan (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	1 (3)
John Mason	SNP	25 (25)
Alex Rowley	Lab	21 (25)
Brian Whittle	Con	22 (25)

Substitute Members

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie	Lab	3
Sandesh Gulhane	Con	0
Stuart McMillan (until 18 April 2023)	SNP	1
Ash Regan (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Sigrid Robinson

Advisers:

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

Visits: Routes to Work and Remploy in Airdrie on the 28 November 2022

Events:

- Informal fact-finding event with Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh on 19 May 2022, as part of the inquiry into COVID-19: communication of public health information
- Informal online event with people who have a long-term health condition and people who had taken early retirement since 2020, on 24 November 2022.
- Informal online engagement session with families who have experience of Long COVID on 2 February 2023.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	12
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	24
Representatives of local authorities	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	3
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	18
Representative of further or higher education institutions	0
Other categories of witnesses	14

Business Transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	COVID-19: communication of public health information; Long COVID; Road to recovery: impact of the pandemic on the Scottish labour market
Consultations	2	Long COVID; Road to recovery: impact of the pandemic on the Scottish labour market
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	5	3 laid only; 2 negatives: SSI 2022/192; SSI 2022/261
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	58	9 June 2022: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 25, 11, 23, 146, 82, 78-81, 70, 142, 141, 138, 137, 134, 133, 15, 126, 120, 119, 118, 7, 26, 6, 147, 3, 145, 144, 140, 39, 38, 135, 128, 14, 13, 123, 28, 1, 5, 4, 9, 8, 111, 69, 143, 136, 36, 132, 129, 127, 125, 124, 122, 121, 117, 115, 113, 112, 27, 10, 24
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	36	9 June 2022: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 142, 138, 137, 134, 133, 15, 120, 119, 118, 7, 6, 3, 145, 144, 135, 128, 13, 123, 1, 5, 4, 8, 143, 136, 132, 129, 127, 125, 124, 122, 121, 117, 115, 113, 112, 10
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Long COVID	354	26 April 2023	16 June 2023
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Road to recovery: the impact of the pandemic on Scotland's labour market	314	7 February 2023	28 March 2023
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): COVID-19 Recovery Committee: Annual Report 2021-22	174	13 May 2022	n/a

4.3.4. Criminal Justice Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener: Audrey Nicoll (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Russell Findlay (Con)

Membership: The committee has 8 members

Committee meetings

There were 32 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	32
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	29
Joint meetings with other Committees	2
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	9

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Katy Clark	Lab	29 (32)
Russell Findlay	Con	32 (32)
Jamie Greene	Con	29 (32)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	30 (32)
Rona Mackay	SNP	30 (32)
Pauline McNeill	Lab	27 (32)
Audrey Nicoll	SNP	32 (32)
Collette Stevenson	SNP	27 (32)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Donald Cameron	Con	0
Jackie Dunbar	SNP	2
Daniel Johnson (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Neil Bibby (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Stephen Imrie

Advisers: Chris Miller, Advocate

Visits

3 visits as part of the Committee’s work on the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill:

- The Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Ltd;
- Glasgow Sheriff Court;
- The Liliac Centre, Glasgow, one of the two new community custody units for women prisoners.

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	13
Scottish Government officials	31
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	48
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	15
Representative of further or higher education institutions	7
Other categories of witnesses	7

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Action Plan and Priorities for the Justice Sector in Session 6; Pre-Budget Scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2023-24
Consultations	1	Pre-Budget Scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2023-24
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Proposed Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill
Bills considered	5	Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill; Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill; Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill; Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill; National Care Service (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	2	Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018; Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 Implementation Timetable
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill; Online Safety Bill; Public Order Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	34	9 draft affirmatives; 18 laid only; 7 negatives: SSI 2022/194; SSI 2022/210; SSI 2022/268; SSI 2022/385; SSI 2023/39; SSI 2023/98; SSI 2023/132
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	36	25 May 2022: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 76, 70, 61, 58, 62, 59, 71; 1 June 2022: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 133, 127, 9, 29, 102, 86, 89, 132, 28, 90, 38, 105, 104, 40, 20, 36; 8 June 2022: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 1031, 1024, 1050, 1049, 1001, 1002, 1040, 1057, 1025; 10 May 2023: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 52, 58, 67, 56
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	22	25 May 2022: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 76, 70, 61, 58, 59, 71; 1 June 2022: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 127, 9, 102, 89, 132, 90, 105, 104; 8 June 2022: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 1031, 1024, 1040, 1025; 10 May 2023: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 52, 67, 56, 58
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill from the Criminal Justice Committee	363	12 May 2023	20 June 2023
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Consequential Modifications, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 [draft]	364	11 May 2023	No Response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Post-legislative scrutiny of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018	358	4 May 2023	21 June 2023
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]	342	17 March 2023	No Response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report	327	6 March 2023	14 March 2023
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Public Order Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	295	16 January 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	292	10 January 2023	No Response
12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft]	271	29 November 2022	No Response
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 (Code of Practice) (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]	244	28 October 2022	No Response
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Advice and Assistance (Summary Criminal Proceedings) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]	226	23 September 2022	No Response
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report for the Criminal Justice Committee (13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022)	205	21 June 2022	n/a
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 [draft]	198	9 June 2022	No Response
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	197	9 June 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Criminal Justice Committee on 1 June 2022	196	6 June 2022	No Response

4.3.5. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

(a) any—

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

(ii) [deleted]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Convener: Stuart McMillan (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Bill Kidd (SNP)

Membership: The committee has 5 members

Committee meetings

There were 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	0
Hybrid meetings	4

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour (from 25 May 2022)	Con	30 (32)
Craig Hoy (until 25 May 2022)	Con	1 (2)
Bill Kidd	SNP	33 (34)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	26 (34)
Carol Mochan (19 January 2023 to 25 April 2023)	Lab	10 (10)
Oliver Mundell (from 22 September 2022)	Con	22 (25)
Graham Simpson (until 22 September 2022)	Con	15 (15)
Paul Sweeney (until 19 January 2023)	Lab	21 (21)
Mercedes Villalba (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	2 (2)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Maurice Golden	Con	0
Rhoda Grant	Lab	0
Rona Mackay (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	1
Jenni Minto (until 31 March 2023)	SNP	4

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Andrew Proudfoot

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	8
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies and 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	0
Representatives of professional associations	11
Representatives of voluntary sector	4
Representative of further or higher education institutions	0
Other categories of witnesses	2

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	13	Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill; Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill; Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill; Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill; Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill; Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill; Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill; Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill; National Care Service (Scotland) Bill; Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill; Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill; Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill; Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	12	Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill; Energy Bill; Northern Ireland Protocol Bill; Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill; Online Safety Bill; Procurement Bill; Powers of Attorney Bill; Public Order Bill; Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill; Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill; Shark Fins Bill; UK Infrastructure Bank Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications	0	

Business	No	Details
considered		
SIIs considered	4	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2022: SI 2022/1173; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2022: Draft; General Pharmaceutical Council (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2022: SI 2022/697; Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022: Draft
SSIs considered	215	4 made affirmatives; 52 draft affirmatives; 43 laid only; 2 instruments/documents subject to approval; 114 negatives: SSI 2022/156; SSI 2022/157; SSI 2022/158; SSI 2022/161; SSI 2022/162; SSI 2022/166; SSI 2022/167; SSI 2022/168; SSI 2022/169; SSI 2022/170; SSI 2022/172; SSI 2022/173; SSI 2022/179; SSI 2022/181; SSI 2022/182; SSI 2022/183; SSI 2022/184; SSI 2022/185; SSI 2022/186; SSI 2022/190; SSI 2022/192; SSI 2022/193; SSI 2022/194; SSI 2022/201; SSI 2022/202; SSI 2022/203; SSI 2022/206; SSI 2022/209; SSI 2022/210; SSI 2022/212; SSI 2022/213; SSI 2022/214; SSI 2022/249; SSI 2022/261; SSI 2022/262 SSI 2022/263; SSI 2022/264; SSI 2022/265; SSI 2022/268; SSI 2022/271; SSI 2022/272; SSI 2022/278; SSI 2022/279; SSI 2022/286; SSI 2022/288; SSI 2022/294; SSI 2022/302; SSI 2022/307; SSI 2022/310; SSI 2022/328; SSI 2022/330; SSI 2022/335; SSI 2022/340 SSI 2022/341; SSI 2022/342; SSI 2022/349; SSI 2022/358; SSI 2022/361; SSI 2022/362; SSI 2022/363; SSI 2022/364; SSI 2022/365; SSI 2022/369; SSI 2022/371; SSI 2022/372; SSI 2022/373; SSI 2022/377; SSI 2022/385; SSI 2023/007; SSI 2023/6; SSI 2023/8; SSI 2023/18; SSI 2023/19; SSI 2023/20; SSI 2023/21; SSI 2023/24; SSI 2023/25; SSI 2023/26; SSI 2023/27; SSI 2023/28; SSI 2023/29; SSI 2023/30; SSI 2023/31; SSI 2023/32; SSI 2023/33; SSI 2023/34; SSI 2023/35; SSI 2023/36; SSI 2023/37; SSI 2023/38; SSI 2023/39; SSI 2023/40; SSI 2023/52; SSI 2023/53; SSI 2023/55; SSI 2023/58; SSI 2023/59; SSI 2023/63; SSI 2023/64; SSI 2023/65; SSI 2023/66; SSI 2023/78; SSI 2023/80; SSI 2023/81; SSI 2023/93; SSI 2023/97; SSI 2023/98; SSI 2023/101; SSI 2023/113; SSI 2023/114; SSI 2023/123; SSI 2023/124; SSI 2023/125; SSI 2023/132
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	13	21 March 2023: Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 53, 60, 16b, 72, 71, 81, 70, 83, 58, 59, 64, 51, 65
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

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30th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 May 2023	362	10 May 2023	No Response
29th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 2 May 2023	360	3 May 2023	No Response
28th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2	356	26 April 2023	No Response
27th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 April 2023	355	25 April 2023	No Response
26th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 18 April 2023	351	19 April 2023	No Response
25th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Powers of Attorney Bill	350	19 April 2023	No Response
24th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 March 2023	348	29 March 2023	No Response
23rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	341	22 March 2023	No Response
22nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 March 2023	345	21 March 2023	No Response
21st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 March 2023	339	15 March 2023	No Response
20th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 March 2023	335	8 March 2023	No Response
19th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 February 2023	324	28 February 2023	No Response
18th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Procurement Bill	322	22 February 2023	No Response
17th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 February 2023	321	21 February 2023	No Response
16th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Energy Bill	320	10 February 2023	No Response
15th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	319	10 February 2023	No Response
14th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 February 2023	316	7 February 2023	No Response
13th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	313	3 February 2023	No Response
12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 31 January 2023	310	1 February 2023	No Response
11th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Shark Fins Bill	309	27 January 2023	No Response
10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23	308	26 January 2023	No Response
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 January 2023	306	25 January 2023	No Response
8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill at Stage 1	305	24 January 2023	No Response
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	299	19 January 2023	No Response

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6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 January 2023	297	17 January 2023	No Response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill	296	16 January 2023	No Response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 January 2023	293	12 January 2023	No Response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill	294	11 January 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	291	10 January 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	290	4 January 2023	No Response
69th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Public Order Bill	287	21 December 2022	No Response
68th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 December 2022	283	20 December 2022	No Response
67th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 13 December 2022	280	13 December 2022	No Response
66th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 December 2022	276	7 December 2022	No Response
65th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23	275	5 December 2022	No Response
64th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill	273	2 December 2022	13 March 2023
63rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): A report on the subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 November 2022.	269	30 November 2022	No Response
62nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: Stage 1	267	23 November 2022	No Response
61st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 November 2022	264	22 November 2022	No Response
60th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 15 November 2022	260	16 November 2022	No Response
59th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill	262	16 November 2022	No Response
58th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill	261	15 November 2022	No Response
57th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2021-22	259	14 November 2022	No Response
56th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 November 2022	253	9 November 2022	No Response
55th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated	251	3	No

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
powers relevant to Scotland in the UK Northern Ireland Protocol Bill		November 2022	Response
54th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 November 2022	249	2 November 2022	No Response
53rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill	243	27 October 2022	No Response
52nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	242	27 October 2022	No Response
51st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 October 2022	241	25 October 2022	No Response
50th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill	239	11 October 2022	No Response
49th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Procurement Bill	238	11 October 2022	No Response
48th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4 October 2022	234	4 October 2022	No Response
47th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 September 2022	229	28 September 2022	No Response
46th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 September 2022	224	21 September 2022	No Response
45th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 September 2022	220	7 September 2022	No Response
44th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the fourth quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-22	217	7 July 2022	No Response
43rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2021-22	216	7 July 2022	No Response
42nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2021-21	215	7 July 2022	No Response
41st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2021-21	214	7 July 2022	No Response
40th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 June 2022	210	29 June 2022	No Response
39th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2	208	24 June 2022	No Response
38th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 June 2022	207	22 June 2022	No Response
37th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	203	15 June 2022	No Response
36th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 June 2022	202	14 June 2022	No Response
35th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 June 2022	183	8 June 2022	No Response
34th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2	189	8 June 2022	No Response
33rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Online Safety Bill	188	1 June 2022	No Response
32nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Annual Report 2021-22	175	30 May 2022	n/a

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31st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 May 2022	183	25 May 2022	No Response
30th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 May 2022	178	18 May 2022	No Response
29th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1	176	16 May 2022	No Response

4.3.6. Economy and Fair Work Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the economy falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener: Claire Baker (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Colin Beattie (SNP)

Membership: The committee has 9 members

Committee meetings

There were 32 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	32
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	1
Hybrid meetings	14

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claire Baker	Lab	31 (32)
Colin Beattie	SNP	30 (32)
Alexander Burnett (until 22 September 2022)	Con	13 (14)
Maggie Chapman	Green	30 (32)
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Con	27 (32)
Fiona Hyslop	SNP	32 (32)
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	29 (32)
Graham Simpson (from 22 September 2022)	Con	25 (25)
Colin Smyth	Lab	29 (32)
Michelle Thomson	SNP	32 (32)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Daniel Johnston (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
John Mason	SNP	4
Liz Smith	Con	0
Paul Sweeney (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Anne Peat

Advisers: None

Visits

- Visits to Burntisland, Dumfries, Hamilton, Inverurie, and Fraserburgh as part of the Town Centres and Retail inquiry
- INEOS Grangemouth site as part of its inquiry 'A Just Transition for the Grangemouth Area'
- ENABLE Works / All in Dundee, Dovetail Enterprises and the National Autistic Society Scotland (NASS) as part of the inquiry on the Disability Employment Gap

Events

- The 15th Business in the Parliament Conference (a joint venture between the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government) was held in February. There were 210 attendees.

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

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	A Just Transition for the Grangemouth area; Disability Employment Gap; Town Centres and Retail
Consultations	1	Royal Mail Service Charges
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Procurement Bill; Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill; UK Infrastructure Bank Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	6	4 draft affirmatives; 2 negatives: SSI 2023/27; SSI 2023/124
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	28 February 2023: S6M-07942

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Procurement Bill	326	1 March 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill	300	18 January 2023	No Response
13th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 21 December 2022	288	21 December 2022	No Response
12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Inquiry into Retail and Town Centres in Scotland	268	29 November 2022	19 February 2023
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandums for the Procurement Bill and the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill	263	21 November 2022	No Response
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill	250	2 November 2022	No Response
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 5 October 2022	237	6 October 2022	No Response
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 28 September 2022	233	30 September 2022	No Response
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 15 June 2022	204	16 June 2022	No Response

4.3.7. Education, Children and Young People Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener:

- Stephen Kerr (Con) (until 25 May 2022)
- Sue Webber (Con) (from 1 June 2022)

Deputy Convener:

- Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (until 18 April 2023)
- Ben Macpherson (SNP) (from 26 April 2023)

Membership: The committee has 10 members

Committee meetings

There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	11

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Stephanie Callaghan	SNP	31 (33)
Graeme Dey (until 31 March 2023)	SNP	30 (30)
Bob Doris	SNP	33 (33)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	2 (3)
Ross Greer	Green	30 (33)
Stephen Kerr (until 25 May 2022); (from 22 Sept 2022)	Con	23 (26)
Bill Kidd (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (3)
Ben Macpherson (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (3)
Ruth Maguire	SNP	32 (33)
Michael Marra (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	27 (30)
Oliver Mundell (until 22 Sept 2022)	Con	7 (9)
Willie Rennie	LD	32 (33)
Kaukab Stewart (until 18 April 2023)	SNP	30 (30)
Sue Webber (from 25 May 2022)	Con	27 (28)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	0
Natalie Don (until 11 April 2023)	SNP	1
Meghan Gallacher	Con	1
Ivan McKee (18 April 2023 – 29 June 2023)	SNP	0
Martin Whitfield	Lab	2

Reporters: None**Committee Clerk:** Stephen Herbert**Advisers:** None**Visits:**

- Buchanan High School in Coatbridge as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.
- Secure accommodation at St Mary's Kenmure and Rossie Young People's Trust, and YOI Polmont, as part of the Committee's work on the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill.

Events: None**Witnesses:** Data on the number of witnesses is not available for this parliamentary year

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	College Regionalisation Inquiry; Scottish Attainment Challenge
Consultations	1	Scottish Attainment Challenge
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill; National Care Service (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	The European University Institute (EU Exit) Regulations 2022
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	18	3 draft affirmatives; 3 laid only; 12 negatives: SSI 2022/156; SSI 2022/157; SSI 2022/158; SSI 2022/172; SSI 2022/173; SSI 2022/264; SSI 2022/294; SSI 2022/362; SSI 2022/377; SSI 2023/18; SSI 2023/37; SSI 2023/66
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): College regionalisation inquiry	331	21 March 2023	12 June 2023
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023	330	13 March 2023	No Response
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): National Care Service (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 Report	274	19 December 2022	No Response
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Order 2022	256	30 November 2022	No Response
9th Report 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Police Act 1997 (Offences in Schedules 8A and 8B) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022	255	1 December 2022	No Response
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Scottish Attainment Challenge	219	02 August 2022	26 September 2022
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021 - 2022	185	17 June 2022	n/a
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Cross-border Placements (Effect of Deprivation of Liberty Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2022	177	1 June 2022	No Response

4.3.8. Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

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

Convener:

- Joe FitzPatrick (SNP) (until 11 April 2023)
- Kaukab Stewart (SNP) (from 25 April 2023)

Deputy Convener: Maggie Chapman (Green)

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	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	1
Hybrid meetings	15

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam	SNP	29 (31)
Maggie Chapman	Green	31 (31)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	29 (29)
Joe FitzPatrick (until 11 April 2023)	SNP	27 (28)
Pam Gosal	Con	31 (31)
Rachael Hamilton (from 25 May 2022)	Con	31 (31)
Fulton MacGregor	SNP	2 (2)
Paul O'Kane (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	2 (2)
Alexander Stewart (until 25 May 2022)	Con	28 (29)
Kaukab Stewart (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (3)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jeremy Balfour (until 25 May 2022)	Con	0
Sarah Boyack (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Craig Hoy (from 25 May 2022)	Con	0
Ben Macpherson (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	0
Paul O'Kane (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Mark Ruskell (from 29 November 2023)	Green	0
Kaukab Stewart (until 18 April 2023)	SNP	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Katrina Venters

Advisers: None

Visits

The Committee undertook a visit to the Health and Education Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland for Children with Additional Support Needs, as part of its access to justice work.

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	12
Scottish Government officials	20
Members of the Scottish Parliament	23
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	31
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	49
Representative of further or higher education institutions	10
Other categories of witnesses	11

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Asylum Seekers in Scotland
Consultations	1	Impact of Human Rights Budgeting
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Gender Recognition Reform (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	28	10 draft affirmatives; 0 made affirmatives; 3 laid only; 15 negatives: SSI 2022/179; SSI 2022/181; SSI 2022/182; SSI 2022/183; SSI 2022/184; SSI 2022/185; SSI 2022/201; SSI 2022/202; SSI 2022/214; SSI 2022/249; SSI 2022/364; SSI 2022/365; SSI 2023/40; SSI 2023/53; SSI 2023/55
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	58	15 November 2022: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 12, 97, 10, 43, 130, 129, 41, 39, 38, 88, 114, 46, 87, 2, 116, 40, 123, 45, 115, 13, 71, 127, 8, 18, 89, 9, 44, 91, 132, 125, 11, 131, 42 22 November 2022: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 103, 80, 151, 14, 26, 31, 148, 76, 74, 135, 136, 146, 1, 133, 139, 110, 37, 25, 101, 75, 140, 155, 81, 153
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	8	15 November 2022: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 43, 41, 39, 38, 46, 40, 44, 42
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 9 May 2023	365	10 May 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 [draft]	349	29 March 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 17 and 31 January 2023	312	31 January 2023	No Response
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]	281	13 December 2022	No Response
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill	235	6 October 2022	26 October 2022
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Age of Criminal Responsibility (Reports on Use of Places of Safety) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]	225	21 September 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2022 [draft]	222	8 September 2022	No Response
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for 2021-22	191	31 May 2022	n/a

4.3.9. Finance and Public Administration Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

- (a) any report or other document containing proposals for, or budgets of, public revenue or expenditure or proposals for the making of a Scottish rate resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them;
- (b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public revenue or expenditure;
- (c) Budget Bills;
- (d) any other matter relating to or affecting the revenue or expenditure of the Scottish Administration or other monies payable into or expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund; and
- (e) matters relating to public service reform and the National Performance Framework within the responsibilities of the Deputy First Minister and public administration.

Convener: Kenneth Gibson (SNP)

Deputy Convener:

- Daniel Johnson (Lab) (until 25 April 2023)

- Michael Marra (Lab) (from 2 May 2023)

Membership: The committee has 7 members

Committee meetings

There were 32 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	32
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	7

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Kenneth Gibson	SNP	29 (32)
Ross Greer	Green	28 (32)
Daniel Johnson (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	28 (30)
Douglas Lumsden	Con	30 (32)
Michael Marra (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	2 (2)
John Mason	SNP	32 (32)
Liz Smith	Con	32 (32)
Michelle Thomson	SNP	31 (32)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Keith Brown (from 3 May 2023)	SNP	1
Fergus Ewing (until 27 April 2023)	SNP	0
Jamie Halcro Johnston	Con	0
Daniel Johnson (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Colin Smyth (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Joanne McNaughton

Advisers: None

Visits

The committee attended the second meeting of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum in the Senedd.

Events

The Committee held a joint conference with Scotland's Futures Forum, the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Celtic Academies Alliance on taxation in Scotland.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	13
Scottish Government officials	15
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	28
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	18
Representatives of voluntary sector	11
Representative of further or higher education institutions	8
Other categories of witnesses	2

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	7	National Performance Framework: Ambitions into Action; Public Administration - Effective Scottish Government decision-making; Scottish Government's Public Service Reform programme; Scottish Fiscal Commission's Fiscal Sustainability Report; Fiscal Framework Review; Replacing EU structural funds in Scotland; Scottish Government's Continuous Improvement Programme and updated complaints policy
Consultations	2	Scottish Government's Public Service Reform programme; Fiscal Framework Review
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill; Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill; National Care Service (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	5	2 draft affirmatives; 3 made affirmatives
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	17 January 2023: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/375)
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	26 January 2023: S6M-07487

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023	343	17 March 2023	No Response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2023	337	10 March 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Budget Scrutiny 2023-24	304	25 January 2023	3 February 2023
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022	303	23 January 2023	No Response
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023	279	9 December 2022	No Response
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Financial Memorandum for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill	272	1 December 2022	11 December 2023
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24: Scotland's Public Finances in 2023-24 and the Impact of the Cost of Living and Public Service Reform	248	3 November 2022	20 December 2022
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the National Performance Framework: Ambitions into Action	231	3 October 2022	13 December 2022
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Amendment Order 2022	227	26 September 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee for 2021-22	186	8 June 2022	n/a

4.3.10. Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs policy. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener:

- Gillian Martin (SNP) (until 11 April 2023)
- Clare Haughey (SNP) (from 25 April 2023)

Deputy Convener:

- Paul O'Kane (Lab) (until 25 April 2023)
- Paul Sweeney (Lab) (from 2 May 2023)

Membership: The committee has 10 members

Committee meetings

There were 37 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	37
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	2
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	20

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Stephanie Callaghan	SNP	32 (37)
Sandesh Gulhane	Con	35 (37)
Emma Harper	SNP	33 (37)
Claire Haughey (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	1 (2)
Gillian Mackay	Green	37 (37)
Gillian Martin (until 11 April 2023)	SNP	30 (33)
Carol Mochan (until 19 January 2023); (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	24 (25)
Paul O’Kane (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	34 (35)
Paul Sweeney (from 19 January 2023)	Lab	12 (14)
David Torrance	SNP	28 (37)
Evelyn Tweed	SNP	34 (37)
Sue Webber (until 25 May 2023)	Con	7 (7)
Tess White (from 25 May 2022)	Con	31 (34)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie	Lab	0
James Dornan (from 21 September 2022)	SNP	9
Russell Findlay (until 8 September 2022)	Con	0
Marie McNair (until 21 September 2022)	SNP	0
Sue Webber (from 8 September 2022)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Alex Bruce

Advisers: None

Visits

- Workshop on proposals for a National Care Service at the Voluntary Health Scotland Annual Conference in Glasgow
- Visit to Aberdeen, including a round-table discussion with members of the Granite Care Consortium, an informal discussion with people in receipt of care at Inspire HQ,

and a visit to Tigh A'Chomainn Camphill Community in Peterculter

- Visit to Dumfries to discuss proposals for a National Care Service
- Visit to Glasgow including a round-table discussion with members of the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland and informal engagement with frontline staff and service users at Key
- Visit to Dunfermline, for the inquiry into female participation in sport and physical activity, meeting the Scottish Sports Association Leadership Group, and visiting the Fighting Chance Judo Project and the Dunfermline Reign Basketball Club.

Events

As part of its inquiry into health inequalities, the Committee undertook a series of four informal engagement events on 20 and 23 May 2022 with Voluntary Health Scotland.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	11
Scottish Government officials	28
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	73
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	14
Representatives of voluntary sector	38
Representative of further or higher education institutions	11
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	11	Alternative pathways into primary care; Budget scrutiny 2023-24; Experiences of health and social care integration; Experiences of the Complex Mesh Surgical Service; Female participation in sport and physical activity; Food Standards Scotland; Health and wellbeing of children and young people; Health inequalities; NHS Boards periodic scrutiny; Social care update; Winter planning 2022-23
Consultations	3	Budget scrutiny 2023-24; Experiences of the Complex Mesh Surgical Service; Female participation in sport and physical activity
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	National Care Service (Scotland) Bill; Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Powers of Attorney Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	3	The Feed and Food Safety and Hygiene (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2022; The Food Supplements and Food for Specific Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022; The Healthcare (International Arrangements) (EU Exit) Regulations 2023 (Draft Affirmative)
SIs considered	2	General Pharmaceutical Council (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2022: SI 2022/697; Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022: Draft
SSIs considered	23	3 draft affirmatives; 1 laid only; 19 negatives: SSI 2022/166; SSI 2022/168; SSI 2022/169; SSI 2022/170; SSI 2022/212; SSI 2022/213; SSI 2022/263; SSI 2022/265; SSI 2022/288; SSI 2022/335; SSI 2022/341; SSI 2022/342; SSI 2023/19; SSI 2023/20; SSI 2023/24; SSI 2023/34; SSI 2023/59; SSI 2023/78; SSI 2023/125
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	

Business	No	Details
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	4	31 May 2022: debate without motion; 15 June 2022: debate without motion; 10 November 2022: S6M-06702; 14 December 2022: S6M-07198

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill	357	28 April 2023	9 May 2023
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]	346	22 March 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023	311	31 January 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 [Draft]	298	17 January 2023	No Response
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Tackling health inequalities in Scotland	230	28 September 2022	28 November 2022
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary Provision) Regulations 2022 [draft]	209	29 June 2022	No Response
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Alternative pathways to primary care	201	17 June 2022	16 August 2022
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee for 2021-22	182	25 May 2022	n/a
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People	173	13 May 2022	6 July 2022

4.3.11. Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government, housing and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener: Ariane Burgess (Green)

Deputy Convener: Willie Coffey (SNP)

Membership: The committee has 7 members

Committee meetings

There were 32 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	32
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	31
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	1
Hybrid meetings	26

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Miles Briggs	Con	30 (32)
Ariane Burgess	Green	32 (32)
Willie Coffey	SNP	30 (32)
Mark Griffin	Lab	27 (32)
Ivan McKee (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (3)
Paul McLennan (until 11 April 2023)	SNP	28 (29)
Marie McNair	SNP	28 (32)
Annie Wells	Con	30 (32)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Murdo Fraser	Con	0
Ruth Maguire	SNP	0
Alex Rowley (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Euan Donald

Advisers: None

Visits

As part of its post-legislative scrutiny of the Community Empowerment Act 2015, the Committee visited allotments in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Events

The committee held a joint event with Scotland's Futures Forum on strengthening the relationship between local and central government in Scotland.

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	37
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	63
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	39
Representative of further or higher education institutions	2
Other categories of witnesses	41

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	7	Building Safety and Maintenance; Damp and mould in the rental sector; Equal Opportunities; Local Governance Review and New Deal for Local Government; National Planning Framework; Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24; Understanding barriers to participation in local politics
Consultations	1	National Planning Framework
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	2	Proposed Housing Bill; Proposed rent freeze and evictions moratorium legislation
Bills considered	2	National Care Service (Scotland) Bill; Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	2	Community Empowerment Act; Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	38	4 draft affirmatives; 9 laid only; 1 document/instrument subject to approval; 25 negatives: SSI 2022/190; SSI 2022/209; SSI 2022/272; SSI 2022/286; SSI 2022/307; SSI 2022/340; SSI 2022/349; SSI 2022/369; SSI 2023/6; SSI 2023/8; SSI 2023/21; SSI 2023/25; SSI 2023/26; SSI 2023/28; SSI 2023/29; SSI 2023/30; SSI 2023/31; SSI 2023/32; SSI 2023/35; SSI 2023/36; SSI 2023/58; SSI 2023/63; SSI 2023/65; SSI 2023/97; SSI 2023/101
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation under the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 21 March 2023	347	23 March 2023	No Response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Non-Domestic Rates (Miscellaneous Anti-Avoidance Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2023	336	8 March 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation under the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 28 February 2023	328	2 March 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation on Short-term lets considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 21 February 2023	323	23 February 2023	No Response
12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Revised Draft National Planning Framework 4	285	21 December 2022	8 November 2022
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report tracking the work of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 2021-22	240	26 October 2022	n/a
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Allotments and community growing: the impact of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment Act	236	06 October 2022	23 December 2022
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on Scottish Social Housing Charter: November 2022	232	29 September 2022	No Response
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee for 2021-22	190	31 May 2022	n/a
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2022	180	25 May 2022	No Response

4.3.12. Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

Previous Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener

- Edward Mountain (Con) (from 20 September 2022)
- Dean Lockhart (Con) (until 5 September 2022)

Deputy Convener: Fiona Hyslop (SNP)

Membership: The committee has 7 members

Committee meetings

There were 34 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	34
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	32
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	17

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Natalie Don (until 4 November 2022)	SNP	12 (12)
Jackie Dunbar	SNP	34 (34)
Fiona Hyslop	SNP	32 (34)
Liam Kerr	Con	34 (34)
Monica Lennon	Lab	32 (34)
Dean Lockhart (until 5 September 2022)	Con	6 (6)
Ash Regan (from 9 November 2022)	SNP	19 (22)
Mark Ruskell	Green	32 (24)
Edward Mountain (from 8 September 2022)	Con	25 (27)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Sarah Boyack (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Bob Doris (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	0
Collette Stevenson (until 18 April 2023)	SNP	4
Mercedes Villalba (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	1
Brian Whittle	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Peter McGrath

Advisers

- Dan Barlow, Honorary Fellow of Edinburgh Climate Change Institute, Programme Manager ClimateXChange
- Prof. Colin Reid, Professor in Law, University of Dundee. Prof. Reid is the Committee's adviser on environmental standards and regulation in a post-Brexit context.

Visits

- The Stirling Reuse Hub
- TECA Energy Centre, Aberdeen

- BIG-HIT hydrogen refuelling station and other sites in Orkney
- Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc, Dundee
- Tour of the Holyrood Park Lodge, Edinburgh
- As part of its inquiry into ferry services, the Committee made visits to the Isle of Arran, Orkney, and the Western Isles
- Fact-finding visits to ScottishPower Energy Networks’ control room in Glasgow and Whitelee onshore wind farm near Eaglesham

Events

- Two online engagement events

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	16
Scottish Government officials	38
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	62
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	3
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	14
Representative of further or higher education institutions	5
Other categories of witnesses	47

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	9	A modern and sustainable ferry service for Scotland; Air quality in Scotland; Common Frameworks; Energy price rises; Programme for Government and budget scrutiny 2023-24; Scottish Biodiversity Strategy; Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme; Scotland's electricity infrastructure: inhibitor or enabler of our energy ambitions?; The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland
Consultations	1	Air quality in Scotland
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Energy Bill; Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	4	The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022; The Biocidal Products (Health and Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2022; The Control of Mercury (EU Exit) Regulations 2022; REACH etc. (Amendment) Regulation 2023
SIs considered	2	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2022: SI 2022/1173; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2022: Draft
SSIs considered	23	8 draft affirmatives; 5 laid only; 1 document subject to approval; 9 negatives: SSI 2022/278; SSI 2022/310; SSI 2022/330; SSI 2022/358; SSI 2023/007; SSI 2023/33; SSI 2023/52; SSI 2023/80; SSI 2023/123
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	21 February 2023: Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2023 [Draft]
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	14 March 2023: S6M-08209

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Scottish Government's Air Quality Improvement Plan and wider air quality issues	353	11 May 2023	12 June 2023
6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Gender Representation on Public Boards) (Scotland) Regulations 2023	361	5 May 2023	No Response
5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	340	17 March 2023	No Response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 28 February 2023	332	14 March 2023	No Response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]	325	7 March 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Environmental Regulations (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]	317	17 February 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland	302	23 January 2023	20 April 2023
14th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill	278	22 December 2022	No Response
13th report, 2022 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]	277	8 December 2022	No Response
12th report, 2022 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on Environmental Standards Scotland's draft Strategic Plan	258	11 November 2022	No Response
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 1 November 2022	254	8 November 2022	No Response
10th report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on inquiry into energy price rises	218	11 July 2022	12 October 2022
9th report, 2022 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester) Bill	212	5 July 2022	No Response
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee for 2021/22	193	1 June 2022	n/a
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on The Companies Act 2006 (Scottish Public Sector Companies to Be Audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2022	187	31 May 2022	No Response

4.3.13. Public Audit Committee

Established: 5 June 2021

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

(a) any accounts laid before the Parliament;

(b) any report laid before or made to the Parliament by the Auditor General for Scotland; and

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

Convener: Richard Leonard (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Sharon Dowey (Con)

Membership: The committee has 5 members

Committee meetings

There were 31 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	7
Meetings held partly in private	24
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	6

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Colin Beattie	SNP	28 (31)
Willie Coffey	SNP	29 (31)
Sharon Dowey	Con	31 (31)
Craig Hoy	Con	29 (31)
Richard Leonard	Lab	31 (31)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alexander Burnett (until 22 September 2022)	Con	0
Katy Clark (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Bill Kidd	SNP	4
Roz McCall (from 22 September 2022)	Con	2
Colin Smyth (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Lynn Russell

Advisers: None

Visits: Fact-finding visit to the Ferguson Marine shipyard

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	41
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	85
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	4
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	4
Representative of further or higher education institutions	0
Other categories of witnesses	8

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	New vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to deliver vessels 801 and 802
Consultations	0	
AGS Scotland Section 22 reports reviewed	5	The 2021/22 audit of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland; The 2021/22 audit of the Crofting Commission; The 2021/22 audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited; The 2020/21 audit of National Records of Scotland; The 2021/22 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts
AGS Scotland Section 23 reports reviewed	3	NHS in Scotland 2022; Scotland's financial response to Covid-19; Social Security: Progress on implementing the devolved benefits
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st report, 2023 (Session 6): New vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to deliver vessels 801 and 802	344	23 March 2023	23 May 2023
2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021-22	169	1 June 2022	n/a

4.3.14. Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Established: 1 February 2023

Previous Name: Name changed from Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 1 February 2023

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet

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

Convener: Finlay Carson (Con)

Deputy Convener: Beatrice Wishart (LD)

Membership: The committee has 9 members

Committee meetings

There were 11 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	11
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	11
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	8

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam	SNP	9(11)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	11 (11)
Ariane Burgess	Green	10 (11)
Finlay Carson	Con	9(11)
Jim Fairlie	SNP	11 (11)
Christine Grahame (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (4)
Rhoda Grant (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	2 (3)
Rachael Hamilton	Con	11 (11)
Jenni Minto (until 31 March 2023)	SNP	7(7)
Mercedes Villalba (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	6 (9)
Beatrice Wishart	LD	10 (11)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Emma Harper	SNP	2
Liam McArthur	LD	0
Edward Mountain	Con	1
Colin Smyth (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Mercedes Villalba (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Emma Johnston

Advisers

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

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	2
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	10
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
Representative of further or higher education institutions	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland
Consultations	1	PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Shark Fins Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	1	The Plant Health and Phytosanitary Conditions (OPM and Plant Pest) (Amendment) Regulations 2023
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	1	1 negative: SSI 2023/114
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 15 March 2023	338	16 March 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative consent memorandum: Shark Fins Bill	315	3 February 2023	No Response

4.3.15. Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Ended: 1 February 2023 - Name changed to Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener: Finlay Carson (Con)

Deputy Convener: Beatrice Wishart (LD)

Membership: The committee has 9 members

Committee meetings

There were 22 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	22
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	14
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	8

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Karen Adam	SNP	21 (22)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	22 (22)
Ariane Burgess	Green	21 (22)
Finlay Carson	Con	22 (22)
Jim Fairlie	SNP	22 (22)
Rachael Hamilton	Con	22 (22)
Jenni Minto	SNP	21 (22)
Mercedes Villalba	Lab	19 (22)
Beatrice Wishart	LD	22 (22)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Emma Harper	SNP	2
Liam McArthur	LD	0
Edward Mountain	Con	0
Colin Smyth	Lab	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Emma Johnston

Advisers

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

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	44
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	25
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
Representative of further or higher education institutions	0
Other categories of witnesses	10

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	UK Common Frameworks
Consultations	1	UK Common Frameworks
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill; Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill; Shark Fins Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	13	The Official Controls (Extension of Transitional Periods) (Amendment) Regulations 2022; The Official Controls (Plant Health) (Frequency of Checks) Regulations 2022; The Aquatic Animal Health (Amendment) Regulations 2022; The Animals, Food and Feed, Plant Health, Plant Propagating Material and Seeds (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) Regulations 2022; The Pest of Plants (authorisations) (amendment) Regulations 2022; The Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2022; The Animals and Animal Health, Feed and Food, Plants and Plant Health (Amendment) Regulations 2022; The Trade in Animal and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) Regulations 2022; The Organic Production (Amendment) Regulations (No. 2) 2022; The Plant Health (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022; The Approved Country Lists (Animals and Animal Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2023; The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2023; The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	17	2 draft affirmatives; 1 made affirmatives; 1 laid only; 13 negatives: SSI 2022/186; SSI 2022/193; SSI 2022/203; SSI 2022/206; SSI 2022/262; SSI 2022/279; SSI 2022/328; SSI 2022/361; SSI 2022/363; SSI 2022/371; SSI 2022/372; SSI 2022/373; SSI 2023/93
Petitions considered	1	PE1951
Divisions held	171	07 December 2022: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 8, 63, 7, 110, 68, 111, 136, 35, 133, 5, 134, 4, 135, 1, 112, 138, 61, 132, 6, 2, 64, 3, 59, 9, 60, 137, 66, 65, 139, 58 14 December 2022: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendments 40, 238, 240, 239, 39, 230, 227, 28, 157, 140, 69, 222, 223, 20, 27, 216, 172, 173, 235, 232, 147, 142, 225, 228, 100, 109, 108, 42, 236, 209, 160, 22, 206, 12, 24, 204, 72, 191, 203, 11, 84, 10, 122, 224, 37,

Business	No	Details
		166, 85, 220, 219, 144, 215, 214, 130, 104, 165, 76, 18, 233, 33, 231, 120, 212, 86, 103, 171, 17, 168a, 143, 32, 16, 15, 31, 229, 226, 97, 145, 141, 98, 124, 13, 102, 242, 73, 25, 44- 49, 210, 243, 89, 163, 41, 175, 237, 99, 90, 213, 241, 211, 208, 205, 207, 23, 21, 36, 71, 116, 164, 114, 70, 217, 29, 81, 92, 19, 218, 26, 82, 74, 34, 88, 162, 62, 234, 221, 128, 14, 38, 125, 123, 167, 101, 182-190, 244, 43, 177, 178, 179, 176, 50- 56, 127, 113, 119
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative consent memorandum: The Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill	307	25 January 2023	No Response
9th Report 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 14 December 2022	284	19 December 2022	No Response
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill	228	27 September 2022	21 October 2022
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 15 June 2022	206	21 June 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee for 2021/22	172	26 May 2022	n/a
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 18 May 2022	179	20 May 2022	No Response

4.3.16. Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, excluding matters relating to local government, housing and planning. (As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 15 June 2021)

Convener

- Collette Stevenson (SNP) (from 27 April 2023)
- Natalie Don (SNP) (10 November 2022 – 11 April 2023)
- Elena Whitham (SNP) (until 3 Nov 2022)

Deputy Convener

- Gordon MacDonald (SNP) (from 27 April 2023)
- Emma Roddick (SNP) (10 November 2022 – 31 March 2023)

- Natalie Don (SNP) (until 10 November 2022)

Membership: The committee has 8 members

Committee meetings

There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	28
Joint meetings with other Committees	2
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	1
Hybrid meetings	17

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour	Con	31 (33)
Miles Briggs	Con	31 (33)
Foysol Choudhury (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	23 (33)
Katy Clark (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	2 (3)
Natalie Don (until 11 April 2023)	SNP	30 (30)
James Dornan (from 9 November 2022)	SNP	13 (20)
Pam Duncan-Glancy (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	28 (30)
Gordon MacDonald (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (3)
Marie McNair (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (3)
Paul McLennan (until 11 April 2023)	SNP	28 (3)
Paul O'Kane (from 25 April 2023)	Lab	3 (3)
Emma Roddick (until 31 March 2023)	SNP	27 (30)
Collette Stevenson (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	3 (3)
Elena Whitham (until 3 November 2022)	SNP	12 (12)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Stephanie Callaghan (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	0
Mark Griffin	Lab	0
Rachael Hamilton (until 25 May 2022)	Con	0
Evelyn Tweed (until 18 April 2023)	SNP	3
Tess White (from 25 May 2022)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Claire Menzies

Advisers: None

Visits

- 4 visits, as part of the inquiry into child poverty and parental employment, to meet

parents and teachers in Rutherglen, North Ayrshire, Benbecula and Uist.

Events

- Informal round table discussion with kinship carers

Witnesses

The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	16
Scottish Government officials	32
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	31
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	77
Representative of further or higher education institutions	0
Other categories of witnesses	7

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Child Poverty and Parental Employment; Low Income and Debt Problems
Consultations	2	Child Poverty and Parental Employment; Low Income and Debt Problems
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill; Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill; National Care Service (Scotland) Bill
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	14	6 draft affirmatives; 1 laid only; 7 negatives: SSI 2022/161; SSI 2022/162; SSI 2022/167; SSI 2022/271; SSI 2022/302; SSI 2023/38; SSI 2023/113
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	1	1 November 2022: S6M-06374

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill	359	28 April 2023	5 May 2023
3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 23 February 2023	334	14 March 2023	No Response
2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 23 February 2023	333	14 March 2023	No Response
1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill	329	6 March 2023	No Response
13th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 15 December 2022	286	22 December 2022	No Response
12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 3 November 2022	256	11 November 2022	No Response
11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 27 October 2022	255	9 November 2022	No Response
10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Pre-Budget 2023-24	252	8 November 2022	10 January 2023
9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Kinship Carers	221	22 September 2022	23 November 2022
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Robbing Peter to pay Paul: Low income and the debt trap	211	2 July 2022	21 September 2022
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 9 June 2022	200	14 June 2022	No Response
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee for 2021-22	192	31 May 2022	n/a

4.3.17. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Established: 15 June 2021

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

- (a) the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business;
- (b) whether a member's conduct is in accordance with these Rules and any Code of Conduct for members, matters relating to members interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their Parliamentary duties;
- (c) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members;
- (d) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland;
- (e) matters relating to the regulation of lobbying; and

(f) matters relating to local government elections, Scottish general elections, implementation of the Referendums (Scotland Act) 2020 and Freedom of Information and open government falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

Convener: Martin Whitfield (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Bob Doris (SNP)

Membership: The committee has 5 members

Committee meetings

There were 22 meetings in the parliamentary year

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	22
Meetings held wholly in private	9
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0
Meetings held remotely by video conference	0
Hybrid meetings	0

Committee members

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bob Doris	SNP	22 (22)
Emma Harper (from 18 April 2023)	SNP	4 (4)
Edward Mountain	Con	20 (22)
Collette Stevenson (until 18 April 2023)	SNP	15 (18)
Alexander Stewart (from 25 May 2022)	Con	15 (18)
Tess White (until 25 May 2022)	Con	2 (2)
Martin Whitfield	Lab	21 (22)

Substitute members

Substitute members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Rhoda Grant (until 25 April 2023)	Lab	0
Rona Mackay	Lab	0
Stephen Kerr (from 22 June 2022)	SNP	2
Colin Smyth (from 25 April 2023)	Con	3
Sue Webber (until 22 June 2022)	Con	0
Rhoda Grant	Lab	2

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	0
Scottish Government officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies and local authorities	3
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	5
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representative of further or higher education institutions	2
Other categories of witnesses	2

Business transacted

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Future parliamentary procedures and practices
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Post-legislative scrutiny - Acts considered	1	Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI consent notifications considered	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	1	1 negative: SSI 2023/81
Petitions considered	1	PE1949
Divisions held	0	
Convener's Exercise of a Casting Vote	0	
Plenary debates	2	22 September 2022: S6M-05983; 6 December 2022: S6M-07078

Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Complaint against Maggie Chapman MSP	366	11 May 2023	No Response
9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Standing Order Rule changes - minor amendments	352	20 April 2023	
8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Complaint against Jackson Carlaw MSP	289	22 December 2022	No Response
7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report on a Proxy Voting pilot	270	29 November 2022	
6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on inquiry into Future Parliamentary procedures and practices	213	6 July 2022	
5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Annual report 2021-22	195	1 June 2022	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	7
Draft proposals lodged with a consultation attached	7
Draft proposals lodged with a statement of reasons	0
Draft proposals fell	0
Draft proposals withdrawn	1
Final proposals lodged after no consultation	0
Final proposals lodged after consultation	6
Final proposals fell	0
Final proposals fell because the Scottish Government gave indication under Rule 9.14.13(a) that they will legislate in this area	1
Final proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals that secured the right to introduce a Bill	5

Bills Introduced

Type of Bill	Number
Government Bills	12
Emergency Bills	1
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	13

Bills fell

Type of Bill	Number
Government Bills	0
Emergency Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

Bills withdrawn

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	0
Emergency Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

Bills passed

Type of bill	Number
Government Bills	10
Emergency Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	10

Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Royal Assent	Number
Received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	9
Average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	203

Bills subject to statutory challenge

When a Bill is passed, it is subject to a four week period where the Bill may be the subject of a legal challenge by the the Law Officers under sections 32A or 33 of the Scotland Act 1998. If challenged, the Bill is referred to the Supreme Court. If the four weeks pass with no legal challenge to the Bill, it may be submitted for Royal Assent. The Secretary of State for Scotland has a separate power to challenge the Bill, under a Section 35 Order, during the four week period after the Bill is passed. If a challenge by the Law Officers is successful in the Supreme Court, or the Secretary of State makes an order, the Parliament may reconsider the Bill at Reconsideration Stage.

	Number
Challenge under section 32A of the Scotland Act 1998	0
Challenge under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998	0
Section 35 Order of the Scotland Act 1998	1

Reconsideration Stage

Following the conclusion of the statutory challenge, on 24 May 2022, Deputy First Minister John Swinney MSP announced that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill would return to the Parliament for reconsideration. However, the Bills had not been reintroduced by the end of the parliamentary year so are not included in this table.

Reintroduced at Reconsideration Stage	Number
Government Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

5.1.2. Progress of Public Bills during the second parliamentary year of Session 6

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 13 May 2022-12 May 2023, are listed in the previous year/s volume or subsequent volume/s.

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

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

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	
Reintroduced at Reconsideration Stage	
Reconsideration debate	
Reconsideration committee discussions	

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

SP Bill number	80
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	41
Date introduced	1 Sep 20
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	
Reintroduced at Reconsideration Stage	
Reconsideration debate	
Reconsideration committee discussions	

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	4
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	7
Date introduced	7 Oct 21
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	DLPR 24 May 22
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 189
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	14 Jun 22 15 Jun 22
Date passed	15 Jun 22
Length of Bill as passed	18
Length of passage in calendar days	292
Date of Royal Assent	26 Jun 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 5)

Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	5
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	2
Date introduced	27 Oct 21
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	16 Jun 22
Date passed	16 Jun 22
Length of Bill as passed	3
Length of passage in calendar days	272
Date of Royal Assent	26 Jun 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 6)

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	8
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	14 Dec 21
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	LGHP 24 May 22
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	21 Jun 22
Date passed	21 Jun 22
Length of Bill as passed	3
Length of passage in calendar days	226
Date of Royal Assent	28 Jun 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 7)

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	9
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	54
Date introduced	25 Jan 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	CJC 8 Jun 22 CVDR 9 Jun 22
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 21 Jun 22
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 208
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	28 Jun 22
Date passed	28 Jun 22
Length of Bill as passed	69
Length of passage in calendar days	197
Date of Royal Assent	10 Aug 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 8)

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	10
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	34
Date introduced	1 Feb 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	CJC 25 May 22 CJC 1 Jun 22
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 14 Jun 22
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 203
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	23 Jun 22 29 Jun 22
Date passed	29 Jun 22
Length of Bill as passed	39
Length of passage in calendar days	190
Date of Royal Assent	10 Aug 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 9)

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill

SP Bill number	11
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	3
Date introduced	7 Feb 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 17 May 22
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	9 Jun 22
Date passed	9 Jun 22
Length of Bill as passed	3
Length of passage in calendar days	162
Date of Royal Assent	19 Jul 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 4)

Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	12
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	24
Date introduced	24 Feb 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	RAINE
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	RAINE 1 Jun 22; RAINE 8 Jun 22; RAINE 15 Jun 22; RAINE 22 Jun 22; RAINE 29 Jun 22; RAINE 7 Sep 22; RAINE 21 Sep 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 228
Stage 1 plenary debate	25 Oct 22
	RAINE 16 Nov 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	RAINE 23 Nov 22
	RAINE 30 Nov 22
Stage 2 committee discussions	RAINE 7 Dec 22
	RAINE 14 Dec 22
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	24 Jan 23
Date passed	24 Jan 23
Length of Bill as passed	28
Length of passage in calendar days	376
Date of Royal Assent	7 Mar 23
Act Number	2023 (asp 1)

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

On 16 January 2023 the UK Government intervened to block this legislation, under powers contained in s.35 of the Scotland Act 1998, on the grounds that they believed it would have a negative impact on UK law.

SP Bill number	13
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	23
Date introduced	02 Mar 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	EHRCJ 17 May 22; EHRCJ 24 May 22; EHRCJ 31 May 22; EHRCJ 7 Jun 22; EHRCJ 14 Jun 22; EHRCJ 21 Jun 22; EHRCJ 22 Jun 22; EHRCJ 28 Jun 22; EHRCJ 6 Sep 22; EHRCJ 20 Sep 22; EHRCJ 27 Sep 22; EHRCJ 4 Oct 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 176 SP 235
Stage 1 plenary debate	27 Oct 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	EHRCJ 15 Nov 22 EHRCJ 22 Nov 22
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	20 Dec 22 21 Dec 22
Date passed	22 Dec 22
Length of Bill as passed	33
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	
Statutory challenge - Section 35 Order of the Scotland Act 1998	16 January 2023

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

SP Bill number	14
Type of Bill	M
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	11
Date introduced	20 Apr 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 1 Feb 23; ECYP 8 Feb 23; ECYP 22 Feb 23; ECYP 1 Mar 23; ECYP 26 Apr 23; ECYP 10 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 8 Nov 22 DPLR 13 Dec 22
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 290
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	15
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	63
Date introduced	25 May 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	DPLR 21 Jun 22
Lead committee appointed	DPLR 8 Jun 22
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	DPLR 20 Sep 22; DPLR 27 Sep 22; DPLR 4 Oct 22; DPLR 25 Oct 22; DPLR 1 Nov 22; DPLR 8 Nov 22; DPLR 22 Nov 22; DPLR 29 Nov 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 242 SP 273
Stage 1 plenary debate	13 Dec 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	DPLR 7 Mar 23
Stage 2 committee discussions	DPLR 21 Mar 23
After stage 2 discussions	DPLR 25 Apr 23
Stage 2 report ref.	SP 356
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	4 May 23
Date passed	4 May 23
Length of Bill as passed	67
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	16
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	19
Date introduced	8 Jun 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	CJC 15 Jun 22
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	CJC 29 Jun 22; CJC 7 Sep 22; CJC 21 Sep 22; CJC 2 Nov 22; CJC 14 Dec 22; CJC 11 Jan 23; CJC 18 Jan 23; CJC 25 Jan 23; CJC 1 Feb 23; CJC 8 Feb 23; CJC 22 Feb 23; CJC 1 March 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 15 Nov 22 DPLR 20 Dec 22
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 291 (DPLR) SP327 (CJC)
Stage 1 plenary debate	16 Mar 23
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	10 May 23
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

National Care Service (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)	33
Date introduced	20 Jun 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	HSCS 28 Jun 22
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HSCS 28 Jun 22; HSCS 6 Sep 22; HSCS 4 Oct 22; HSCS 25 Oct 22; HSCS 1 Nov 22; HSCS 8 Nov 22; HSCS 15 Nov 22; HSCS 22 Nov 22; HSCS 29 Nov 22; HSCS 5 Dec 22; HSCS 13 Dec 22; HSCS 20 Dec 22; HSCS 28 Feb 23; HSCS 7 Mar 23; HSCS 9 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	CJC 21 Sep 22; CJC 9 Nov 22; CJC 23 Nov 22; CJC 21 Dec 22; CJC 25 Jan 23; CJC 8 Feb 23; LGHP 4 Oct 22; LGHP 8 Nov 22; LGHP 15 Nov 22; LGHP 22 Nov 22; LGHP 29 Nov 22; LGHP 13 Dec 22; FPA 25 Oct 22; FPA 1 Nov 22; FPA 8 Nov 22; FPA 15 Nov 22; FPA 29 Nov 22; DPLR 1 Nov 22; DPLR 29 Nov 22; DPLR 10 Jan 23; DPLR 24 Jan 23; DPLR 31 Jan 23; ECYP 9 Nov 22; ECYP 16 Nov 22; ECYP 23 Nov 22; ECYP 7 Dec 22; ECYP 14 Dec 22; SJSS 10 Nov 22; SJSS 17 Nov 22;
	SP 272
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 274 SP 313
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	18
Type of Bill	Emergency (G)
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	36
Date introduced	3 Oct 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee in Chamber	4 Oct 22
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	4 Oct 22
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	5 Oct 22 (Whole Parliament)
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	6 Oct 22
Date passed	6 Oct 22
Length of Bill as passed	37
Length of passage in calendar days	21
Date of Royal Assent	27 Oct 22
Act Number	2022 (asp 10)

Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

SP Bill number	19
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	18
Date introduced	6 Oct 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	HSCS 25 Oct 22
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	HSCS 25 Oct 22; HSCS 31 Jan 23; HSCS 7 Feb 23; HSCS 21 Feb 23; HSCS 14 Mar 23; HSCS 25 Apr 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 15 Nov 22
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 267
	SP 357
Stage 1 plenary debate	10 May 23
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	20
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	28
Date introduced	15 Nov 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	SJSS 2 Feb 23
	SJSS 9 Feb 23
Lead committee appointed	SJSS 22 Nov 22
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	SJSS 02 Mar 23; SJSS 09 Mar 23; SJSS 16 Mar 23; SJSS 20 Mar 23; SJSS 27 Apr 23; SJSS 11 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 24 Jan 23
	DPLR 7 Feb 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 319
	SP 357
Stage 1 plenary debate	11 May 23
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	21
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	51
Date introduced	22 Nov 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	DPLR 30 Nov 22
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	DPLR 20 Dec 22 ; DPLR 17 Jan 23; DPLR 28 Mar 23; DPLR 2 May 23; DPLR 9 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 299
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	22
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	34
Date introduced	13 Dec 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	ECYP 26 Jan 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	ECYP 22 Mar 23; ECYP 29 Mar 23; ECYP 26 Apr 23; ECYP 3 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 21 Feb 23; DPLR 14 Mar 23; CJC 29 Mar 23; CJC 19 Apr 23; CJC 3 May 23; FPA 9 May 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 341 SP 363
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

SP Bill number	23
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	12
Date introduced	22 Dec 22
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 24 Jan 23
Stage 1 report ref.	SP 305
	SP 304
Stage 1 plenary debate	2 Feb 23
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	7 Feb 23
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	21 Feb 23
Date passed	21 Feb 23
Length of Bill as passed	12
Length of passage in calendar days	95
Date of Royal Assent	27 Mar 23
Act Number	2023 (asp 2)

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	24
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	26
Date introduced	21 Mar 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	29 Mar 23
Lead committee appointed	28 Mar 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	DPLR 2 May 23
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	25
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	113
Date introduced	20 Apr 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	3 May 23
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	26
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	60
Date introduced	25 Apr 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	CJC 3 May 23
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

SP Bill number	27
Type of Bill	G
Length of Bill (no. of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets)	9
Date introduced	27 April 23
Preliminary discussions in committee	
Lead committee appointed	
Stage 1 discussions in lead committee	
Stage 1 discussions in other committees	SJSS 11 May 23
Stage 1 report ref.	
Stage 1 plenary debate	
Preliminary discussions in committee prior to Stage 2	
Stage 2 committee discussions	
After stage 2 discussions	
Stage 2 report ref.	
Discussions in committee prior to Stage 3	
Stage 3 plenary debate/s	
Date passed / fell / withdrawn	
Length of Bill as passed	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	
Length of passage in calendar days	
Date of Royal Assent	
Act Number	

5.1.3. Progress of Private Bills during the second parliamentary year of Session 6

There were no Private Bills during this parliamentary year.

5.2. Subordinate Legislation

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

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

0 draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn by the Scottish Government during this period

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

- Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
- Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2022/Draft)
- Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)

Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, 13 May 2022 to November 2022

Subordinate Legislation Type	From 13 May 2022	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Draft Affirmative Instruments	2	5	0	0	5	4	4
Negative Instruments	14	13	0	3	10	3	9
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	0	3	1	1	7	3	4
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Instruments	16	22	2	4	23	10	18

Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament, December 2022 to 12 May 2023

Subordinate Legislation Type	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 12 May 2023	Total
Super Affirmative	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Made Affirmative	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Draft Affirmative Instruments	4	12	6	5	1	3	51
Negative Instruments	12	7	20	15	4	3	113
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	2	4	2	12	1	1	41
Instruments / Documents subject to approval	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Instruments / Documents subject to consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Instruments	19	23	29	32	6	7	211

5.3. Secondary Legislation Stemming from the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, where the Scottish Government intends to consent to the UK Government laying statutory instruments that include proposals relating to devolved competencies, it will notify the Scottish Parliament to enable the Parliament to scrutinise its intention to consent to such statutory instruments. The approval process is set out in the '*protocol on obtaining the approval of the Scottish Parliament to the exercise of powers by UK Ministers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in relation to proposals within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament*', which is designed to aid parliamentary scrutiny

The Scottish Parliament is informed of the Scottish Government's intention to seek approval by what are known as '*consent notifications*'. These notifications are then considered by the relevant subject committee (see Chapter 4 Committees for a break down by committee).

A second SI Protocol was agreed between the Scottish Government and the Parliament. It replaced the SI protocol agreed in 2018 and applies to all SI notifications which the Scottish Government has sent to the Parliament from 1 January 2021

The aim of the revised protocol is to enable committees to scrutinise proposals for UK SIs on all devolved matters formerly governed by EU law.

Number of consent notifications received

	Number received
From 13 May 2022	3
Jun 2022	2
Jul 2022	0
Aug 2022	1
Sep 2022	5
Oct 2022	3
Nov 2022	2
Dec 2022	0
Jan 2023	3
Feb 2023	0
Mar 2023	2
Apr 2023	0
To 12 May 2023	1
Total	22

6. Other Parliamentary Business

6.1 Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament

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

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

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

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

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

1 Cross-Party Group was re-established in the second parliamentary year of Session 6.

0 Cross-Party Groups ended during the second parliamentary year of Session 6.

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups active during the second parliamentary year of Session 6, **119** in total.

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness		
Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse		
Animal Welfare		
Armed Forces and Veterans Community		
Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions		
Autism		
Aviation		
Bangladesh		
Beer and Pubs		
Building Bridges with Israel		
Cancer		
Care Leavers		
Carers		
Challenging Racial and Religious Prejudice		
Changing Places Toilets		
Children and Young People		
China		
Chronic Pain		
Circular Economy		
Colleges and Universities		
Commercial Sexual Exploitation		
Construction		
Co-Operatives		
Creative Economy		
Credit Unions		
Crofting		
Cuba		
Culture and Communities		
Deafness		
Diabetes		
Disability		
Drug and Alcohol Misuse		
Dyslexia		
End of Life Choices		
Epilepsy		
Europe		
Fair Trade		
Families Supporting Children's Learning	08/09/22	
Food		
Freedom of Religion or Belief		
Funerals and Bereavement		
Future of Football in Scotland		
Gàidhlig		
Gardening and Horticulture		
Germany		
Health Inequalities		
Heart and Circulatory Diseases		
Housing		

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Human Trafficking		
Ice Sports	20/09/22	
Improving Scotland's Health		
Independent Convenience Stores		
India		
Industrial Communities		
Inflammatory Bowel Disease		
International Development		
Ireland		
Islands		
Japan		
Learning Disability		
LGBTI+		
Life Sciences		
Long Covid		
Lung Health		
Malawi		
Maritime and Shipbuilding		
Medicinal Cannabis		
Men's Violence Against Women and Children		
Mental Health		
Migration		
MS		
Muscular Dystrophy		
Music		
Nature and Climate	08/09/22	
Nordic Countries		
Nuclear Disarmament		
Oil and Gas		
Older People, Age and Ageing		
Outdoor Education		
Pakistan		
Palestine		
Palliative Care		
Poland		
Poverty		
Prevention and Healing of Adverse Childhood Experiences		
Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions		
Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism		
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency		
Rugby Development in Scotland		
Rural Policy		
Science And Technology		
Scotch Whisky		
Scots Language	6/10/22	
Scottish Gypsy/Traveller Community		
Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries		
Scottish Showmen's Guild		

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End Date
Shared Parenting		
Skills		
Social Enterprise		
Social Work		
Space	30/11/22	
Sport		
St Andrew's Day		
Stroke		
Sustainable Transport		
Sustainable Uplands Management		
Taiwan		
Tibet		
Tourism		
Towns and Town Centres		
USA		
Visual Impairment		
Volunteering		
WASPI		
Wellbeing Economy		
Women in Enterprise		
Women, Families and Justice		
Women's Health		
Wood Panel Industry		

6.2. Documents laid other than Statutory Instruments

Chapter 14 of the Parliament's Standing Orders provides rules as to the laying of documents before the Parliament. Many types of documents, such as financial reports or annual reports of public bodies, are required by legislation or otherwise to be so laid.

363 documents were laid before Parliament during the second parliamentary year of Session 6.

From 12 May 2022	Jun 22	Jul 22	Aug 22	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22
18	24	29	16	18	38	33
Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	To 11 May 2023	
90	21	11	47	12	6	

6.3. Rule Changes to Standing Orders

Annexe

- Temporary Rule 5 Inserted, Motion S6M-07078, 06.12.22, 7th Report 2022 (S6)

Chapter 3

- 3.11.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 3.11.2 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 3.11A.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 3.11A.2 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)

Chapter 4

- 4.3.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 4.6.1 -Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 4.8.1 -Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)

Chapter 8

- 8.9.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)

Chapter 9

- 9.11.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 9A.13.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 9C.15.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)

Chapter 10

- 10.5.1 - Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)
- 10.5.4 -Amended, 4.5.23, 9th Report 2023 (S6)

6.4 Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Trustees

The Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme provides benefits for Members of the Scottish Parliament and officeholders (including the Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General for Scotland). It also provides benefits for surviving partners and children.

The scheme rules are listed in the [Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009](#)

A board of trustees is responsible for managing and administering the fund in accordance with the scheme rules. The rules state:

- There are to be at least 3 but no more than 6 Fund trustees;
- The Scottish Parliament may resolve to appoint as a Fund trustee any individual nominated by the SPCB as suitable to hold that office;

- The SPCB must, when deciding who to nominate—
 - (a) do its best to ensure that the Fund trustees include a participating member and a scheme pensioner, and
 - (b) have regard to any recommendation by the incumbent Fund trustees.

Chair

- Pauline McNeil (Lab)

Trustees

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

6.5 Commission for Public Audit

The Scottish Commission for Public Audit (SCPA) is made up of 5 Members of the Scottish Parliament. The SCPA is not a parliament committee.

The Commission is responsible for:

- looking at Audit Scotland's proposals for the use of resources and spend, then reporting on them to the Parliament
- appointing a qualified person to audit the accounts of Audit Scotland
- presenting and publishing a copy of Audit Scotland's accounts and the auditor's report on them
- appointing 3 of the 5 members of Audit Scotland under terms and conditions agreed by the SCPA
- appointing 1 of these 3 members to be the chair of Audit Scotland

It was set up under the [Public Finance and Accountability \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(Section 12\)](#).

Chair

- Colin Beattie (SNP)

Deputy Chair

- Sharon Dowey (Con)

Members

- Daniel Johnson (Lab)

- Richard Leonard (Lab)
- Mark Ruskell (Green)

6.6. Membership of Other Bodies

British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly

The British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA), formerly known as the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body, was established in 1990 by Members of Parliament at Westminster and in Dublin. In February 2001 it was enlarged to include representatives of the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the High Court of Tynwald and the States of Guernsey and Jersey.

The Body consists of twenty-five Members each from Westminster and Dublin, five each from the Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly, and one each from the High Court of Tynwald and States of Guernsey and Jersey. There are also twenty Associate Members from Westminster and Dublin, four each from the Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales and Northern Ireland Assembly, and one each from the Tynwald and each of the Channel Island States. These may replace Full Members either at Plenary Sessions or at Committee meetings.

Scottish Parliament Members of the Body

Full Members:

- Annabelle Ewing (SNP)
- Emma Harper (SNP)
- Ross Greer (Green)
- Pauline McNeill (Lab)
- Tess White (Con)

Associate Members:

- James Dornan (SNP)
- Jamie Halcro-Johnston (Con)
- Paul O’Kane (Lab)
- Elena Whitham (SNP) (until 3 November 2022)

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:

- Alison Johnstone (NPA)

Elected Members:

- Jeremy Balfour (Con)
- Sarah Boyack (Lab)
- Stuart McMillan (SNP)

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

- Vacant

7. Staff

7.1. MSP Staff

Number of MSP staff (as at 31 March 2023)

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

	Total	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
SNP	329	137	192	42	58
Con	163	97	66	60	40
Lab	111	39	72	35	65
LD	25	14	11	56	44
Green	50	23	27	46	54
MSP Staff	678	310	368	45	54

Percentages rounded to nearest whole number

7.2. Parliamentary Staff in Post by Group (as at 31 March 2023)

Parliamentary Staff (Headcount)

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.

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
Business Assurance					
Procurement Services	10	4	6	40%	60%
Solicitors Office	26	4	22	15.4%	84.6%
Chief Executive's Group					
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
International Relations (IRO)	4	2	2	50%	50%
Presiding Officer's Office	4	1	3	25%	75%
Deputy Chief Executive Group					
Deputy Chief Executive Office (Includes Deputy Clerk/Chief Executive)	4	2	2	50%	50%
Digital Services Group					
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	57	34	23	59.6%	40.4%
Information Management and Governance	5	2	3	40%	60%
Engagement and Communications Group					
Events and Exhibitions (includes Group Head)	10	4	6	40%	60%
Lobbying Registrar	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
Outreach Services	14	2	12	14.3%	85.7%
Participation and Communities Team	9	2	7	22.2%	77.8%
Public Information and Publications	7	3	4	42.9%	57.1%
Visitor Services	21	11	10	52.4%	47.6%
Parliament Communications	22	12	10	54.5%	45.5%
Financial Resources Group					
Finance (includes Group Head)	11	4	7	36.4%	63.6%
Allowances	15	0	15	0%	100%
Pay and Pensions Office	8	1	7	12.5%	87.5%
Legislation and Parliamentary Business Group					
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	38	13	25	34.2%	65.8%
Official Report	36	14	22	38.9%	61.1%
Broadcasting	20	17	3	85%	15%
Resilience and Sustainability Group					
Security (Includes Group Head)	80	45	35	56.3%	43.8%
Sustainability Team	2	0	2	0%	100%
Resilience Team	5	3	2	60%	40%
Facilities Management	29	14	15	48.3%	51.7%
People and Culture Group					
People Services and Diversity & Inclusion (inc Group Head)	17	2	15	11.8%	88.2%
Organisational Development and Colleague Experience	7	4	3	57.1%	42.9%
Scrutiny Group					
Committee Office	67	27	40	40.3%	59.7%
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	53	22	31	41.5%	58.5%
Centrally Managed Budget					
	3	0	3	0%	100%
Total Parliament Staff in Post					
	584	249	335	42.6%	57.4%

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
Total Parliament Staff (All - Inc Centrally Managed Budget)	596	253	344	42.4%	57.6%

Parliament Staff (Full Time Equivalent)

These figures are based on full time equivalent (37-hour measure). The figures do not include inward secondees or agency staff.

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
Business Assurance					
Procurement Services	9.9	4	5.9	40.3%	59.7%
Solicitors Office	23.7	3.8	19.9	16.1%	83.9%
Chief Executive's Group					
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	3.6	1.6	2	44.4%	55.6%
International Relations (IRO)	3.6	1.6	2	44.4%	55.6%
Presiding Officer's Office	3.6	1.6	2	44.4%	55.6%
Deputy Chief Executive Group					
Deputy Chief Executive Office (Includes Deputy Clerk/Chief Executive)	3.6	1.6	2	44.4%	55.6%
Digital Services Group					
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	9.5	4	5.5	42.1%	57.9%
Information Management and Governance	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
Engagement and Communications Group					
Events and Exhibitions (includes Group Head)	6.3	2.3	4	36.5%	63.5%
Lobbying Registrar	18.3	10.8	7.5	59%	41%
Outreach Services	20.8	11.8	9	56.7%	43.3%
Participation and Communities Team	8.7	2	6.7	23.1%	76.9%
Public Information and Publications	9.5	4	5.5	42.1%	57.9%
Visitor Services	6	2	4	33.3%	66.7%
Parliament Communications	8.5	1	7.5	11.8%	88.2%
Financial Resources Group					
Finance (includes Group Head)	10.4	3.9	6.5	37.3%	62.7%
Allowances	14.4	0	14.4	0%	100%
Pay and Pensions Office	7	1	6	14.2%	85.8%
Legislation and Parliamentary Business Group					
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	35.6	12.8	22.8	35.9%	64.1%
Official Report	28.8	13.6	15.2	47.2%	52.8%
Broadcasting	15.5	12.8	2.7	82.6%	17.4%
Resilience and Sustainability Group					
Security (Includes Group Head)	76.3	44	32.3	57.7%	42.3%
Sustainability Team	1.5	0	1.5	0%	100%
Resilience Team	4.7	3	1.7	64.3%	35.7%
Facilities Management	26.4	13.2	13.2	50.1%	49.9%
People and Culture Group					
People Services and Diversity & Inclusion (inc Group Head)	16.4	2	14.4	12.2%	87.8%
Organisational Development and Colleague Experience	6	3.4	2.6	56.1%	43.9%
Scrutiny Group					
Committee Office	64.6	26.5	38.1	41%	59%
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	50	21.6	28.4	43.2%	56.8%
Centrally Managed Budget					
	2.4	0	2.4	0%	100%
Total Parliament Staff in Post					
	536.6	237.2	299.4	44.2%	55.8%
Total Parliament Staff (All - Inc Centrally Managed Budget)					

Group/Office	Total staff	M	F	% M	% F
	548.1	237.2	301	43.3%	54.9%

8. Outreach and External Engagement

8.1. Visitors

Visitors and Tours

	Visitor Numbers	Tour Numbers
May 22	12453	892
Jun 22	16086	1289
Jul 22	13943	1639
Aug 22	24412	1607
Sep 22	8506	967
Oct 22	14065	1622
Nov 22	12595	1780
Dec 22	7279	942
Jan 23	7359	1074
Feb 23	8182	690
Mar 23	15037	1228
Apr 23	18686	2119
Total	158603	15849

8.2. Public Enquiries

Public Enquiries

The figures for 'Public Enquiries' include enquiries by phone, email, letter, text message and in person.

	Public Enquiries	Switchboard Calls
May 22	501	1,047
Jun 22	655	918
Jul 22	364	474
Aug 22	474	586
Sep 22	473	726
Oct 22	408	621
Nov 22	515	702
Dec 22	329	564
Jan 23	463	678
Feb 23	599	678
Mar 23	689	569
Apr 23	436	521
Totals	5,906	8,084

8.3. Educational Visits and Outreach

School engagement through the Education Service, by academic year 2022/23

The pupil numbers are based on an average of 30 pupils for primary and secondary visits

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils
Sep 22	23	690	10	300
Oct 22	21	630	2	60
Nov 22	29	870	19	570
Dec 22	17	510	11	330
Jan 23	15	450	5	150
Feb 23	22	660	18	540
Mar 23	30	900	17	510
Apr 23	14	420	6	180
May 23	62	1860	15	450
Jun 23	47	1410	13	390
Totals	280	8400	116	3480

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

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

	FE/ HE Institutions	FE/ HE Students
Sep 22	1	20
Oct 22	0	0
Nov 22	3	60
Dec 22	1	20
Jan 23	2	40
Feb 23	1	20
Mar 23	3	60
Apr 23	0	0
May 23	3	60
Jun 23	0	0
Totals	14	280

Number of groups and visitors engaging with the Education Service

	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 22	34	1010
Oct 22	23	690
Nov 22	51	1500
Dec 22	29	860
Jan 23	22	660
Feb 23	41	1220
Mar 23	50	1470
Apr 23	20	600
May 23	80	2370
Jun 23	60	1800
Totals	410	12160

Number of sessions delivered to groups across visits to the Parliament, visits to schools and digital sessions

In previous Scottish Parliament Statistics volumes 'visits to schools' expressed the number of schools visited, not the total number of sessions held in schools. In this volume 'visits to schools' reflects the total number of sessions held in schools. Multiple sessions may have been held at one or more schools.

	Visits to Holyrood	Visits to schools	Digital sessions
Sep 22	13	12	9
Oct 22	6	5	12
Nov 22	31	11	9
Dec 22	20	6	3
Jan 23	16	2	4
Feb 23	17	4	20
Mar 23	29	16	5
Apr 23	10	9	1
May 23	36	31	13
Jun 23	24	29	7
Totals	202	125	83

8.4. Freedom of Information Statistics

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

FOI Requests

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

FOI Reviews

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

FOI Appeals

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

Freedom of Information Requests, Reviews and Appeals

	FOI requests	FOI reviews	FOI appeals
From 13 May 2022	19	3	0
Jun 2022	22	0	0
Jul 2022	22	2	0
Aug 2022	26	0	0
Sept 2022	20	0	0
Oct 2022	16	0	0
Nov 2022	41	0	0
Dec 2022	31	1	0
Jan 2023	33	0	0
Feb 2023	35	0	0
Mar 2023	25	1	0
Apr 2023	26	0	0
To 12 May 2023	14	0	0
Totals	330	7	0

8.4.1 Environmental Information Requests

[The Environmental Information \(Scotland\) Regulations 2004](#) (the EIRs) provide public access to environmental information held by public authorities. The Regulations apply only to the environmental information held by public authorities. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOI(S)A) gives people access to most other types of information held by public authorities.

EIRs can be used to request information on:

- environmental information and statistics
- environmental policies and best practice
- carbon footprint information
- information about our grounds and environment at Holyrood

Environmental Information Requests

Prior to 2022 EIR requests were included in the count of FOI requests and were not separated out.

	Number of EIR Requests
From 13 May 22	0
Jun 22	0
Jul 22	0
Aug 22	1
Sept 22	0
Oct 22	0
Nov 22	2
Dec 22	0
Jan 23	0
Feb 23	6
Mar 23	3
Apr 23	1
To 12 May 23	0
Totals	13

8.5. Official Inward Visits and Outward Delegations

Official visits and delegations supported by the International Relations Office

Delegations are visits undertaken by MSPs, supported by the International Relations Office.

	Official visits to the Parliament	Delegations to other Parliaments, Assemblies, Bodies
From 13 May 22	8	0
June 22	9	1
July 22	3	0
August 22	0	1
September 22	5	0
October 22	8	4
November 22	8	0
December 22	2	0
January 23	11	0
February 23	6	0
March 23	11	2
April 23	4	3
To 12 May 23	5	1
Total	80	12

8.6. Official Gifts

38 gifts were presented to the Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officers during the

parliamentary year 2022- 2023.

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