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Your MSPs – Lothian

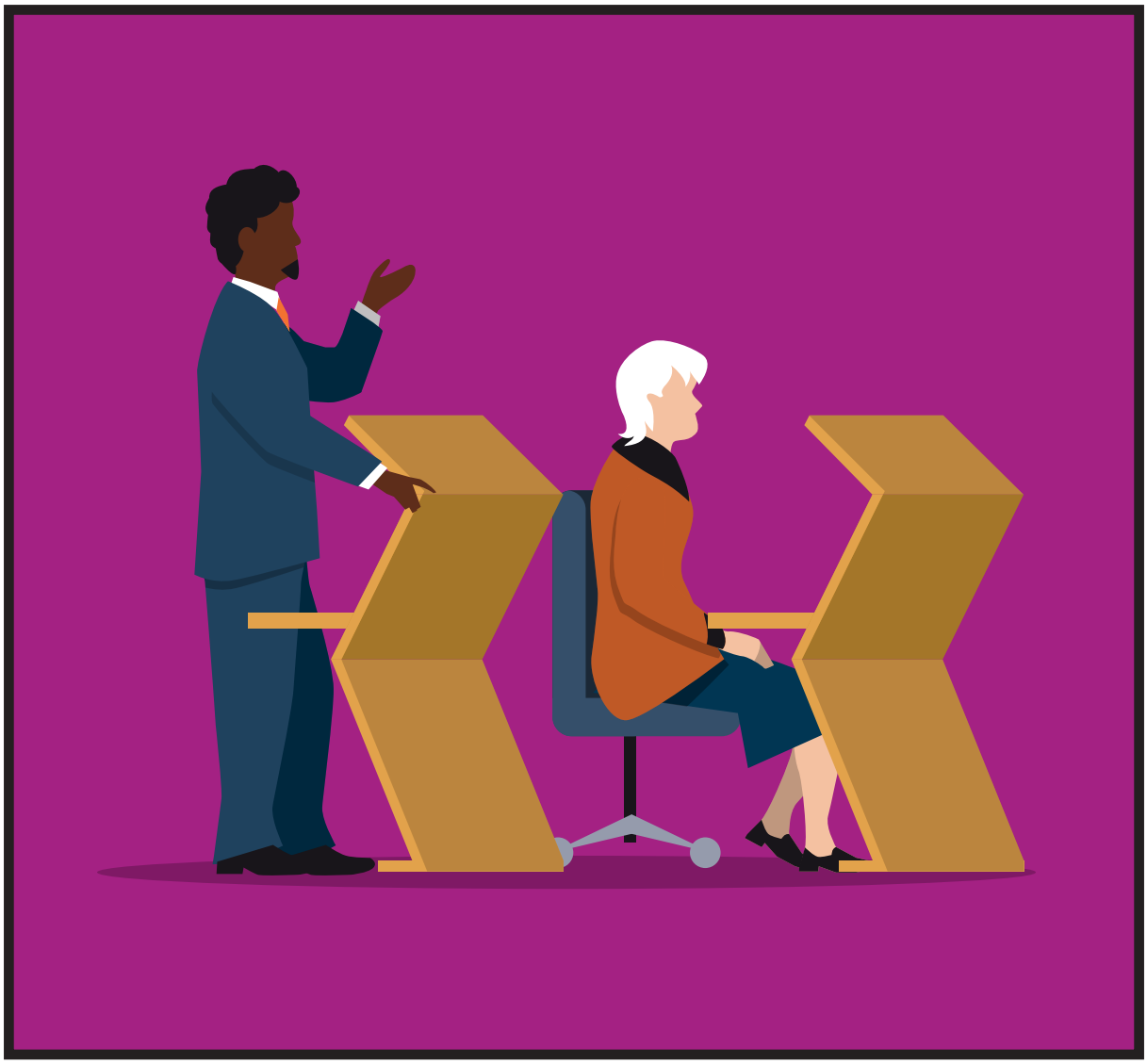

Illustration of MSPs in the Chamber

Your MSPs

The Scottish Parliament is made up of 129 Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs), who are elected by the people of Scotland to represent them.

MSPs work on your behalf and make decisions on a wide range of issues, including education, the environment, health, housing, civil and criminal justice, and transport.

You can contact your MSPs even if you didn’t vote for them.

If you ask for their help, you may expect an MSP to take on your case or to explain to you why they will not take it on. However, it is for the MSP to decide how to respond to a request or enquiry.

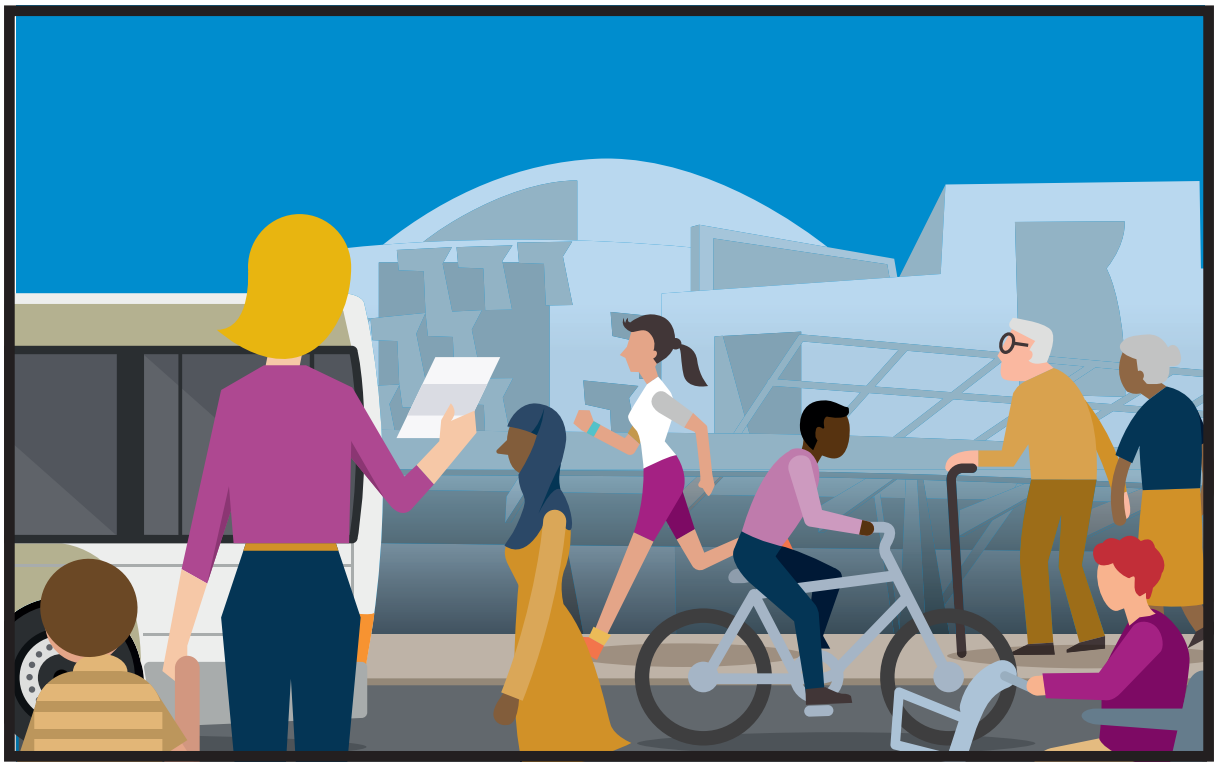

Illustration of people outside the Scottish Parliament building

Who can I contact?

If you live in Scotland, you are represented by eight MSPs – one for your constituency and seven for the larger parliamentary region that includes your constituency.

Constituency and regional MSPs have the same powers to represent you, and you are free to contact any of your eight MSPs. For example, you may choose to contact an MSP because they belong to a particular party or because you know that they have an interest in the topic you want to discuss.

Use the postcode search on our website at **parliament.scot/msps** or contact Public Information to find out who your MSPs are and how to contact them.

Illustration of MSPs and the postcode search on an iPad

What do my MSPs do?

- Mondays and Fridays: MSPs normally work in their local area.
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: MSPs are usually in the Parliament as debates and committee meetings normally take place on these days.

MSPs may also hold surgeries, speak at meetings or attend events in the evenings and at weekends.

Some MSPs are Cabinet Secretaries or Ministers in the Scottish Government, with responsibility for a particular area of policy such as health or justice. If one of your local MSPs is a Cabinet Secretary or Minister, you can still contact them for help or advice on any matter that is dealt with by the Scottish Parliament.

How can I find out more about my MSPs?

- Each MSP has a section on our website. This includes biographical information and recent voting records.
- What MSPs say in the Chamber and committee meetings is published in the Official Report, which is available on our website. You can also watch videos of meetings on **www.scottishparliament.tv** and on YouTube.
- MSPs often produce newsletters about their work in the Parliament. Contact the MSPs' offices for details.
- Many MSPs have their own websites and social media accounts with information about what they have been doing and surgery details.
- Visit the Scottish Parliament to see your MSPs in action. Call Visitor Services on 0800 092 7600 / 0131 348 5200 or email **visit@parliament.scot** to book tickets.

You can email any of your eight MSPs using the standard format:
firstname.surname.msp@parliament.scot

Lothian constituency MSPs

(shown alphabetically by constituency)

Almond Valley

Angela Constance MSP

Scottish National Party

Edinburgh Central

Ruth Davidson MSP

Conservative

Edinburgh Eastern

Ash Denham MSP

Scottish National Party

Edinburgh Northern and Leith

Ben Macpherson MSP

Scottish National Party

Edinburgh Pentlands

Gordon MacDonald MSP

Scottish National Party

Edinburgh Southern

Daniel Johnson MSP

Labour

Edinburgh Western

Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

Liberal Democrat

Linlithgow

Fiona Hyslop MSP

Scottish National Party

Midlothian North and Musselburgh

Colin Beattie MSP

Scottish National Party

Lothian regional MSPs

(shown in the order of election from the regional list)

Miles Briggs MSP

Conservative

Alison Johnstone MSP

Green

Neil Findlay MSP

Labour

Gordon Lindhurst MSP

Conservative

Sarah Boyack MSP

Labour

Jeremy Balfour MSP

Conservative

Andy Wightman MSP

Green

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