



The Scottish Parliament
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Scottish Parliament Statistics 2016-2017

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The statistics in this volume generally cover the first Parliamentary year of Session 5, 12 May 2016 – 11 May 2017. Where appropriate, they also cover the period from the Scottish Parliament election on 5 May 2016.

Abbreviations

AGS	Auditor General for Scotland
asp	Act of Scottish Parliament
BB	Budget Bill
BIPA	British Irish Parliamentary Assembly
BIT	Business Information Technology Office
CALRE	Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies
CLRAE	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
Con	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
CoR	Committee of the Regions
COSLA	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
CPA	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
CTEERC	Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee
DPLR	Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
EJFW	Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee
EBW	Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee
ES	Education and Skills Committee
ECCLR	Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee
EO	Equal Opportunities Committee
EHRiC	Equalities and Human Rights Committee
EERC	European and External Relations Committee
EU	European Union
F	Female
FE	Further Education
FCC	Finance and Constitution Committee
FI	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
G	Government Bill
Green	Scottish Green Party
HL	House of Lords, i.e. a House of Lords Bill
Hrs	Hours
HS	Health and Sport Committee
ICT	Information Communications Technology
Ind	Independent Member, i.e. a Member of the Scottish Parliament not functioning within a political party
J	Justice Committee
JSP	Justice Sub-Committee on Policing
Lab	Scottish Labour Party
LCM	Legislative Consent Memorandum
LD	Scottish Liberal Democrats
LGC	Local Government and Communities Committee
M	Male
M	Member's Bill
Mins	Minutes
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
n/a	not applicable, or not available
No.	Number

NPA	No Party Affiliation
P	Private Bill
POI	Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee
PAPLS	Public Audit Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
PA	Public Audit Committee
PBACM	Public Body Act Consent Memorandum
PE	Petition
PPC	Public Petitions Committee
PY	Parliamentary year (12 May 2016 – 11 May 2017)
REC	Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee
S	Substitute Committee Member
S5	Fifth Session of Parliament
S5M	Session 5 Motion
SI	Statutory Instrument
SNP	Scottish National Party
SP	Scottish Parliament
SPCB	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body
SPICe	Scottish Parliament Information Centre
SC	Social Security Committee
SPPA	Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
SSI	Scottish Statutory Instrument
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
UKIRO	UK and International Relations Office
%	Percentage

1. Members

1.1. Elections

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

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

1.1.1. Scottish Parliament Election, 5 May 2016 Results

Constituency votes by Party

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

% share may not add to 100% due to rounding

Regional Votes by Party

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

% share may not add to 100% due to rounding

Source: [Scottish Parliament website: 2016 election analysis](#)

1.1.2. Scottish Parliament By-Elections

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

1.2. State of the Parties

At 5 May 2016, following the Scottish Parliament election

Party	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59	4	63
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	7	24	31
Scottish Labour Party	3	21	24
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
TOTAL	73	56	129

At 12 May 2016, following the election of the Presiding Officer

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59 ^a	4	63
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	7	24	31
Scottish Labour Party	3	20 ^b	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

^a Includes two deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.
^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post.

At 8 December 2016, following the death of Alex Johnstone, member for North East Scotland

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59 ^a	4	63
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	7	23	30
Scottish Labour Party	3	20 ^b	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
TOTAL	73	55	128

^a Includes two deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.
^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post.

At 9 December 2016, following the appointment of Bill Bowman as regional member for North East Scotland

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59	4	63
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	7	24	31
Scottish Labour Party	3	20	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

^a Includes two deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post.

At 27 April 2017, following the resignation of John Lamont, constituency MSP for Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59 ^a	4	63
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	6	24	30
Scottish Labour Party	3	20 ^b	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
TOTAL	72	56	128

^a Includes two deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post.

At 2 May 2017, following the resignation of Rachael Hamilton, regional MSP for South Scotland

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	59 ^a	4	63
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	6	23	29
Scottish Labour Party	3	20 ^b	23
Scottish Green Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	0	1	1
TOTAL	72	55	127

^a Includes two deputy Presiding Officers, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post.

1.3. MSP Statistics

1.3.1. Dual Mandate MSPs

Members of Scottish Parliament and other Parliaments or local councils

	MPs	MEPs	Peers	Councillors
May 2016	0	0	0	14 ^a
May 2017	0	0	0	11

^a Includes Ruth Maguire who resigned as a Councillor on 19 May 2016, Fulton MacGregor who resigned as a Councillor on 29 June 2016 and Gail Ross who resigned as a Councillor on 22 November 2016.

1.3.2. MSPs by Gender and Ethnic Group

Total number of MSPs in the Parliament by Gender and Ethnic Group

At 5 May 2016, following the Scottish Parliament election

	Female	Male	Total
	45	84	129
From ethnic minorities	0	2	2

At 8 December 2016, following the death of Alex Johnstone, member for North East Scotland

	Female	Male	Total
	45	84	128
From ethnic minorities	0	2	2

At 9 December 2016, following the appointment of Bill Bowman as regional member for North East Scotland

	Female	Male	Total
	45	85	129
From ethnic minorities	0	2	2

At 27th April 2017, following the resignation of John Lamont, constituency MSP for Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire

	Female	Male	Total
	45	84	128
From ethnic minorities	0	2	2

At 2 May 2017, following the resignation of Rachael Hamilton, regional MSP for South Scotland

	Female	Male	Total
	44	84	127
From ethnic minorities	0	2	2

1.3.3. Female MSPs by Party

At 5 May 2016, following the Scottish Parliament election

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	43	21
Scottish Labour	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1	5	6	19	5
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	2	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	0	2	0
Total	26	19	45		35%

At 2 May 2017, following the resignation of Rachael Hamilton, regional MSP for South Scotland

Party name	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish National Party	24	3	27	43	21
Scottish Labour	1	10	11	48	9
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	1	4	5	17	4
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1	2	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	0	0	2	0
Total	26	18	44		34%

1.3.4. MSP Age Profile

Average ages of MSPs at 5 May 2016

	Average age
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	48
Scottish Green Party	45
Scottish Labour	47
Scottish Liberal Democrats	49
Scottish National Party	50
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	49
Males- all parties	49
All MSPs	49
Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties	

Average ages of MSPs at 12 May 2016, following the election of the Presiding Officer

Average age	
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	48
Scottish Green Party	45
Scottish Labour	48
Scottish Liberal Democrats	49
Scottish National Party	50
No Party Affiliation	54
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	49
Males- all parties	49
All MSPs	49
Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation	
Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties	

Average ages of MSPs at 11 May 2017

Average age	
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	49
Scottish Green Party	46
Scottish Labour	49
Scottish Liberal Democrats	50
Scottish National Party	51
No Party Affiliation	55
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	50
Males- all parties	50
All MSPs	50
Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation	
Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties	

1.4. Officers of the Parliament

1.4.1. Presiding Officers

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

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

	Party	Dates of election
Presiding Officer		
Ken Macintosh	NPA	12 May 2016
Deputy Presiding Officers		
Linda Fabiani	SNP	12 May 2016
Christine Grahame	SNP	12 May 2016

1.4.2. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

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

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

	Party	Dates of membership
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	NPA	from 12 May 2016
Jackson Carlaw	Con	from 15 November 2016
Alex Johnstone	Con	19 May 2016 - 2 November 2016
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	from 19 May 2016
Liam McArthur	LD	from 19 May 2016
David Stewart	Lab	from 19 May 2016
Andy Wightman	Green	from 19 May 2016

	Number of meetings attended 12 May 2016 – 11 May 2017 (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	15(15)
Jackson Carlaw	8(9)
Alex Johnstone	4(5)
Gordon MacDonald	15(15)
Liam McArthur	13(15)
David Stewart	14(15)
Andy Wightman	15(15)

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.

	Party	Dates of membership
Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh)	NPA	12 May 2016
John Finnie	Green	11 May 2016 – 15 June 2016
Joe Fitzpatrick	SNP	11 May 2016
Maurice Golden	Con	27 April 2017
Patrick Harvie	Green	15 June 2016
James Kelly	Lab	11 May 2016
John Lamont	Con	11 May 2016 – 27 April 2017
Willie Rennie	LD	11 May 2016 – 17 May 2016
Mike Rumbles	LD	17 May 2016

1.5. Oaths and Affirmations**Oath and Affirmations 12 May 2016 - 11 May 2017**

By Gender

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	53	32	85
Female	24	21	45
Total	77	53	130

By Party

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	28	4	32
Scottish Green Party	1	5	6
Scottish Labour Party	15	9	24
Scottish Liberal Democrats	4	1	5
Scottish National Party	29	34	63
Total	77	53	130

MSPs who repeated the oath or affirmation in another language

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

1.6. Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament

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

68 Cross-Party groups were re-established in the first parliamentary year of Session 5.

0 Cross-Party Groups ended during the first parliamentary year of Session 5.

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups during the first parliamentary year of Session 5, 94 in total.

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Accident Prevention and Safety Awareness	8 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse	18 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Animal Welfare	14 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Architecture and the Built Environment	22 November 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Armed Forces Veterans Community	21 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions	14 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Aviation	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Beer and Pubs	12 January 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Brexit	29 November 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Building Bridges with Israel	26 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cancer	24 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Carers	29 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People	7 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on China	14 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Chronic Pain	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Colleges and Universities	18 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Commercial Sexual Exploitation	23 November 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Construction	27 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Consumer Protection For Home Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy	4 October 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Co-operatives	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Credit Unions	26 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Crofting	29 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cuba	21 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Culture	6 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cycling, Walking and Buses	7 December 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Deafness	13 September 2016

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dementia	31 January 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Diabetes	21 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Digital Participation	13 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Disability	20 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Drug and Alcohol Misuse	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dyslexia	26 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on End of Life Choices	6 December 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Epilepsy	8 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fair Trade	31 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Families Affected by Imprisonment	21 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fishing	7 February 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Food	7 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Freedom of Religion or Belief	21 February 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Funerals and Bereavement	28 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Future of Football in Scotland	14 March 2017
Buidheann Thar-Phartaidh na Gàidhlig	15 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Germany	28 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Govanhill	25 April 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Health Inequalities	26 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Heart Disease and Stroke	8 December 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Housing	28 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Human Trafficking	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Improving Scotland's Health: 2021 And Beyond	2 November 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Independent Convenience Stores	21 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Industrial Communities	15 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Inflammatory Bowel Disease	22 February 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on International Development	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Kurdistan	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Learning Disability	21 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on LGBTI+	28 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Lung Health	1 November 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Malawi	7 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Men's Violence Against Women and Children	24 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Mental Health	26 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on MS	15 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Muscular Dystrophy	15 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nordic Countries	14 December 2016

Cross Party Groups in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nuclear Disarmament	17 November 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Oil and Gas	14 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Old People, Age and Aging	13 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Pakistan	8 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palestine	29 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care	16 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Poland	24 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Racial Equality in Scotland	20 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rail	28 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rare, Genetic and Undiagnosed Conditions	28 March 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Recreational, Boating and Marine Tourism	29 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	15 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy	28 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Russia	28 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Science and Technology	6 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Whisky	13 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Horseracing And Bloodstock Industries	26 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Showmen's Guild	28 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses	14 December 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Skills	28 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Social Science	28 February 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sport	27 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Taiwan	14 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tibet	12 October 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tourism	14 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Towns and Town Centres	21 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment	13 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Volunteering	28 June 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on WASPI	22 February 2017
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women in Enterprise	28 September 2016
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women's Health	11 May 2017

2. Plenary Meetings

2.1. Calendar

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Thursday 12 May 2016	09:30	10:14	10:30	11:08		
	11:30	12:07	13:30	13:31		
	14:30	14:48	14:54	15:08		
	15:11	15:31	16:30	16:31		
	17:30	17:44	17:48	18:01		
	18:05	18:17	18:20	18:32		
	18:35	18:48			3	57
Tuesday 17 May 2016	14:00	14:54			0	54
Thursday 19 May 2016	14:00	14:40			0	40
Wednesday 25 May 2016	14:00	17:01			3	01
Thursday 26 May 2016	10:00	12:29	14:00	17:01	5	30
Tuesday 31 May 2016	14:00	17:05			3	05
Total from 12 May 2016					17	07
Wednesday 1 June 2016	14:30	17:06			2	36
Thursday 2 June 2016	12:00	12:45	14:30	17:05	3	20
Tuesday 7 June 2016	14:00	17:40			3	40
Wednesday 8 June 2016	14:00	18:13			4	13
Thursday 9 June 2016	11:40	13:17	14:30	17:05	4	12
Tuesday 14 June 2016	14:00	17:50			3	50
Wednesday 15 June 2016	14:00	17:51			3	51
Thursday 16 June 2016	11:40	12:40	14:30	17:04	4	02
Tuesday 28 June 2016	14:00	18:03			4	03
Wednesday 29 June 2016	14:00	18:12			4	12
Thursday 30 June 2016	10:45	11:20	11:40	12:47	1	42
Total June 2016					39	41
Tuesday 6 September 2016	14:00	17:32			3	32
Wednesday 7 September 2016	14:00	17:37			3	37
Thursday 8 September 2016	11:40	13:21	14:30	17:05	4	16
Tuesday 13 September 2016	14:00	18:36			4	36
Wednesday 14 September 2016	14:00	17:51			3	51
Thursday 15 September 2016	11:40	13:14	14:30	17:03	4	07
Tuesday 20 September 2016	14:00	17:48			3	48
Wednesday 21 September 2016	14:00	17:36			3	36
Thursday 22 September 2016	11:50	13:16	14:00	17:09	4	35
Tuesday 27 September 2016	14:00	17:39			3	39
Wednesday 28 September 2016	14:00	17:43			3	42
Thursday 29 September 2016	11:40	13:22	14:30	17:05	4	17
Total September 2016					47	36
Tuesday 4 October 2016	14:00	18:12			4	12
Wednesday 5 October 2016	14:00	18:21			4	21
Thursday 6 October 2016	11:40	13:28	14:30	17:03	4	21
Tuesday 25 October 2016	14:00	17:40			3	40

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 26 October 2016	14:00	17:48			3	48
Thursday 27 October 2016	11:40	13:19	14:30	17:05	4	14
Total October 2016					24	36
Tuesday 1 November 2016	14:00	17:44			3	44
Wednesday 2 November 2016	14:00	18:33			4	33
Thursday 3 November 2016	11:40	13:30	14:30	17:07	4	27
Tuesday 8 November 2016	14:00	18:07			4	07
Wednesday 9 November 2016	14:00	17:49			3	49
Thursday 10 November 2016	11:40	13:20	14:30	17:04	4	14
Tuesday 15 November 2016	14:00	17:46			3	46
Wednesday 16 November 2016	14:00	17:52			3	52
Thursday 17 November 2016	11:40	13:18	14:30	17:01	4	09
Tuesday 22 November 2016	14:00	17:30			3	30
Wednesday 23 November 2016	14:00	18:16			4	16
Thursday 24 November 2016	11:40	13:20	14:30	17:04	4	14
Tuesday 29 November 2016	14:00	16:54	17:00	17:43	3	37
Wednesday 30 November 2016	14:00	18:37			4	37
Total November 2016					56	55
Thursday 1 December 2016	11:40	13:33	14:30	17:03	4	26
Tuesday 6 December 2016	14:00	18:05			4	05
Wednesday 7 December 2016	14:00	17:51			3	51
Thursday 8 December 2016	11:40	13:19	14:30	17:04	4	13
Tuesday 13 December 2016	14:00	17:40			3	40
Wednesday 14 December 2016	14:00	18:00			4	00
Thursday 15 December 2016	11:40	13:23	14:30	17:04	4	17
Tuesday 20 December 2016	14:00	14:28	14:45	17:58	3	41
Wednesday 21 December 2016	14:00	17:02			3	02
Thursday 22 December 2016	11:40	12:46			1	06
Total December 2016					36	21
Tuesday 10 January 2017	14:00	17:52			3	52
Wednesday 11 January 2017	14:00	17:41			3	41
Thursday 12 January 2017	11:40	13:42	14:30	17:02	4	34
Tuesday 17 January 2017	14:00	17:51			3	51
Wednesday 18 January 2017	14:00	18:37			4	37
Thursday 19 January 2017	11:40	13:52	14:30	17:07	4	49
Tuesday 24 January 2017	14:00	18:23			4	23
Wednesday 25 January 2017	14:00	18:41			4	41
Thursday 26 January 2017	11:40	13:39	14:30	17:03	4	32
Tuesday 31 January 2017	14:00	17:47			3	47
Total January 2017					42	47
Wednesday 1 February 2017	14:00	17:59			3	59
Thursday 2 February 2017	11:40	13:18	14:00	17:03	4	41
Tuesday 7 February 2017	14:00	17:39			3	39
Wednesday 8 February 2017	14:00	18:22			4	22
Thursday 9 February 2017	11:40	13:28	14:30	17:05	4	23

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Tuesday 21 February 2017	14:00	18:06			4	06
Wednesday 22 February 2017	14:00	17:53			3	53
Thursday 23 February 2017	11:40	13:35	14:30	17:06	4	31
Tuesday 28 February 2017	14:00	17:34			3	34
Total February 2017					37	08
Wednesday 1 March 2017	14:00	17:52			3	52
Thursday 2 March 2017	11:40	13:32	14:30	17:04	4	26
Tuesday 7 March 2017	14:00	14:06	14:11	18:23	4	18
Wednesday 8 March 2017	14:00	18:14			4	14
Thursday 9 March 2017	11:40	13:36	14:30	17:03	4	29
Tuesday 14 March 2017	14:00	18:06			4	06
Wednesday 15 March 2017	14:00	17:39			3	39
Thursday 16 March 2017	11:40	13:48	14:30	17:00	4	38
Tuesday 21 March 2017	14:00	18:22			4	22
Wednesday 22 March 2017	14:00	15:57			1	57
Thursday 23 March 2017	11:40	13:37	14:30	17:02	4	29
Tuesday 28 March 2017	14:00	17:57			3	57
Wednesday 29 March 2017	14:00	17:45			3	45
Thursday 30 March 2017	11:40	13:30	14:30	16:45	4	05
Total March 2017					56	17
Tuesday 18 April 2017	14:00	17:34			3	34
Wednesday 19 April 2017	14:00	18:02			4	02
Thursday 20 April 2017	11:40	13:27	14:30	17:09	4	26
Tuesday 25 April 2017	14:00	19:05			5	05
Wednesday 26 April 2017	14:00	18:08			4	08
Thursday 27 April 2017	11:40	13:34	14:30	17:00	4	24
Total April 2017					25	39
Tuesday 2 May 2017	14:00	17:57			3	57
Wednesday 3 May 2017	13:30	15:15			1	45
Tuesday 9 May 2017	14:01	18:32			4	31
Wednesday 10 May 2017	14:00	17:49			3	49
Thursday 11 May 2017	11:40	13:24	14:30	17:03	4	17
Total to 11 May 2017					18	19
Parliamentary year total					402	26

2.2. Recess Dates

Start	End
2 July 2016	4 September 2016
8 October 2016	23 October 2016
24 December 2016	8 January 2017
11 February 2017	18 February 2017
1 April 2017	16 April 2017

2.3. Place of Meeting

All the meetings of the Parliament took place in the Debating Chamber, Scottish Parliament.

3. Plenary Business

3.1. Division of Time on Parliamentary Business

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Bills			
Government Bills			
Stage 1	4	8	19
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	1	2	28
Business Motions	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	2	0	01
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Government Bills		10	48
Emergency Bills			
Stage 1	0	0	00
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	0	0	00
Business Motion	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Financial Resolution	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Emergency Bills		0	00
Members' Bills			
Stage 1	0	0	00
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	0	0	00
Business Motion	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Total time spent on Members' Bills		0	00
Committee Bills			
Stage 1	0	0	00
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	0	0	00
Business Motion	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Total time spent on Committee Bills		0	00

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Private Bills			
Preliminary Stage	0	0	00
Final Stage	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Private Bills	0	0	00
Statutory Instruments			
Motion to approve (affirmative)	13	0	11
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
Motion to consider	0	0	00
Total time spent on Statutory Instruments		0	11
Other Motions relating to Legislation			
Legislative Consent Memorandums	10	0	19
Public Body Consent Memorandums	0	0	00
Public Body Order	0	0	00
Total time spent on other Motions		0	19
Parliamentary Bureau Motions			
Business motions (not including Bills)	60	1	16
Committee establishment and membership	16	0	07
Designation of lead committee	7	0	04
Decision Time	92	5	55
Variation of Standing Orders	2	0	03
Suspension of Standing Orders	8	0	17
Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions		7	42
Motions for debate			
Scottish Government	66	150	12
Labour	6	13	51
Conservative	7	16	10
Liberal Democrats	1	2	19
Green	2	4	34
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	7	16	36
Members' Business	92	66	39
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	0	0	00
Parliamentary Bureau	0	0	00
Total time spent on Motions		270	21
Debates without motion			
Scottish Government	0	0	00
Labour	0	0	00
Conservative	0	0	00
Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Green	0	0	00
Total time spent on debate without motion		0	00

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Oral Questions			
General Questions	32	10	49
Topical Questions	29	8	31
Portfolio Questions	32	22	04
First Minister	32	24	52
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	3	1	08
Emergency	0	0	00
Total time spent on questions		67	24
Statements			
Scottish Government	43	35	57
Presiding Officer	4	0	06
Members'	0	0	00
Total time spent on statements		36	03
Other matters			
Points of order	26	1	05
Time for Reflection	33	1	56
Motion without notice	20	0	05
Changes to Standing Orders	1	0	02
Election of First Minister	1	0	49
Elections/Appointments of Ministers and Junior Ministers	2	0	48
Elections/Appointments of Presiding Officer/Deputy Presiding Officers	1	1	58
Election of Law Officers	1	0	06
Election to SPCB	2	0	05
Election to SPSO, Standards Commissioner, Commissioner for Children and Young People	1	0	03
Motion of Condolence	1	0	25
Parliamentary Liaison Officers	1	0	01
Oaths and Affirmations	2	2	00
One Minute Silence	1	0	02
Report on the Memorandum of Understanding of Ofcom	1	0	02
Standing Order Rule Changes	2	0	02
Appointment of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman	1	0	03
Scottish Commission for Public Audit	1	0	01
Gender Balance (Parliamentary Bureau and Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body)	1	0	02
Standards Commission for Scotland (Appointment of Member)	1	0	02
Scottish Fiscal Commission Appointment	1	0	01
Total time spent on other matters		9	38
Total time spent during the parliamentary year		402	26

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.

Organisation	Male	Female	Total
Church of Scotland	9	3	12
Congregational	1	0	1
Episcopal	3	0	3
Humanist	2	1	3
Interfaith	0	2	2
Jewish	1	0	1
Mormon	1	0	1
Muslim	1	0	1
Non-Faith	3	2	4*
Free Church of Scotland	2	0	2
Pentecostal	1	0	1
Roman Catholic	2	0	2
Total	26	8	33*

*There were two speakers during one time for reflection. The total number of speakers therefore exceeds the total number of religions.

3.3. Parliamentary Questions

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

Week 1: Education and Skills

Week 2: Health and Sport

Week 3: Communities, Social Security and Equalities

Week 4: Finance and the Constitution; Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

Week 5: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Connectivity

Week 6: Justice; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

The 6 week rotation repeats but where there are two portfolios in one week, the second of those becomes the first when the repeat cycle takes place.

3.3.1. Oral Questions

3.3.1.(a) General questions (this includes questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
SNP	0	17	0	0	17	9	16	16	17	11	21	8	7	139
Con	0	6	0	0	11	8	13	11	6	13	13	5	4	90
Lab	0	5	0	0	6	1	8	7	5	4	10	4	5	55
Green	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	10
LD	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	3	1	1	2	0	1	13
Totals	0	30	0	0	39	19	39	39	30	29	47	17	18	307

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

3.3.1.(b) First Minister's questions (this includes questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
SNP	0	6	0	0	6	4	4	6	3	4	6	2	3	44
Con	0	10	0	0	8	6	10	9	7	7	10	5	4	76
Lab	0	8	0	0	7	3	8	8	6	6	10	4	4	64
Green	0	3	0	0	3	1	3	2	2	2	4	1	2	23
LD	0	4	0	0	4	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	26
Totals	0	31	0	0	28	16	28	28	20	21	33	14	14	233

The total number of First Minister's questions selected during the parliamentary year was **233**

3.3.1.(c) Portfolio questions (this includes questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
SNP	0	25	0	0	33	9	36	22	24	27	34	11	16	237
Con	0	17	0	0	24	17	30	16	9	17	36	10	10	186
Lab	0	14	0	0	16	10	21	16	11	9	23	12	8	140
Green	0	1	0	0	4	3	6	2	1	3	3	2	2	27
LD	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	3	4	1	17
Totals	0	59	0	0	79	39	94	57	46	58	99	39	37	607

The total number of portfolio questions selected during the parliamentary year was **607**

3.3.1.(d) Topical questions (this includes questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	3	0	2	2	1	16
Con	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	12
Lab	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	14
Green	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
LD	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	13
Totals	0	4	0	0	6	5	13	6	8	5	5	4	3	59

The total number of Topical questions selected during the parliamentary year was **59**

3.3.1.(e) SPCB questions (this includes questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	10

The total number of SPCB questions selected during the parliamentary year was **10**

3.3.1.(f) Emergency questions

There were no Emergency Questions in the first parliamentary year of Session 5.

3.3.2. Written Questions**3.3.2.(a) Written questions to the Scottish Government** (including inspired questions)

Party	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
SNP	57	80	75	46	66	37	69	42	98	92	59	39	9	769
Con	55	128	101	142	307	87	294	205	217	236	269	136	41	2218
Lab	77	325	163	171	391	474	227	176	248	182	293	110	32	2869
Green	40	60	38	23	72	71	44	61	61	63	41	34	6	614
LD	82	93	98	73	153	175	125	117	110	148	139	73	4	1390
Totals	311	686	475	455	989	844	759	601	734	721	801	392	92	7860

The total number of written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **7860**

3.3.2.(b) Written questions to the SPCB

Party	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	7
Green	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	12

The total number of SPCB written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **12**

3.4. Motions

3.4.1. Motions by Party

Party or on behalf of bodies by Party Members	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Totals
SNP	127	164	105	154	237	171	271	156	206	223	259	174	68	2315
Con	32	88	45	108	180	130	175	138	202	206	227	134	60	1725
Lab	79	82	52	48	83	79	131	56	69	69	108	40	14	910
LD	18	28	6	14	22	26	42	15	26	14	30	15	11	267
Green	9	24	11	13	19	28	27	20	30	23	33	13	3	253
Committee	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	2	0	4	3	1	16
Parliamentary Bureau	11	13	0	1	24	21	32	13	13	18	30	11	7	194
SPCB	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
Lord Advocate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solicitor General	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	276	399	219	339	567	458	678	399	549	554	692	390	164	5684

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **5684**. This does not include **24** motions that were withdrawn

- Committee motions are lodged on behalf of the Committee by the Convener
- Parliamentary Bureau motions are lodged on behalf of the Bureau by the Minister for Parliamentary Business
- SPCB motions are lodged on behalf of the Corporate Body by a member of the SPCB

3.4.2. Motions without Notice

Reason	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
to extend the time for debate	20	0	20
to change decision time	0	0	0
to extend the time limit for consideration of amendments	0	0	0
Total	20	0	20

3.4.3. Motions to Suspend Standing Orders

There were 4 motions to suspend Standing Orders during the parliamentary year:

S5M-01432 agreed on 14 September 2016

S5M-01827 agreed on 5 October 2016

S5M-02259 agreed on 1 November 2016

S5M-03904 agreed on 8 February 2017

3.4.4. Members' Business Motions

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

Party	Female	Male	Total
Scottish National Party	20	26	46
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	4	18	22
Scottish Labour Party	9	10	19
Scottish Green Party	1	2	3
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	3	3
Total	34	59	93

3.4.5. Legislative Consent Memorandums and Motions

Legislative Consent Memorandums published	Supplementary memorandums published	Legislative Consent Motions lodged	Legislative Consent Motions passed
9	2	10	10

3.4.6. Public Body Act Consent Memorandums and Motions

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

3.5. Ministerial Statements

Minister/Law Officer making the statement	2016-2017
First Minister	5
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	9
Minister for Childcare and Early Years	3
Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science	0
Minister for Employability and Training	0
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution	4
Minister for Parliamentary Business	0
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport	3
Minister for Public Health and Sport	1
Minister for Mental Health	1
Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform	3
Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs	0
Minister for International Development and Europe	0
Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities	0
Minister for Local Government and Housing	0
Minister for Social Security	2
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	2
Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs	2
Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work	3
Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy	4
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity	4
Minister for Transport and the Islands	3
Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe	2
Lord Advocate	0
Solicitor General	0
Total	51

3.6. Presiding Officer's Rulings on Points of Order

From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4

3.7. Electronic Votes

From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
9	27	0	0	28	15	38	19	22	16	23	16	3	216

Figures are for all electronic votes taken in the Chamber including all votes on amendments.

3.8. Presiding Officer's Exercise of a Casting Vote

This table covers the first parliamentary year of Session 5, from 12 May 2016 – 11 May 2017.

Date	Motion	Result
22 September 2016	S5M-01580: Derek Mackay, Reforming Local Taxation	Disagreed to
30 November 2016	S5M-02804.2: Kevin Stewart, Local Democracy. As an amendment to motion S5M-02804 in the name of Andy Wightman (Local Democracy)	Disagreed to
25 January 2017	S5M-03576: Alex Rowley, Scottish Budget	Disagreed to

4. Committees

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. Committee abbreviations are listed at the front of this publication.

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

George Adam	SC DPLR(S) J(S)	Kezia Dugdale	FCC(S) FI(S)
Clare Adamson	SPPA ES(S)	Mairi Evans	CTEERC J LGC REC
Tom Arthur	EBW HS POI SPPA	Linda Fabiani	EO(S) EHRiC(S)
Jackie Baillie	EJFW PAPLS	Mary Fee	EBW EO EHRiC J
Claire Baker	J(S)		JSP POI PPC(S)
Jeremy Balfour	EO EHRiC	Neil Findlay	HS
Claudia Beamish	ECCLR	John Finnie	J JSP REC FCC(S)
Colin Beattie	ES PA PAPLS		FI(S) SPPA(S)
Neil Bibby	FCC FI REC(S)	Kate Forbes	ECCLR FI
Bill Bowman	EJFW		CTEERC(S) EERC(S)
Miles Briggs	HS ES(S)	Murdo Fraser	FCC FI
Alexander Burnett	ECCLR REC(S)	Kenneth Gibson	LGC PA(S) PAPLS(S)
Donald Cameron	HS J(S)	Jenny Gilruth	ES ECCLR HS LGC
Jackson Carlaw	CTEERC EERC		PA SSC(S)
Finlay Carson	ECCLR	Maurice Golden	ECCLR EO(S)
Peter Chapman	REC ECCLR(S)		EHRiC(S)
Willie Coffey	EO EHRiC FCC FI	Christine Grahame	REC(S)
	PAPLS	Rhoda Grant	REC
Alex Cole-Hamilton	EO EHRiC HS	Iain Gray	ES(S)
	REC(S)	Jamie Greene	REC
Maurice Corry	PPC	Ross Greer	CTEERC ES EERC
Bruce Crawford	EERC FCC FI		HS(S) SC(S)
Ash Denham	EJFW EERC FCC FI	Mark Griffin	SC EJFW(S)
Graeme Dey	ECCLR PPC(S)	Rachael Hamilton	CTEERC DPLR
Bob Doris	LGC HS(S)		EERC
James Dornan	ES	Emma Harper	CTEERC ECCLR
			EERC REC SPPA

Alison Harris	DPLR EBW POI PA PAPLS HS(S) SPPA(S)	Pauline McNeil Margaret Mitchell	EERC SC DPLR(S) LGC(S) J JSP CTEERC(S) EERC(S)
Patrick Harvie	FCC FI SPPA J(S) LGC(S)	Edward Mountain	REC PPC(S)
Clare Haughey	ES HS SPPA	Oliver Mundell	J FCC(S) FI(S)
Daniel Johnson	ES SPPA CTEERC(S) EERC(S)	Alex Neil	PA PAPLS EJFW(S) EJFW SPPA(S)
Alex Johnstone	FCC FI	Gil Paterson	EHRiC(S) HS(S)
Alison Johnstone	HS SC ES(S)	Willie Rennie	J LGC(S)
James Kelly	FCC FI PA(S) PAPLS(S)	Douglas Ross	ECCLR EHRiC PA PAPLS REC
Liam Kerr	EJFW FCC PA PAPLS	Gail Ross	REC CTEERC(S) ECCLR EJFW(S) REC(S)
Johann Lamont	ES PPC	Mike Rumbles	FI
Monica Lennon	DPLR PA PAPLS DPLR(S)	Mark Ruskell	HS(S)
Richard Leonard	EJFW SC(S)	Michael Russell	DPLR SPPA
Gordon Lindhurst	EJFW SC	Anas Sarwar	CTEERC ES EERC J(S)
Richard Lochhead	CTEERC ES EERC	John Scott	LGC
Dean Lockhart	EJFW FCC SC(S)	Tavish Scott	DPLR LGC
Richard Lyle	ECCLR HS REC	Graham Simpson	ES PA(S)PAPLS(S)
Angus MacDonald	ECCLR PPC	Elaine Smith	HS ECCLR(S)
Gordon MacDonald	EJFW FCC(S) FI(S)	Liz Smith	J JSP REC
Lewis Macdonald	CTEERC EERC	Colin Smyth	LGC SPPA J(S)
Fulton MacGregor	ES J REC	Stewart Stevenson	ECCLR SPPA(S)
Rona Mackay	J JSP PPC	Alexander Stewart	ES PAPLS SPPA(S)
Ben Macpherson	J JSP SC	David Stewart	FCC FI HS
Ruth Maguire	ES LGC SC	Ross Thomson	FCC FI SC
Jenny Marra	PA PAPLS EO(S) EHRiC(S)	Maree Todd	DPLR EO EHRiC LGC(S)
Gillian Martin	EJFW ES	Adam Tomkins	EO EHRiC DPLR(S)
John Mason	EJFW REC	David Torrance	SC
Joan McAlpine	CTEERC EERC ECCLR(S)	Annie Wells	PPC EJFW(S) HS(S)
Liam McArthur	J JSP ES(S)	Sandra White	EJFW LGC
Ivan McKee	FCC FI HS	Brian Whittle	CTEERC(S)
Christina McKelvie	EO EHRiC DPLR(S) J(S)	Andy Wightman	ECCLR(S) EERC(S)
Stuart McMillan	CTEERC DPLR		

Member of only 1 Committee	64
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	46
Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	4
Member of 4 Committees simultaneously	1
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	38
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	4
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	11
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	4
Member of 3 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	2
Member of 3 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	1
Member of 5 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	1
Substitute Committee Member of only 1 Committee	6
Substitute Committee Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	1

4.1.2. Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by Gender and Party

The members of a committee must choose a convener from a particular political party decided by Parliament. The Parliament makes this decision following a recommendation by the Parliamentary Bureau. In addition, each committee normally has a Deputy Convener who will chair meetings in the convener's absence. Deputy Conveners are chosen in the same way as conveners. On 24 March 2017 the Standing Orders were revised to 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. The revision makes provision to allow for the Committee to appoint an Acting Convener on a temporary basis to cover the role during the Convener's absence.

	Male	Female
Conveners	12	11
Acting Conveners	0	1
Deputy Conveners	13	9

	SNP	Con	Lab	Green	LD
Conveners	14	4	5	0	0
Acting Conveners	0	0	1	0	0
Deputy Conveners	6	8	5	1	2

These tables are running totals for the parliamentary year.

4.2. Committee Meetings**4.2.1 Number of Meetings Held by each Committee during the Parliamentary Year**

	From 12 May 16	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Total
CTEERC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	3	4	3	4	2	2	1	20
DPLR	n/a	2	0	0	4	2	5	2	4	3	4	2	2	30
EJFW	n/a	2	0	0	4	2	5	3	4	3	4	2	1	30
EBW	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	1
ES	n/a	2	0	0	4	2	5	3	3	2	5	2	2	30
ECCLR	n/a	2	0	0	4	2	5	3	4	3	4	1	1	29
EO	n/a	2	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
EHRiC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	2	3	3	3	2	4	2	1	20
EERC	n/a	2	1	0	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8
FI	n/a	2	0	0	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6
FCC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	2	6	3	4	3	4	1	2	25
HS	n/a	2	0	0	4	2	5	3	3	2	4	2	1	28
J	n/a	2	0	0	3	2	4	2	4	3	6	2	2	30
JSP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	13
LGC	n/a	2	0	0	4	2	5	3	3	3	4	2	2	30
POI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	1
PA	n/a	2	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
PAPLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	2	4	4	3	2	4	2	1	22
PPC	n/a	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	18
REC	n/a	2	0	0	3	2	5	3	3	3	5	2	2	30
SC	n/a	2	0	0	3	1	3	2	1	2	4	2	1	21
SPPA	n/a	2	0	0	3	1	2	2	2	2	4	1	0	19
TOTAL	0	30	1	0	51	27	64	44	47	41	63	28	23	419

Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name

4.2.2. The Total Time Spent in Committee Meetings, plus the Division between Public and Private Time

	From 12 May 16 hrs min	Jun 16 hrs min	Jul 16 hrs min	Aug 16 hrs min	Sep 16 hrs min	Oct 16 hrs min	Nov 16 hrs min	Dec 16 hrs min	Jan 17 hrs min	Feb 17 hrs min	Mar 17 hrs min	Apr 17 hrs min	To 11 May 17 hrs min	Total 16-17 hrs min
CTEERC Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:02	05:30	07:06	00:57	07:22	01:17	01:56	01:23	26:33
CTEERC Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	00:12	00:40	01:17	05:34	01:23	03:47	00:15	01:00	14:08
CTEERC Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:14	06:10	08:23	06:31	08:45	05:04	02:11	02:23	40:41
DPLR Public	n/a	00:16	00:00	00:00	01:36	00:12	01:11	00:18	00:45	00:13	05:43	01:52	00:13	12:19
DPLR Private	n/a	00:22	00:00	00:00	00:41	00:08	00:25	00:00	00:36	01:05	00:40	01:03	00:04	05:04
DPLR Total	n/a	00:38	00:00	00:00	02:17	00:20	01:36	00:18	01:21	01:18	06:23	02:55	00:17	17:23
EJFW Public	n/a	01:43	00:00	00:00	06:05	02:41	11:08	05:27	02:27	04:52	09:46	04:49	02:19	51:17
EJFW Private	n/a	00:41	00:00	00:00	01:28	02:29	03:37	03:09	09:51	04:22	02:04	01:06	00:12	28:59
EJFW Total	n/a	02:24	00:00	00:00	07:33	05:10	14:45	08:36	12:18	09:14	11:50	05:55	02:31	80:16
EBW Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	00:02	00:02
EBW Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	00:04	00:04
EBW Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	00:06	00:06
ES Public	n/a	01:49	00:00	00:00	09:36	01:35	09:56	05:29	04:21	03:21	07:14	02:29	02:28	48:18
ES Private	n/a	00:37	00:00	00:00	01:04	00:13	02:14	01:31	02:55	00:31	01:46	01:05	01:36	13:32
ES Total	n/a	02:26	00:00	00:00	10:40	01:48	12:10	07:00	07:16	03:52	09:00	03:34	04:04	61:50
ECCLR Public	n/a	01:36	00:00	00:00	07:29	03:55	08:42	06:28	09:43	05:30	03:11	02:03	02:33	51:10
ECCLR Private	n/a	01:16	00:00	00:00	02:35	00:37	03:09	01:14	02:09	04:41	08:38	00:50	00:33	25:42
ECCLR Total	n/a	02:52	00:00	00:00	10:04	04:32	11:51	07:42	11:52	10:11	11:49	02:53	03:06	76:52
EO Public	n/a	00:47	00:00	00:00	02:31	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	03:18
EO Private	n/a	00:55	00:00	00:00	00:38	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	01:33
EO Total	n/a	01:42	00:00	00:00	03:09	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	04:51
EHRiC Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:11	04:32	04:51	02:45	01:40	05:49	02:31	00:00	23:19
EHRiC Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:23	00:52	01:03	02:01	01:57	01:30	01:04	01:08	10:58
EHRiC Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	02:34	05:24	05:54	04:46	03:37	07:19	03:35	01:08	34:17

	From 12 May 16 hrs min	Jun 16 hrs min	Jul 16 hrs min	Aug 16 hrs min	Sep 16 hrs min	Oct 16 hrs min	Nov 16 hrs min	Dec 16 hrs min	Jan 17 hrs min	Feb 17 hrs min	Mar 17 hrs min	Apr 17 hrs min	To 11 May 17 hrs min	Total 16-17 hrs min
EERC Public	n/a	01:07	02:23	00:00	06:58	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10:28
EERC Private	n/a	01:00	00:35	00:00	02:26	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	04:01
EERC Total	n/a	02:07	02:58	00:00	09:24	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14:29
FI Public	n/a	02:24	00:00	00:00	04:45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	07:09
FI Private	n/a	00:56	00:00	00:00	01:48	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	02:44
FI Total	n/a	03:20	00:00	00:00	06:33	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	09:53
FCC Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	02:02	07:01	06:08	04:10	06:27	03:15	01:48	02:23	33:14
FCC Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	00:38	01:45	00:33	02:20	00:01	02:23	00:00	00:06	07:46
FCC Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	02:40	08:46	06:41	06:30	06:28	05:38	01:48	02:29	41:00
HS Public	n/a	00:06	00:00	00:00	07:28	03:09	09:15	03:13	06:29	05:14	06:45	02:27	02:05	46:11
HS Private	n/a	01:41	00:00	00:00	01:03	00:51	02:29	03:02	01:40	01:03	01:30	01:37	00:31	15:27
HS Total	n/a	01:47	00:00	00:00	08:31	04:00	11:44	06:15	08:09	06:17	08:15	04:04	02:36	61:38
J Public	n/a	01:53	00:00	00:00	01:24	02:25	08:37	04:25	06:54	06:07	09:25	00:46	02:15	44:11
J Private	n/a	00:44	00:00	00:00	01:48	01:19	00:37	00:31	01:13	01:10	05:08	04:27	00:42	17:39
J Total	n/a	02:37	00:00	00:00	03:12	03:44	09:14	04:56	08:07	07:17	14:33	05:13	02:57	61:50
JSP Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:06	01:10	01:12	01:04	00:53	01:36	01:16	01:20	08:37
JSP Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:17	00:42	00:38	00:40	00:27	00:05	00:02	00:07	02:58
JSP Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:23	01:52	01:50	01:44	01:20	01:41	01:18	01:27	11:35
LGC Public	n/a	01:37	00:00	00:00	08:38	04:02	09:45	04:14	03:37	06:05	04:39	03:24	03:27	49:28
LGC Private	n/a	00:49	00:00	00:00	02:28	01:59	02:57	03:24	02:18	01:49	04:23	00:59	01:01	22:07
LGC Total	n/a	02:26	00:00	00:00	11:06	06:01	12:42	07:38	05:55	07:54	09:02	04:23	04:28	71:35
POI Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:02	00:02
POI Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:17	00:17
POI Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:19	00:19

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PA Public	n/a	01:48	00:00	00:00	03:56	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	05:44
PA Private	n/a	00:36	00:00	00:00	00:36	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	01:12
PA Total	n/a	02:24	00:00	00:00	04:32	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	06:56
PAPLS Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	03:29	08:48	06:12	04:57	03:56	06:28	02:51	02:13	38:54
PAPLS Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:16	00:38	01:35	00:12	00:27	01:06	00:35	00:25	06:14
PAPLS Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	04:45	09:26	07:47	05:09	04:23	07:34	03:26	02:38	45:08
PPC Public	n/a	01:45	00:00	00:00	02:56	01:17	02:46	03:29	02:11	03:20	05:07	03:10	01:34	27:35
PPC Private	n/a	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:34	00:00	00:00	00:27	00:28	00:00	00:20	01:49
PPC Total	n/a	01:45	00:00	00:00	02:56	01:17	03:20	03:29	02:11	03:47	05:35	03:10	01:54	29:24
REC Public	n/a	02:21	00:00	00:00	05:14	02:18	11:14	03:57	04:39	07:46	09:41	04:17	03:36	55:03
REC Private	n/a	00:11	00:00	00:00	00:00	01:13	00:13	01:07	02:00	01:37	02:46	00:27	01:23	10:57
REC Total	n/a	02:32	00:00	00:00	05:14	03:31	11:27	05:04	06:39	09:23	12:27	04:44	04:59	66:00
SC Public	n/a	01:02	00:00	00:00	04:00	01:29	06:16	02:48	01:40	01:12	08:19	02:25	00:00	29:11
SC Private	n/a	00:24	00:00	00:00	00:41	00:00	00:44	00:55	00:19	02:26	00:27	01:10	01:54	09:00
SC Total	n/a	01:26	00:00	00:00	04:41	01:29	07:00	03:43	01:59	03:38	08:46	03:35	01:54	38:11
SPPA Public	n/a	00:15	00:00	00:00	01:07	00:15	00:25	01:59	01:07	00:37	00:21	01:03	00:00	07:09
SPPA Private	n/a	00:00	00:00	00:00	02:03	00:40	00:56	00:35	00:04	00:49	02:04	00:04	00:00	07:15
SPPA Total	n/a	00:15	00:00	00:00	03:10	00:55	01:21	02:34	01:11	01:26	02:25	01:07	00:00	14:24
TOTALS	n/a	30:41	02:58	00:00	93:02	44:23	128:48	87:50	91:38	88:50	127:21	53:51	39:16	788:38

Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name

4.2.3. The Average Time Spent in Committee Meetings during the Parliamentary Year

	From 12 May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 17	Annual Average
	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min	Hrs Min
CTEERC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:14	02:03	02:05	02:10	02:11	02:32	01:05	02:23	01:45
DPLR	n/a	00:19	00:00	00:00	00:34	00:10	00:19	00:09	00:20	00:26	01:35	01:27	00:08	00:27
EJFW	n/a	01:12	00:00	00:00	01:53	02:35	02:57	02:52	03:04	03:04	02:57	02:57	02:31	02:10
EBW	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	00:06	00:03
ES	n/a	01:13	00:00	00:00	02:40	00:54	02:26	02:20	02:25	01:56	01:48	01:47	02:02	01:37
ECCLR	n/a	01:26	00:00	00:00	02:31	02:16	02:22	02:34	02:58	03:23	02:57	02:53	03:06	02:12
EO	n/a	00:51	00:00	00:00	01:34	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:36
EHRiC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:17	01:48	01:58	01:35	01:48	01:49	01:47	01:08	01:28
EERC	n/a	01:03	02:58	00:00	01:52	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	01:28
FI	n/a	01:40	00:00	00:00	01:38	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:49
FCC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	01:20	01:27	02:13	01:37	02:09	01:24	01:48	01:14	01:28
HS	n/a	00:53	00:00	00:00	02:07	02:00	02:20	02:05	02:43	03:08	02:03	02:02	02:36	01:50
J	n/a	01:18	00:00	00:00	01:04	01:52	02:18	02:28	02:01	02:25	02:25	02:36	01:28	01:39
JSP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:23	00:56	00:55	00:52	00:40	00:50	01:18	01:27	00:55
LGC	n/a	01:13	00:00	00:00	02:46	03:00	02:32	02:32	01:58	02:38	02:15	02:11	02:14	01:56
POI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:19	00:19
PA	n/a	01:12	00:00	00:00	02:16	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:52
PAPLS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00:00	02:22	02:21	01:56	01:43	02:11	01:53	01:43	02:38	01:52
PPC	n/a	00:52	00:00	00:00	01:28	01:17	01:40	01:44	02:11	01:53	01:51	01:35	01:54	01:22
REC	n/a	01:16	00:00	00:00	01:44	01:45	02:17	01:41	02:13	03:07	02:29	02:22	02:29	01:47
SC	n/a	00:43	00:00	00:00	01:33	01:29	02:20	01:51	01:59	01:49	02:11	01:47	01:54	01:28
SPPA	n/a	00:07	00:00	00:00	01:03	00:55	00:40	01:17	00:35	00:43	00:36	01:07	00:00	00:35
Monthly Average	n/a	01:01	00:11	00:00	01:24	01:33	01:55	01:55	01:54	02:06	01:58	01:47	01:38	01:18

Listed in alphabetical order according to the full committee name

4.3. Committees

4.3.1. Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

Established: 29 September 2016

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

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

Previous Name: changed from European and External Relations Committee to Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Joan McAlpine

Deputy Convener: Lewis Macdonald

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 20 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	20
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	14
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackson Carlaw	Con	14(20)
Mairi Evans (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	2(3)
Ross Greer	Green	17(20)
Rachael Hamilton (until 2 May 2017)	Con	18(19)
Emma Harper (until 30 March 2017)	SNP	17(17)
Richard Lochhead	SNP	17(20)
Lewis Macdonald	Lab	20(20)
Joan McAlpine	SNP	19(20)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	20(20)
Tavish Scott	LD	14(20)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Kate Forbes	SNP	1
Daniel Johnson	Lab	0
Margaret Mitchell	Con	0
Mike Rumbles (from 8 November 2016)	LD	0
Andy Wightman	Green	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Katy Orr

Advisers: Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott and Professor Michael Keating - The European Union referendum and its implications for Scotland.

Visits: 2 fact-finding visits, 1 to Brussels and 1 to London, for the European Union referendum and its implications for Scotland Inquiry.

Events: 1 youth engagement event on Scotland's future relationship with Europe.

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	6
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	11
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	3
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	3
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	9
Representatives of voluntary sector	1
Other categories of witnesses	38

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	The European Union referendum and its implications for Scotland
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI's considered	0	
SSI's considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	1	15 March 2017: S5M-04570

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): EU engagement and scrutiny of the Committees of the Scottish Parliament 2016-17	127	27 April 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Determining Scotland's future relationship with the European Union	99	5 March 2017	4 May 2017
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): EU Migration and EU Citizens' Rights	84	6 February 2017	6 April 2017
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Draft Budget 2017-18	75	27 January 2017	21 February 2017
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Brexit: What Scotland thinks: summary of evidence and emerging issues	64	20 January 2017	20 February 2017
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) LCM	16	4 October 2016	No Response

4.3.2. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**Established:** 8 June 2016

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

- (a) any—
 - (i) subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament or requiring the consent of the Parliament under section 9 of the Public Bodies Act 2011;
 - (ii) [deleted]
 - (iii) pension or grants motion as described in Rule 8.11A.1; and, in particular, to determine whether the attention of the Parliament should be drawn to any of the matters mentioned in Rule 10.3.1;
- (b) proposed powers to make subordinate legislation in particular Bills or other proposed legislation;
- (c) general questions relating to powers to make subordinate legislation;
- (d) whether any proposed delegated powers in particular Bills or other legislation should be expressed as a power to make subordinate legislation;
- (e) any failure to lay an instrument in accordance with section 28(2), 30(2) or 31 of the 2010 Act;
- (f) proposed changes to the procedure to which subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament is subject;
- (g) any Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A.1;
- (h) any draft proposal for a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in that Rule; and
- (i) any Consolidation Bill as defined in Rule 9.18.1 referred to it in accordance with Rule 9.18.3.

Convener: John Scott (from 14 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Stuart McMillan (from 14 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 5 members.**Meetings:** There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	18
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Rachael Hamilton (until 17 November 2016)	Con	10(11)
Alison Harris (from 17 November 2016)	Con	18(19)
Monica Lennon (from 8 September 2016)	Lab	25(27)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	25(30)
John Scott	Con	29(30)
Elaine Smith (until 8 September 2016)	Lab	1(3)
David Torrance	SNP	18(30)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
George Adam (7 September 2016 - 30 March 2017)	SNP	7
Monica Lennon (28 June 2016 - 8 September 2016)	Lab	1
Christina McKelvie (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	0
Pauline McNeill (from 8 September 2016)	Lab	0
Annie Wells (from 28 June 2016)	Con	1

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Euan Donald

Advisers: None

Visits: 1 fact-finding visit to the Lord President's Private Office, Edinburgh on the drafting of Court Rules.

Events: 1 business planning day in the Scottish Parliament

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	12
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	2
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	9

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations/ Calls for evidence	2	Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016: Subordinate Legislation; Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill;
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	8	Air Departure (Scotland) Bill; Budget (Scotland) Bill; Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill; Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill; Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill; Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill; Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill; Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Criminal Finances Bill; Digital Economy Bill; Policing and Crime Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	3	3 negatives: SI 2016/1008, SI 2016/693, SI 2016/902
SSIs referred to the committee (as lead committee)	9	4 draft affirmatives; 4 laid only: SSI 2016/210 (C.19), SSI 2016/294 (C.27), SSI 2016/312, SSI 2016/313; 1 negative: SSI 2016/295
SSIs considered	224	60 draft affirmatives, 1 provisional affirmative, 1 super affirmative, 90 laid only, 126 negatives: SSI 2016/178; SSI 2016/187; SSI 2016/188; SSI 2016/190; SSI 2016/191; SSI 2016/195; SSI 2016/231; SSI 2016/232; SSI 2016/234; SSI 2016/245; SSI 2016/246; SSI 2016/247; SSI 2016/249; SSI 2016/251; SSI 2016/253; SSI 2016/255; SSI 2016/257; SSI 2016/258; SSI 2016/260; SSI 2016/261; SSI 2016/263; SSI 2016/264; SSI 2016/290; SSI 2016/292; SSI 2016/293; SSI 2016/295; SSI 2016/299; SSI 2016/309; SSI 2016/316; SSI 2016/317; SSI 2016/329; SSI 2016/332; SSI 2016/333; SSI 2016/334; SSI 2016/339; SSI 2016/357; SSI 2016/358; SSI 2016/359; SSI 2016/360; SSI 2016/361; SSI 2016/362; SSI 2016/364; SSI 2016/366; SSI 2016/371; SSI 2016/373; SSI 2016/376; SSI 2016/383; SSI 2016/389; SSI 2016/390; SSI 2016/391; SSI 2016/392; SSI 2016/393; SSI 2016/401; SSI 2016/402; SSI 2016/406; SSI 2016/407; SSI 2016/408; SSI 2016/409; SSI 2016/411; SSI 2016/413;

Business	No.	Details
		SSI 2016/419; SSI 2016/421; SSI 2016/422; SSI 2016/425; SSI 2016/427; SSI 2016/431; SSI 2016/432; SSI 2016/433; SSI 2016/434; SSI 2017/6; SSI 2017/7; SSI 2017/8; SSI 2017/9; SSI 2017/13; SSI 2017/22; SSI 2017/27; SSI 2017/28; SSI 2017/37; SSI 2017/38; SSI 2017/39; SSI 2017/41; SSI 2017/42; SSI 2017/43; SSI 2017/48; SSI 2017/49; SSI 2017/50; SSI 2017/51; SSI 2017/53; SSI 2017/57; SSI 2017/58; SSI 2017/59; SSI 2017/60; SSI 2017/61; SSI 2017/63; SSI 2017/64; SSI 2017/66; SSI 2017/68; SSI 2017/69; SSI 2017/74; SSI 2017/77; SSI 2017/78; SSI 2017/79; SSI 2017/80; SSI 2017/81; SSI 2017/82; SSI 2017/83; SSI 2017/84; SSI 2017/85; SSI 2017/95; SSI 2017/96; SSI 2017/97; SSI 2017/98; SSI 2017/101; SSI 2017/102; SSI 2017/112; SSI 2017/113; SSI 2017/114; SSI 2017/115; SSI 2017/118; SSI 2017/120; SSI 2017/127; SSI 2017/128; SSI 2017/133; SSI 2017/134; SSI 2017/135; SSI 2017/139
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	2	13 September 2016: Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations (SSI 2016/253), Regulations be drawn to the attention of the Parliament; 7 March 2017: Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/41), Regulations be drawn to the attention of the Parliament.
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
24th Report 2017 (Session 5) Subordinate Legislation considered on 9 May 2017	136	9 May 2017	No Response
23rd Report 2017 (Session 5) Subordinate Legislation considered on 2 May 2017	133	3 May 2017	No Response
22nd Report 2017 (Session 5) Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	131	27 April 2017	No Response
21st Report 2017 (Session 5) Subordinate Legislation considered on 25 April 2017	129	26 April 2017	No Response
20th Report 2017 (Session 5) Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill	128	25 April 2017	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
19th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 18th April 2017	119	20 April 2017	No Response
18th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	118	18 April 2017	30 May 2017
17th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 28 March 2017	116	28 March 2017	No Response
16th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 21 March 2017	114	23 March 2017	No Response
15th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	108	17 March 2017	No Response
14th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 14 March 2017	107	15 March 2017	No Response
13th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	102	7 March 2017	No Response
12th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	95	1 March 2017	9 May 2017
11th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	94	1 March 2017	No Response
10th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (revised 8 March 2017 to correct an administrative error)	89	22 February 2017	No Response
9th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	88	22 February 2017	8 May 2017
8th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	86	7 February 2017	No Response
7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	79	1 February 2017	No Response
6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Budget (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	78	1 February 2017	No Response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Digital Economy Bill	77	31 January 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	67	24 January 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1	61	18 January 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	60	18 January 2017	No Response
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	54	11 January 2017	No Response
17th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	53	20 December 2016	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
16th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill	52	14 December 2016	No Response
15th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	51	14 December 2016	No Response
14th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	41	29 November 2016	No Response
13th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	36	23 November 2016	No Response
12th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	35	16 November 2016	No Response
11th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Policing and Crime Bill	34	16 November 2016	No Response
10th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	31	9 November 2016	No Response
9th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016: Secondary Legislation and other Subordinate Legislation	29	3 November 2016	No Response
8th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	25	26 October 2016	No Response
7th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	17	5 October 2016	No Response
6th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	14	28 September 2016	No Response
5th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	8	21 September 2016	No Response
4th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	6	14 September 2016	No Response
3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	4	7 September 2016	No Response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	3	28 June 2016	No Response
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	2	14 June 2016	No Response

4.3.3. Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee**Established:** 1 June 2016**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)**Convener:** Gordon Lindhurst (from 14 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** John Mason (from 14 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 11 members.**Meetings:** There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	25(30)
Bill Bowman (from 18 January 2017)	Con	12(12)
Ash Denham (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	30(30)
Liam Kerr (8 June 2016 - 18 January 2017)	Con	17(18)
Richard Leonard (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	30(30)
Gordon Lindhurst (from 8 June 2016)	Con	30(30)
Dean Lockhart (from 8 June 2016)	Con	28(30)
Gordon MacDonald (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	27(30)
Gillian Martin (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	30(30)
John Mason (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	30(30)
Gil Paterson (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(30)
Andy Wightman (from 8 June 2016)	Green	28(30)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Mark Griffin (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Alex Neil (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Mark Ruskell (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0
Brian Whittle (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0

Reporters: EU Reporter: Richard Leonard MSP**Committee Clerk:** Alison Walker

Advisers: Jane Gotts - No Small Change: The Economic Potential of Closing the Gender Pay Gap

Visits: 25 fact-finding visits. 4 visits for the Energy Strategy inquiry to: The Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation; Levenmouth Community Energy Project; ORE Catapult Levenmouth; Guardbridge Energy Centre; University of St Andrews. 5 visits for the Gender Pay Gap inquiry to: FDM Group, Glasgow; Page\Park Architects, Glasgow; Men in Childcare, Edinburgh; The Wood Group, Glasgow; Home Sweet Home, Aberdeen. 15 visits for the Economic Impact inquiry to: Aggreko Manufacturing, Dumbarton; Clydesdale Bank, Glasgow; CodeBase, Edinburgh; Denholm Seafoods Ltd, Peterhead; Edrington, West Calder; Festivals Edinburgh; Golden Jubilee National Hospital, Clydebank; Liberty Steel, Motherwell; Oil and Gas UK, Glasgow; Quality Meat Scotland, Newbridge; Scottish Fishermen’s Federation Aberdeen; Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation, Perth; University of Edinburgh; University of St Andrews; Vegware, Edinburgh.
1 visit for the Draft Climate Change Plan to Dundee City Council

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	7
Scottish Government officials	7
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	32
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	10
Representatives of professional associations	64
Representatives of voluntary sector	3
Other categories of witnesses	64

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Draft Climate Change Plan; Draft Scottish Energy Strategy; Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union; Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18; No Small Change: The Economic Potential of Closing the Gender Pay Gap
Consultations	3	Draft Climate Change Plan; Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union; No Small Change: The Economic Potential of Closing the Gender Pay Gap
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	4	1 draft affirmative, 1 super affirmative, 2 negatives: SSI 2017/37; SSI 2017/97
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Draft Climate Change Plan	103	10 March 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union	80	3 February 2017	25 May 2017
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Draft Budget 2017-18	70	27 January 2017	28 February 2017

4.3.4. Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee

- Established:** 19 April 2017
- Remit:** To consider matters relating to the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 19 April 2017)
- Duration: Until the Bill is passed, falls or is withdrawn.
- Convener:** Tom Arthur (from 10 May 2017)
- Membership:** The committee has 3 members.
- Meetings:** There was 1 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	1
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	1
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Tom Arthur	SNP	1(1)
Mary Fee	Lab	1(1)
Alison Harris	Con	1(1)

Substitute Members: There are no substitute members on a Private Bill Committee.

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Mary Dinsdale

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses: No witnesses were called to give oral evidence.

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill.

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.5. Education and Skills Committee**Established:** 1 June 2016**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)**Convener:** James Dornan (from 15 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Johann Lamont (from 15 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 11 members.**Meetings:** There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Colin Beattie (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(30)
James Dornan (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	30(30)
Jenny Gilruth (8 June 2016 - 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(2)
Ross Greer (from 8 June 2016)	Green	29(30)
Clare Haughey (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	4(4)
Daniel Johnson (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	29(30)
Johann Lamont (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	28(30)
Richard Lochhead (6 Sept 2016 - 30 March 2017)	SNP	22(24)
Fulton MacGregor (8 June 2016 - 30 March 2017)	SNP	22(26)
Ruth Maguire (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	4(4)
Gillian Martin (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(30)
Tavish Scott (from 8 June 2016)	LD	27(30)
Liz Smith (from 8 June 2016)	Con	28(30)
Ross Thomson (from 8 June 2016)	Con	29(30)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Clare Adamson (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	2
Miles Briggs (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0
Iain Gray (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	2
Alison Johnstone (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0
Liam McArthur (from 8 November 2016)	LD	0

Reporters: EU Reporter: Gillian Martin MSP

Committee Clerk: Roz Thomson

Advisers: None

Visits: 6 fact-finding visits. 1 to St David’s High School, Dalkeith, for the Additional Support Needs in School Education Inquiry; 1 on widening access, university/college collaboration and community initiatives at Stirling University; 1 to Stirling Community Enterprise for discussions with trainees and school leavers; 1 session with Cowdenbeath Primary school children using an emotional literacy tool "the kitbag", (supported by Children 1st); 1 to Queen Margaret University to speak with individuals who had partaken in articulation schemes and SFC officials; 1 to SQA in Glasgow.

Events: 3 meet and greet events: 1 at Raploch Community Campus, Stirling; 1 with officials from Education Scotland; 1 with teachers, at the Scottish Parliament, to discuss the performance of Education Scotland, the Scottish Qualifications Authority, Skills Development Scotland.
5 focus groups: 1 with trainee teachers from the University of Glasgow to discuss their experiences of training and school placements; 2 focus groups on ASN, PSE and CFOE; 1 with teachers from Dalkeith High and St David’s High School during the visit to Dalkeith Community Campus; 1 with teachers from the Edinburgh for a political literacy course.

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	9
Scottish Government officials	20
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	50
Representatives of local authorities	8
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	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	8
Other categories of witnesses	25

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Additional Support Needs in School Education; Children's Hearings system; Draft Budget scrutiny 2017-18; Personal and Social Education; Teacher workforce planning for Scotland's schools
Consultations	2	Children's Hearings system; Personal and Social Education
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	2	Children and Social Work Bill; Higher Education and Research Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI's considered	0	
SSI's considered	15	4 draft affirmatives, 5 laid only, 6 negatives: SSI 2016/234; SSI 2016/255; SSI 2016 261; SSI 2016/299; SSI 2016/373; SSI 2016/425
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	1	12 January 2017: S5M-03298

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Children's Hearings System – Taking Stock of Recent Reforms	126	25 April 2017	28 June 2017
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	97	1 March 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Scottish Government Draft Budget 2017-18	72	27 January 2017	22 February 2017
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Performance and Role of Key Education and Skills Bodies	59	17 January 2017	March 2017
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Children and Social Work Bill (LCM (S5) 7)	57	12 January 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Higher Education and Research Bill (LCM (S5)4)	43	5 December 2016	No Response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	21	7 October 2016	No Response
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	7	19 September 2016	No Response

4.3.6. Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Established: 1 June 2016

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)

Convener: Graeme Dey (from 14 June 2016)

Deputy Convener: Maurice Golden (from 14 June 2016)

Membership: The committee has 11 members.

Meetings: There were 29 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	29
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claudia Beamish (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	26(29)
Alexander Burnett (from 8 June 2016)	Con	27(29)
Finlay Carson (from 8 June 2016)	Con	24(29)
Graeme Dey (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	29(29)
Kate Forbes (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(29)
Jenny Gilruth (6 Sept 2016 – 30 March 2017)	SNP	23(24)
Maurice Golden (from 8 June 2016)	Con	27(29)
Emma Harper (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	29(29)
Richard Lyle (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	2(2)
Angus MacDonald (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	29(29)
Gail Ross (8 June 2016 - 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(3)
Mark Ruskell (from 8 June 2016)	Green	29(29)
David Stewart (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	27(29)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Peter Chapman (from 28 June 2016)	Con	1
Joan McAlpine (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Colin Smyth (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Andy Wightman (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0

Reporters: EU Reporter: David Stewart MSP

Committee Clerk: Lynn Tullis

Advisers: None

Visits: 8 fact-finding visits. 7 visits to: the Crown Estate's Applegirth, for an estate meeting with tenant farmers; the Galloway Fisheries Trust; the National Centre for Resilience; the Crichton Carbon Centre; the Scottish Water Shieldhall Tunnel Project; the Registers of Scotland; University of Edinburgh's FloWave facility, to learn more about the Zero by 2040 Climate Strategy.
1 meeting with the Norwegian Parliament's Standing Committee on Energy and the Environment.

Events: 1 breakfast networking event on young people and environmental and climate change issues.

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	9
Scottish Government officials	30
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	37
Representatives of local authorities	6
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	2
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	7
Representatives of voluntary sector	29
Other categories of witnesses	30

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	9	Air Quality in Scotland; Biodiversity Progress to 2020; Climate Change and the Environment in the Scottish Parliament; Deer Management in Scotland - SNH Report to Scottish Government November 2016; Draft Budget 2017-18; Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets 2016; Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Programme - Committee on Climate Change Independent Assessment 2016; The draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3); Wildlife Crime.
Consultations	4	Air Quality in Scotland; Deer Management in Scotland - SNH Report to Scottish Government November 2016; Draft Budget 2017-18; The draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3)

Business	No.	Details
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Farriers (Registration) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	5	5 draft affirmatives, 5 laid only, 13 negatives: SSI 2016/251; SSI 2016/292; SSI 2016/293; SSI 2016/376; SSI 2016/391; SSI 2016/392; SSI 2016/406; SSI 2017/63; SSI 2017/101; SSI 2017/112; SSI 2017/113; SSI 2017/114; SSI 2017/115
Petitions considered	2	PE1601; PE1615
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	2	16 March 2017: S5M-04534; 2 May 2017: S5M-05351

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on Deer Management in Scotland: Report to the Scottish Government from Scottish Natural Heritage 2016	117	3 April 2017	29 June 2017
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]	113	22 March 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Draft Climate Change Plan - the Draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032	93	10 March 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Farriers (Registration) Bill	90	24 February 2017	No Response
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Draft Budget 2017-18	73	27 January 2017	23 February 2017
4th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Appointment of the Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner	50	8 December 2016	No Response
3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	37	25 November 2016	No Response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	20	6 October 2016	No Response
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	9	23 September 2016	No Response

4.3.7. Equal Opportunities Committee**Established:** 8 June 2016**Ended:** 29 September 2016**Remit:** The remit of the Equal Opportunities Committee is to consider and report on matters relating to equal opportunities and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament.

Name changed from Equal Opportunities Committee to Equalities and Human Rights Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Christina McKelvie (from 16 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Alex Cole-Hamilton (from 16 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 7 members.**Meetings:** There were 4 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	4
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	4
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour	Con	4(4)
Willie Coffey	SNP	4(4)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	4(4)
Mary Fee	Lab	4(4)
Christina McKelvie	SNP	4(4)
David Torrance	SNP	3(4)
Annie Wells	Con	4(4)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Linda Fabiani (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Maurice Golden (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0
Jenny Marra (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0

Reporters: EU Reporter: Annie Wells MSP**Committee Clerk:** Claire Menzies**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	12
Representatives of public bodies	2
Representatives of local authorities	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	19
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI's considered	0	
SSI's considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.8. Equalities and Human Rights Committee

Established: 29 September 2016

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to equal opportunities and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A).
In these Rules, “equal opportunities” includes the prevention, elimination or regulation of discrimination between persons on grounds of sex or marital status, on racial grounds or on grounds of disability, age, sexual orientation, language or social origin or of other personal attributes, including beliefs or opinions such as religious beliefs or political opinions.
Human rights, including Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other human rights contained in any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom.

Name changed from Equal Opportunities Committee to Equalities and Human Rights Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Christina McKelvie

Deputy Convener: Alex Cole-Hamilton

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 20 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	20
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	16
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jeremy Balfour	Con	20(20)
Willie Coffey (until 30 March 2017)	SNP	17(17)
Alex Cole-Hamilton	LD	19(20)
Mary Fee	Lab	20(20)
Christina McKelvie	SNP	20(20)
Gail Ross (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	3(3)
David Torrance	SNP	11(20)
Annie Wells	Con	20(20)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Linda Fabiani	SNP	1
Maurice Golden	Con	0
Jenny Marra	Lab	0
Willie Rennie (from 8 November 2016)	LD	0

Reporters: EU Reporter: Annie Wells MSP
 Draft Budget 2017/18: Jeremy Balfour MSP and Willie Coffey MSP

Committee Clerk: Claire Menzies

Advisers: None

Visits: 5 fact-finding visits to: Thornlie Primary School, Wishaw and Westfield Primary School, West Lothian, to mark International Human Rights Day; Shakti Women's Aid, Edinburgh and BRC(S) Mums' project, Glasgow, as part of the destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status report; Vale of Leven Primary School as part of the bullying inquiry

Events: 5 events at the Scottish Parliament for: the Older People's Assembly; Your Scottish Parliament: youth bullying in schools; Alwaad Aid Centre; Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; British Council event on gender.

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	6
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	28
Representatives of local authorities	12
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	1
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	57
Other categories of witnesses	27

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	4	Bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools; Destitution, Asylum and Insecure Immigration Status in Scotland; The UK's departure from the EU (Brexit) and implications for equalities and human rights; Universities and disability – 2017-18 draft budget Scrutiny
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI's considered	0	
SSI's considered	1	1 negative: SSI 2016/427
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Draft Budget 2017-18	76	27 January 2017	3 May 2017
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Disabilities and Universities	66	23 January 2017	11 May 2017

4.3.9. European and External Relations Committee

Established: 8 June 2016

Ended: 29 September 2016

Remit: The remit of the European and External Relations Committee is to consider and report on—

- (a) proposals for European Union legislation;
- (b) the implementation of European Communities and European Union legislation;
- (c) any European Communities or European Union issue;
- (d) the development and implementation of the Scottish Administration’s links with countries and territories outside Scotland, the European Union (and its institutions) and other international organisations; and
- (e) co-ordination of the international activities of the Scottish Administration.

Name changed from European and External Relations Committee to Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Joan McAlpine (from 16 June 2016)

Deputy Convener: Lewis Macdonald (from 16 June 2016)

Membership: The committee has 9 members. The number of members changed from 7 to 9 on 29 June 2016.

Meetings: There were 8 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	8
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	8
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackson Carlaw	Con	6(8)
Bruce Crawford (until 6 September 2016)	SNP	3(3)
Ash Denham (29 June - 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(2)
Ross Greer	Green	8(8)
Rachael Hamilton	Con	8(8)
Emma Harper (from 6 September 2016)	SNP	5(5)
Richard Lochhead	SNP	7(8)
Lewis Macdonald	Lab	8(8)
Joan McAlpine	SNP	8(8)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	5(5)
Tavish Scott (from 29 June 2016)	LD	5(7)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Kate Forbes (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Daniel Johnson (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Margaret Mitchell (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0
Andy Wightman (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Katy Orr

Advisers: Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott and Professor Michael Keating - The European Union referendum and its implications for Scotland.

Visits: 1 fact-finding visit to Brussels regarding the EU referendum result and its implications for Scotland

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	2
Scottish Government officials	2
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	5
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	6
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	The EU referendum and its implications for Scotland.
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI considered	0	

Business	No.	Details
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): The EU referendum result and its implications for Scotland: Initial Evidence	5	12 September 2016	22 December 2016

4.3.10. Finance Committee**Established:** 8 June 2016**Ended:** 29 September 2016

Remit: The remit of the Finance Committee is to consider and report on—

- (a) any report or other document laid before the Parliament by members of the Scottish Government containing proposals for, or budgets of, public revenue or expenditure or proposals for the making of a tax-varying resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made to them by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them;
- (b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public revenue or expenditure;
- (c) Budget Bills; and
- (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.

Name changed from Finance Committee to Finance and Constitution Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Bruce Crawford (from 7 September 2016)
Michael Russell (15 June 2016 – 27 August 2016)

Deputy Convener: Alex Johnstone (from 15 June 2016)

Membership: The committee has 11 members.

Meetings: There were 6 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	6
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	5
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Neil Bibby	Lab	6(6)
Willie Coffey	SNP	6(6)
Bruce Crawford (from 6 September 2016)	SNP	4(4)
Ash Denham	SNP	6(6)
Kate Forbes (until 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(2)
Murdo Fraser	Con	6(6)
Patrick Harvie	Green	5(6)
Alex Johnstone	Con	6(6)
James Kelly	Lab	6(6)
Ivan McKee	SNP	6(6)
Michael Russell (until 27 August 2016)	SNP	2(2)
Maree Todd (from 6 September 2016)	SNP	4(4)
Adam Tomkins	Con	6(6)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Kezia Dugdale (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
John Finnie (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0
Gordon MacDonald (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Oliver Mundell (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Jim Johnston

Advisers: David Eiser – Fiscal Framework
 Professor Nicola McEwen – Intergovernmental Relations
 Christine O'Neill – Constitution
 Professor Clara Ponsati – Taxation

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	2
Scottish Government officials	4
Members of the Scottish Parliament	43
Representatives of public bodies	3
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	1

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Land and Buildings Transaction Tax: Review of First Year of Operation; Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18
Consultations	1	Land and Buildings Transaction Tax: Review of First Year of Operation
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	1	1 draft affirmative
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	15 June 2016: Interests: Convenor of the Finance Committee
Plenary debates	0	

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.11. Finance and Constitution Committee

Established: 29 September 2016

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

- (a) any report or other document laid before the Parliament by members of the Scottish Government containing proposals for, or budgets of, public revenue or expenditure or proposals for the making of a Scottish rate resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made to them by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them;
- (b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public revenue or expenditure;
- (c) Budget Bills;
- (d) any other matter relating to or affecting the revenue or expenditure of the Scottish Administration or other monies payable into or expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund;
- (e) constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution.

Name changed from Finance Committee to Finance and Constitution Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Bruce Crawford

Deputy Convener: Adam Tomkins (from 16 November 2016)
Alex Johnstone (until 3 November 2016)

Membership: The committee has 11 members.

Meetings: There were 25 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	25
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Neil Bibby	Lab	20(25)
Willie Coffey	SNP	25(25)
Bruce Crawford	SNP	25(25)
Ash Denham	SNP	25(25)
Murdo Fraser	Con	25(25)
Patrick Harvie	Green	25(25)
Alex Johnstone (until 3 November 2016)	Con	1(3)
James Kelly	Lab	24(25)
Liam Kerr (from 18 January 2017)	Con	12(12)
Dean Lockhart (3 Nov 2016-18 Jan 2017)	Con	10(10)
Ivan McKee	SNP	25(25)
Maree Todd	SNP	25(25)
Adam Tomkins	Con	24(25)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Kezia Dugdale	Lab	0
John Finnie	Green	0
Gordon MacDonald	SNP	0
Oliver Mundell	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Jim Johnston

Advisers: David Eiser - Fiscal Framework
 Professor Nicola McEwen - Intergovernmental Relations
 Christine O'Neill - Constitution
 Professor Clara Ponsati – Taxation

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	17
Members of the Scottish Parliament	203
Representatives of public bodies	27
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	2
Members of the UK Parliament	11
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	9
Other categories of witnesses	3

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	1	A Scottish Approach to Taxation
Consultations	8	Air Departure (Scotland) Bill; Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill; Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill; Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill; Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill; Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill; Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill; Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Air Departure (Scotland) Bill; Budget (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	6	3 draft affirmatives, 1 provisional affirmative, 1 laid only, 1 negative: SSI 2017/139
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	2	4 October 2016: S5M-01788; 8 December 2016: S5M-02937

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage One Report on the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill	118	1 April 2017	21 April 2017
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on Subordinate Legislation	110	16 March 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on Subordinate Legislation	96	1 March 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on Nominations to the Scottish Fiscal Commission	82	3 February 2017	No Response
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report On Draft Budget 2017-18	74	27 January 2017	21 February 2017
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Report on the First Years Operation of the Land and Building's Transaction Tax	48	5 December 2016	21 February 2017
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	30	2 November 2016	No Response

4.3.12. Health and Sport Committee**Established:** 1 June 2016**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)**Convener:** Neil Findlay (from 14 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Clare Haughey (from 14 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 11 members.**Meetings:** There were 28 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	28
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Tom Arthur (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(28)
Miles Briggs (from 8 June 2016)	Con	27(28)
Donald Cameron (from 8 June 2016)	Con	26(28)
Alex Cole-Hamilton (from 8 June 2016)	LD	27(28)
Neil Findlay (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	27(28)
Jenny Gilruth (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	3(3)
Clare Haughey (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(28)
Alison Johnstone (from 8 June 2016)	Green	28(28)
Richard Lyle (8 June 2016 - 30 March 2017)	SNP	25(25)
Ivan McKee (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(28)
Colin Smyth (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	26(28)
Maree Todd (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(28)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bob Doris (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Ross Greer (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0
Alison Harris (28 June 2016 - 17 November 2016)	Con	0
Willie Rennie (from 8 November 2016)	LD	0
Anas Sarwar (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Brian Whittle (from 17 November 2016)	Con	0

Reporters: EU Reporters: Donald Cameron MSP and Richard Lyle MSP

Committee Clerk: David Cullum

Advisers: None

Visits: 4 fact-finding visits: 1 to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow and the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Glasgow. 3 for the Sport for Everyone Inquiry to: The Bridge, Easterhouse, Phoenix Community Centre, Easterhouse and Drumchapel Community Sports Hub, Glasgow; Aviemore Primary School, Badenoch Centre, Kingussie and Kingussie High School; Muirhouse Millennium Centre and Spartans Community Football Club, Edinburgh.

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	5
Scottish Government officials	17
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	67
Representatives of local authorities	9
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	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	9
Other categories of witnesses	9

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	17	Child Protection in Sport; Delayed Discharges; Draft Budget 2018-19; GPs and GP Hubs; Health and Social Care Integration Budgets; Healthcare in Prisons; Integration Authorities Consultation with Stakeholders; Information Technology Security; Mental Health; NHS Governance - Creating a culture of improvement; NHS Targets; Obesity; Preventative Agenda; Recruitment and Retention; Social and Community Care Workforce; Sport for Everyone; Technology and Innovation in Health and Social Care

Business	No.	Details
Consultations	13	Delayed Discharges; Draft Budget 2018-19; Healthcare in Prisons; Integration Authorities Consultation with Stakeholders; Legislative Consent Memorandum - Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill; Mental Health; Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 - Scottish Statutory Instruments; NHS Governance (clinical governance); NHS Governance (staff governance); Preventative Agenda; Recruitment and Retention; Sport for Everyone; Technology and Innovation in Health and Social Care
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Proposed Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	3	3 negatives: SI 2016/693; SI 2016/902; SI 2016/1008
SSIs considered	29	5 draft affirmatives, 5 laid only, 19 negatives: SSI 2016/190; SSI 2016/191; SSI 2016/195; SSI 2016/260; SSI 2016/383; SSI 2016/393; SSI 2016/401; SSI 2016/413; SSI 2016/422; SSI 2017/13; SSI 2017/27; SSI2017/28; SSI 2017/50; SSI 2017/51; SSI 2017/58; SSI 2017/59; SSI 2017/95; SSI 2017/134; SSI 2017/135
Petitions considered	5	PE1477; PE1568; PE1605; PE1611; PE1628
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	1	18 April 2017: S5M-04948

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	137	10 May 2017	No Response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Healthcare in Prisons	135	10 May 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Sport for Everyone Interim Report	134	8 May 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Child Protection in Sport	124	26 April 2017	28 April 2017 (Initial response) 29 June 2017 (Full response)
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	91	24 February 2017	No Response
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum - Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill	69	25 January 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Health and Social Care Integration Budgets	44	30 November 2016	15 December 2016
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	26	27 October 2016	No Response

4.3.13. Justice Committee**Established:** 1 June 2016**Remit:** To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)**Convener:** Margaret Mitchell (from 14 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Rona Mackay (from 14 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 11 members.**Meetings:** There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Mairi Evans (from 8 June 2017)	SNP	30(30)
Mary Fee (from 8 June 2017)	Lab	27(30)
John Finnie (from 8 June 2017)	Green	27(30)
Fulton MacGregor (from 8 June 2017)	SNP	28(30)
Rona Mackay (from 8 June 2017)	SNP	30(30)
Ben Macpherson (from 8 June 2017)	SNP	29(30)
Liam McArthur (from 8 June 2017)	LD	28(30)
Margaret Mitchell (from 8 June 2017)	Con	28(30)
Oliver Mundell (from 8 June 2017)	Con	25(30)
Douglas Ross (from 8 June 2017)	Con	27(30)
Stewart Stevenson (from 8 June 2017)	SNP	30(30)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
George Adam (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	0
Claire Baker (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	2
Donald Cameron (28 June 2016 - 9 March 2017)	Con	0
Patrick Harvie (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0
Christina McKelvie (7 Sept 2016 - 30 March 2017)	SNP	0
Tavish Scott (from 8 November 2016)	LD	0
Alexander Stewart (from 9 March 2017)	Con	3

Reporters: EU Reporter: Mary Fee MSP

Committee Clerk: Peter McGrath

Advisers: None

Visits: 5 fact-finding visits: 4 to Inverness, Hamilton (twice) and Edinburgh meeting stakeholders in criminal justice for the inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service; 1 to Police Scotland's East Control Centre, Bilston, to gain a better understanding of police call-handling

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	15
Scottish Government officials	15
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	32
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	1
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	8
Representatives of professional associations	18
Representatives of voluntary sector	12
Other categories of witnesses	13

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Draft Budget scrutiny 2017-18; Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill; Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill; Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Criminal Finances Bill; Investigatory Powers Bill; Policing and Crime Bill
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	

Business	No.	Details
SSIs considered	86	26 draft affirmatives, 36 laid only, 24 negatives: SSI 2016/187; SSI 2016/188; SSI 2016/231; SSI 2016/232; SSI 2016/249; SSI 2016/257; SSI 2016/290; SSI 2016/309; SSI 2016/316; SSI 2016/317; SSI 2016/329; SSI 2016/332; SSI 2016/333; SSI 2016/334; SSI 2016/339; SSI 2016/371; SSI 2016/390; SSI 2016/419; SSI 2016/431; SSI 2017/7; SSI 2017/53; SSI 2017/68; SSI 2017/69; SSI 2017/96
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	3	22 November 2016: Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016 [Draft], S5M-02027 be agreed to; 18 April 2017: International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment, S5M-04479 be agreed to; 9 May 2017: Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Expected Proceedings) Regulations 2017 [Draft], S5M-05334 be agreed to.
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
11th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill	132	28 April 2017	8 May 2017
10th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill	130	25 April 2017	No Response
9th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Role and Purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service	123	25 April 2017	30 May 2017
8th Report, 2017 (Session 5): International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017	122	21 April 2017	No Response
7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill	120	20 April 2017	25 April 2017
6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	112	21 March 2017	No Response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2017	111	21 March 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (Scottish Land Court) Order 2017	101	7 March 2017	No Response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017	87	14 February 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill	81	2 February 2017	No Response
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18	71	27 January 2017	No Response
9th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010 (Transitional Provisions) Order 2016	49	8 December 2016	No response
8th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Air Weapons Licensing (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2016	46	1 December 2016	No Response
7th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016	45	1 December 2016	No Response
6th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Policing and Crime Bill	38	23 November 2016	No Response
5th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2016	33	10 November 2016	No Response
4th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	32	10 November 2016	No Response
3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2016	24	24 October 2016	No Response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Investigatory Powers Bill LCM	19	5 October 2016	No Response
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	15	3 October 2016	No Response

4.3.14. Justice Sub-Committee on Policing**Established:** 6 October 2016**Remit:** To consider and report on the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to policing.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 6 October 2016)

Duration: Until the end of the Parliamentary session.

Convener: Mary Fee (from 27 October 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Margaret Mitchell (from 27 October 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 7 members.**Meetings:** There were 13 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	13
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	11
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Mary Fee	Lab	12(13)
John Finnie	Green	10(13)
Rona Mackay	SNP	13(13)
Ben Macpherson	SNP	13(13)
Liam McArthur	LD	12(13)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	10(13)
Stewart Stevenson	SNP	12(13)

There are no substitute members on a Sub-Committee.

Reporters: None**Committee Clerk:** Diane Barr**Advisers:** None**Visits:** None**Events:** None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	1
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	11
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	1

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Audit Scotland's 2015-16 audit report on the Scottish Police Authority; Audit Scotland's audit of Police Scotland's i6 IT project; Call Handling; Police Body Worn Video; Stop and Search
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.15. Local Government and Communities Committee**Established:** 1 June 2016**Remit:** To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)**Convener:** Bob Doris (from 15 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Elaine Smith (from 15 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 7 members.**Meetings:** There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	27
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bob Doris (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	30(30)
Mairi Evans (8 June 2016 – 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(2)
Kenneth Gibson (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(30)
Jenny Gilruth (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	4(4)
Ruth Maguire (6 Sept 2016 – 30 March 2017)	SNP	24(24)
Graham Simpson (from 8 June 2016)	Con	28(30)
Elaine Smith (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	24(30)
Alexander Stewart (from 8 June 2016)	Con	28(30)
Andy Wightman (from 8 June 2016)	Green	29(30)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Patrick Harvie (from 29 June 2016)	Green	1
Pauline McNeill (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Douglas Ross (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0
David Torrance (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0

Reporters: EU reporter: Andy Wightman MSP**Committee Clerk:** Jane Williams (until 10 October 2016)
Clare Hawthorne (from 10 October 2016)**Advisers:** None

Visits: 6 fact-finding visits. 3 to Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, and Ayr for the Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3); 3 to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Perth for the homelessness inquiry.

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	11
Scottish Government officials	21
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	21
Representatives of local authorities	23
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	22
Representatives of voluntary sector	12
Other categories of witnesses	25

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	12	Building Regulations in Scotland; City Region Deals; Common Good Property and Funds; Draft Budget scrutiny 2017-18; Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3); Homelessness; Implications for Scottish Local Government of the UK leaving the European Union; Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's 5th Review; Non-Domestic Rates; Payment to Returning Officers in Scotland; Scottish Local Government Elections and Voting; Scrutiny of Public Bodies
Consultations	10	Building Regulations in Scotland; City Region Deals; Common Good Property and Funds; Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion)(Scotland) Order 2016; Draft Budget scrutiny 2017-18; Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3); Homelessness; Payments to Returning Officers in Scotland; Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009; Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013

Business	No.	Details
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	67	6 draft affirmatives, 32 laid only, 29 negatives: SSI 2016/258; SSI 2016/263; SSI 2016/264; SSI 2016/357; SSI 2016/358; SSI 2016/359; SSI 2016/360; SSI 2016/361; SSI 2016/362; SSI 2016/364; SSI 2016/402; SSI 2016/411; SSI 2016/421; SSI 2016/432; SSI 2016/433; SSI 2017/8; SSI 2017/9; SSI 2017/22; SSI 2017/39; SSI 2017/42; SSI 2017/43; SSI 2017/60; SSI 2017/61; SSI 2017/64; SSI 2017/66; SSI 2017/78; SSI 2017/85; SSI 2017/102; SSI 2017/120
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	2	5 October 2016: Council Tax (Variation and Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [Draft], Motion S5M-01552.1 be agreed to, Motion S5M-01552 be agreed to
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Draft Climate Change Plan - the Draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032	104	10 March 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on Subordinate Legislation	92	24 February 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter	82	3 February 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18	68	27 January 2017	9 March 2017
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Payments to Returning Officers in Scotland	65	24 January 2017	9 March 2017
4th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	47	5 December 2016	No Response
3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's Fifth Electoral Reviews	39	25 November 2016	30 March 2017

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Report on Subordinate Legislation (Council Tax)	28	28 October 2016	22 December 2016
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	27	27 October 2016	No Response

4.3.16. Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee**Established:** 19 April 2017**Remit:** Remit: To consider matters relating to the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 19 April 2017)
Duration: Until the Bill is passed, falls or is withdrawn.**Convener:** Tom Arthur (from 10 May 2017)**Membership:** The committee has 3 members.**Meetings:** There was 1 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	1
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	1
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Tom Arthur	SNP	1(1)
Mary Fee	Lab	1(1)
Alison Harris	Con	1(1)

Substitute Members: There are no substitute members on a Private Bill Committee.**Reporters:** None**Committee Clerk:** Nick Hawthorne**Advisers:** None**Visits:** None**Events:** None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Promoters	5
Objectors	0
Scottish Government Ministers	0
Scottish Government officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	0
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill.

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.17. Public Audit Committee**Established:** 8 June 2016

Remit: The remit of the Public Audit Committee is to consider and report on—

- (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.

Name changed from Public Audit Committee to Finance and Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Jenny Marra (from 16 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Alison Harris (from 16 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 4 meetings in the parliamentary year. 1 meeting was held outside the Parliament at Dundee City Chambers, on 15 December 2016.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	4
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	3
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Colin Beattie	SNP	4(4)
Jenny Gilruth (until 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(2)
Alison Harris	Con	4(4)
Liam Kerr	Con	4(4)
Monica Lennon	Lab	4(4)
Jenny Marra	Lab	4(4)
Alex Neil	SNP	4(4)
Gail Ross (from 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(2)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Kenneth Gibson (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
James Kelly (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Liz Smith (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Joanne Clinton (until 4 September 2016)
Terry Shevlin (from 4 September 2016)

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	6
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
AGS Scotland Reports reviewed	2	Section 23 report: Changing models of health and social care; Section 23 report: Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.18. Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee**Established:** 29 September 2016

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

- (a) any accounts laid before the Parliament;
- (b) any report laid before or made to the Parliament by the Auditor General for Scotland;
- (c) any other document laid before the Parliament, or referred to it by the Parliamentary Bureau or by the Auditor General for Scotland, concerning financial control, accounting and auditing in relation to public expenditure;
- (d) post-legislative scrutiny.

Name changed from Public Audit Committee to Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee on 29 September 2016.

Convener: Jenny Marra**Acting Convener:** Jackie Baillie (from 20 April 2017 to cover Jenny Marra's maternity leave)**Deputy Convener:** Alison Harris (until 17 November 2016)
Liam Kerr (from 24 November 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 7 members. Membership was temporarily raised to 8 members from 20 April 2017 to cover Jenny Marra's maternity leave.**Meetings:** There were 22 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	22
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	19
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie (from 30 March 2017)	Lab	3(3)
Colin Beattie	SNP	22(22)
Willie Coffey (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	3(3)
Alison Harris (until 17 November 2016)	Con	5(5)
Liam Kerr	Con	21(22)
Monica Lennon	Lab	20(22)
Jenny Marra	Lab	19(19*)
Alex Neil	SNP	18(22)
Gail Ross (until 30 March 2017)	SNP	18(19)
Ross Thomson (from 17 November 2016)	Con	17(17)

*Does not include period from 20 April 2017 when Jenny Marra was on maternity leave.

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Kenneth Gibson	SNP	0
James Kelly	Lab	2
Liz Smith	Con	2

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Terry Shevlin

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	13
Members of the Scottish Parliament	114
Representatives of public bodies	71
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	6
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	4
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
AGS Scotland Reports reviewed	10	Section 22 report - The 2014/15 audit of Edinburgh College; Section 22 report - The 2014/15 audit of Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board; Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority; Section 23 report - Audit of higher education in Scottish universities; Section 23 report - Changing models of health and social care; Section 23 report - Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme; Section 23 report - Managing new financial powers; Section 23 report - Scotland's colleges 2016; Section 23 report - Superfast broadband for Scotland; Section 23 report - Supporting Scotland's economic growth
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.19. Public Petitions Committee

Established: 8 June 2016

Remit: To consider public petitions addressed to the Parliament in accordance with these Rules (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A) and, in particular, to—
 (a) decide in a case of dispute whether a petition is admissible;
 (b) decide what action should be taken upon an admissible public petition; and
 (c) keep under review the operation of the petitions system.

Convener: Johann Lamont (from 16 June 2016)

Deputy Convener: Angus MacDonald (from 16 June 2016)

Membership: The committee has 5 members.

Meetings: There were 18 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	18
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	5
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Maurice Corry	Con	15(18)
Johann Lamont	Lab	17(18)
Angus MacDonald	SNP	18(18)
Rona Mackay	SNP	17(18)
Brian Whittle	Con	18(18)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Graeme Dey (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Mary Fee (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Edward Mountain (from 28 June 2016)	Con	2

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Catherine Fergusson

Advisers: None

Visits: None

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Petitioners	70
Scottish Executive Ministers	3
Scottish Executive officials	13
Members of the Scottish Parliament	8
Representatives of public bodies	7
Representatives of local authorities	5
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	4
Representatives of voluntary sector	14
Other categories of witnesses	22

Business transacted: The only business was the consideration of Public Petitions

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

Petitions Considered:

	No. of petitions
New petitions lodged from 5 May 2016 until 11 May 2017	42
Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee from 5 May 2016 to 11 May 2017: PE1223, PE1319, PE1408, PE1458, PE1463, PE1477, PE1480, PE1517, PE1533, PE1540, PE1545, PE1548, PE1551, PE1563, PE1568, PE1571, PE1577, PE1581, PE1586, PE1591, PE1592, PE1593, PE1595, PE1596, PE1598, PE1600, PE1601, PE1602, PE1603, PE1604, PE1605, PE1606, PE1607, PE1608, PE1609, PE1610, PE1611, PE1612, PE1613, PE1614, PE1615, PE1616, PE1617, PE1618, PE1619, PE1620, PE1621, PE1622, PE1623, PE1624, PE1625, PE1626, PE1627, PE1628, PE1629, PE1630, PE1631, PE1632, PE1633, PE1634, PE1635, PE1636, PE1637, PE1638, PE1639, PE1640, PE1641, PE1642, PE1643, PE1644, PE1645	71
Petitions referred to Scottish Parliament Committees: PE1477: Health and Sport Committee PE1568: Health and Sport Committee PE1571: Social Security Committee PE1598: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee PE1601: Climate Change and Land Reform Committee PE1605: Health and Sport Committee PE1611: Health and Sport Committee PE1615: Climate Change and Land Reform Committee PE1628: Health and Sport Committee	9
Petitions referred for information only to Scottish Parliament Committees	0
Petitions closed: PE1223, PE1563, PE1586, PE1606, PE1608, PE1609, PE1613, PE1614, PE1617, PE1618, PE1620, PE1622, PE1624, PE1641	14
Petitions withdrawn at the request of the petitioner	0

4.3.20. Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Established: 1 June 2016

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)

Convener: Edward Mountain (from 15 June 2016)

Deputy Convener: Gail Ross (from 15 June 2016)

Membership: The committee has 11 members.

Meetings: There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Peter Chapman (from 8 June 2016)	Con	29(30)
Mairi Evans (6 Sept 2016 – 30 March 2017)	SNP	24(24)
John Finnie (from 8 June 2016)	Green	27(30)
Rhoda Grant (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	29(30)
Jamie Greene (from 8 June 2016)	Con	29(30)
Emma Harper (8 June – 6 September 2016)	SNP	2(2)
Richard Lyle (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	28(30)
Fulton MacGregor (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	4(4)
John Mason (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	30(30)
Edward Mountain (from 8 June 2016)	Con	30(30)
Gail Ross (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	29(30)
Mike Rumbles (from 8 June 2016)	LD	28(30)
Stewart Stevenson (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	27(30)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Neil Bibby (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	1
Alexander Burnett (from 28 June 2016)	Con	1
Alex Cole-Hamilton (from 8 November 2016)	LD	0
Christine Grahame (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	1
Mark Ruskell (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0

Reporters: EU Reporter: Mike Rumbles MSP;
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Reporter
for meetings relating to the appointment of the Tenant Farming
Commissioner: Edward Mountain MSP

Committee Clerk: Steve Farrell

Advisers: None

Visits: 2 fact-finding visits to Glasgow Queen Street Station and the
Queensferry Crossing

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	21
Scottish Government officials	71
Members of the Scottish Parliament	3
Representatives of public bodies	13
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	38
Representatives of voluntary sector	6
Other categories of witnesses	3

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	2	Crofting Legislative Priorities; Draft Budget 2017-18
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent	1	Digital Economy Bill
Memorandums		
Public Body Act Consent	0	
Memorandums		
SI's considered	0	

Business	No.	Details
SSIs considered	36	6 draft affirmatives, 2 laid only, 28 negatives: SSI 2016/178; SSI 2016/245; SSI 2016/246; SSI 2016/247; SSI 2016/366; SSI 2016/389; SSI 2016/407; SSI 2016/408; SSI 2016/409; SSI 2016/434; SSI 2017/6; SSI 2017/38; SSI 2017/48; SSI 2017/49; SSI 2017/57; SSI 2017/74; SSI 2017/77; SSI 2017/79; SSI 2017/80; SSI 2017/81; SSI 2017/82; SSI 2017/83; SSI 2017/84; SSI 2017/98; SSI 2017/118; SSI 2017/127; SSI 2017/128; SSI 2017/133
Petitions considered	1	PE1598
Divisions held	1	29 March 2017: Shellfish (Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/57), Motion S5M-04500 be agreed to
Plenary debates	2	26 October 2016: S5M-02106; 2 May 2017: S5M-05245.

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 29 March 2017	121	20 April 2017	No Response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Report on the Draft Climate Change Plan- the draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032	105	10 March 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Review of Priorities for Crofting Law Reform	100	9 March 2017	31 March 2017
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	98	6 March 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017(Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Digital Economy Bill (LCM(S5)8)	85	6 February 2017	No Response
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Draft Budget 2017-18	62	27 January 2017	27 February 2017
4th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	42	5 December 2016	No Response
3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	40	1 December 2016	No Response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Report on the Memorandum of Understanding of Ofcom	18	6 October 2016	No Response
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation	13	27 September 2016	No Response

4.3.21. Social Security Committee**Established:** 1 June 2016**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to social security falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.
(As agreed by resolution of Parliament on 1 June 2016)**Convener:** Sandra White (from 16 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Pauline McNeill (from 16 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 9 members.**Meetings:** There were 21 meetings in the parliamentary year. 1 meeting was held outside the Parliament at Glasgow City Chambers, on 27 March 2017. There were 2 joint meetings with the UK Parliament Scottish Affairs Committee, 1 in Edinburgh on 13 March 2017 and 1 in London on 20 March 2017.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	21
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Joint meeting with UK Committee	1*
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

* Only the meeting held at the Scottish Parliament has been counted in the statistics.

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
George Adam (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	21(21)
Mark Griffin (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	15(21)
Alison Johnstone (from 8 June 2016)	Con	21(21)
Gordon Lindhurst (from 8 June 2016)	Con	21(21)
Ben Macpherson (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	21(21)
Ruth Maguire (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	21(21)
Pauline McNeill (from 8 June 2016)	Lab	19(21)
Adam Tomkins (from 8 June 2016)	Con	21(21)
Sandra White (from 8 June 2016)	SNP	20(21)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jenny Gilruth (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
Ross Greer (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0
Richard Leonard (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	2
Dean Lockhart (from 28 June 2016)	Con	0

Reporters: None

Committee Clerk: Simon Watkins

Advisers: None

Visits: 1 fact-finding visit to Musselburgh Job Centre

Events: 1 event relating to Universal Credit, Brunton Theatre, Musselburgh

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	24
Members of the Scottish Parliament	10
Representatives of public bodies	4
Representatives of local authorities	11
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	2
Members of the UK Parliament	7
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	2
Representatives of voluntary sector	32
Other categories of witnesses	16

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Citizens Income; Draft Budget 2017-18; Employability and sanctions; Inter-governmental co-operation on social security; Universal credit roll-out
Consultations	1	Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SSIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	2	2 negative: SSI 2016/253; SSI 2017/41
Petitions considered	1	PE1571
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports: There were no reports published by the committee in this parliamentary year.

4.3.22. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**Established:** 8 June 2016

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

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

Convener: Clare Adamson (from 16 June 2016)**Deputy Convener:** Patrick Harvie (from 16 June 2016)**Membership:** The committee has 7 members.**Meetings:** There were 19 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	19
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 attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Clare Adamson	SNP	19(19)
Tom Arthur	SNP	19(19)
Emma Harper (from 30 March 2017)	SNP	1(1)
Patrick Harvie	Green	19(19)
Clare Haughey (until 30 March 2017)	SNP	18(18)
Daniel Johnson	Lab	19(19)
John Scott	Con	18(19)
Alexander Stewart	Con	19(19)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
John Finnie (from 29 June 2016)	Green	0
Alison Harris (from 17 November 2016)	Con	0
Gil Paterson (from 7 September 2016)	SNP	0
David Stewart (from 28 June 2016)	Lab	0
Ross Thomson (until 17 November 2016)	Con	0

Reporters: None
Committee Clerk: Douglas Wands
Advisers: None
Visits: None
Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	2
Members of the Scottish Parliament	27
Representatives of public bodies	6
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted:

Business	No.	Details
Inquiries	5	Acting Conveners; First Minister's Questions; Mandatory committee remits; Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016; Scotland Act 2016
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
Public Body Act Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	6	27 September 2016: S5M-01645; 25 October 2016: S5M-02057; 31 January 2017: S5M-03514; 23 March 2017: S5M-04661; 20 April 2017: S5M-05176; 11 May 2017: S5M-05456.

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 - Standing Order rule changes	125	25 April 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Scotland Act 2016 - Standing Order rule changes	115	28 March 2017	No Response
3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Complaint against Kenneth Gibson MSP	109	16 March 2017	No Response
2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Acting Conveners - Standing Order rule changes	106	14 March 2017	No Response
1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Gender balance on the Parliamentary Bureau and SPCB	58	17 January 2017	No Response
4th Report, 2016 (Session 5): First Minister's Question Time- Standing Order rule changes	22	7 October 2016	No Response
3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Mandatory Committee remits - Standing Order rule changes	12	23 September 2016	No Response
2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5): Complaints against Neil Findlay MSP	11	22 September 2015	No Response
1st Report, 2016 (Session 5): Complaint against Sandra White MSP	10	22 September 2016	No Response

5. Legislation

5.1. Bills and Proposed Bills

5.1.1. Summary

Proposals for Bills

Members' Bills proposals	Number
Draft proposals lodged	7
Draft proposals lodged with a consultation attached	5
Draft proposals lodged with a statement of reasons	2
Draft Proposals fell	0
Draft proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals lodged after no consultation	1
Final proposals lodged after consultation	2
Final proposals fell	0
Final proposals fell because the Scottish Government gave indication under Rule 9.14.13(a) that they will legislate in this area	0
Final proposals withdrawn	0
Final proposals that secured the right to introduce a Bill	2

Bills

Bills introduced	Number
Government Bills	9
Members' Bills	1
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	2
Total	12

Bills fell	Number
Government Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

Bills withdrawn	Number
Government Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

Bills passed	Number
Government Bills	1
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	1

Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Royal Assent	Number
Received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	1
Average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	65

Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length*	Introduction	Preliminary Discussion	Stage 1				Stage 2	Stage 3			Royal Assent		
					Committee	Lead Committee	Other Committees	Stage 1 Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length*	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act Number
Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill	11	G	29	10 May 17												
Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill	12	G	9	10 May 17												

*Length is the number of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and backsheets

5.1.3. Progress of all Private Bills introduced during the 1st year of Session 5, in chronological order

Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length*	Introduction	Preliminary Stage				Consideration Stage	Final Stage			Royal Assent			
					Private Bill Committee	Other Committees	Preliminary Stage Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length*	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number	
Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill	9	P	17	17 Mar 17	10 May 17											
Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill	10	P	2	20 Mar 17	10 May 17											

*Length is the number of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and backsheets

5.2. Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate Legislation Laid before the Scottish Parliament

Number	From 5 May 2016	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 2017	Total
Draft Affirmative Instruments*	0	1	0	9	18	6	2	0	8	11	4	3	3	65
Negative Instruments	3	3	1	3	19	9	17	17	6	12	27	13	4	134
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	0	8	1	2	38	9	11	5	3	3	4	6	3	93
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Total Number of Instruments	3	12	2	14	75	24	30	22	20	26	35	22	10	295

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

7 draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and re-laid by the Scottish Government.

1 draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid by the Scottish Government on the recommendation of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

1 negative instrument was revoked and replaced by the Scottish Government.

6. Other Parliamentary Business

6.1. Documents laid other than Statutory Instruments

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

From 12 May 2016	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	To 11 May 2017
10	19	42	11	38	57	21	41	8	12	17	34	0

6.2. Rule Changes to Standing Orders

Includes rule changes that took effect between the start of dissolution on 24 March 2016 and 11 May 2017.

Chapter	Rule and paragraph number	The nature of the change, the date it came into force and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report that recommended the change
1	1.6.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	1.7.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	1.7A	Inserted 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4)
	1.7A1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	1.7B	Inserted 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4)
	1.7B1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	1.8.1	Amended 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4)
	1.8.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	1.8.3	Amended 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	1.8.4	Amended 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4)
3	3.7.A1	Inserted 02.02.17, 1st Report 2017 (S5)
	3.8.1A	Inserted 02.02.17, 1st Report 2017 (S5)
3A	3A.2.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	3A.2.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	3A.3.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	3A.3.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	3A.3.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	3A.3.4	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	3A.5.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
5	5.2.2A	Inserted 02.02.17, 1st Report 2017 (S5)
	5.2.6A	Inserted 02.02.17, 1st Report 2017 (S5)
	5.8.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
6	6.1.5	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.1.5A	Inserted 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.1.6	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.3.5	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5); Amended 24.03.17, 2nd Report 2017 (S5)
	6.4	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)

Chapter	Rule and paragraph number	The nature of the change, the date it came into force and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report that recommended the change
	6.4.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.6	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.6.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.7	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.7.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.8	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.8.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.9	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.9.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.10	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.10.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.11	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.11.1	Amended 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	6.12.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
6A	6A.1.1	Amended 24.03.17, 2nd Report 2017 (S5)
8	8.11A.6	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	8.11A.7	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	8.11A.8	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	8.11B.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	8.11B.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	8.11B.5	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
9	9.4A.1	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9.5.2	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.5.2A	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.5.4	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.5.5	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.6.2	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.6.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.7.8B	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9.7.9	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.7.10	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.8.5BA	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.8.5C	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.8.5D	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.8.9	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.8.10	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.8.11	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.8.12	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.9.2	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.9.4	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.9.5	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.9A	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9.10.2	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)

Chapter	Rule and paragraph number	The nature of the change, the date it came into force and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report that recommended the change
	9.10.2A	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9.10.8	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9.15.8	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.15.8A	Inserted 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.15.8B	Inserted 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.16.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.17A.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.17A.4	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.18.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.18.5	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.18.6	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.21.5	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9.21.6	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4); Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
9A	9A.7.2	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.7.2A	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.7.3A	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.7.3B	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.7.4	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.7.5	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.8.2A	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7A	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7B	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7C	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7D	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7F	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7G	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7H	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7J	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7K	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7L	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7M	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.9.7N	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.10.5	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.10.5A	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.10.5B	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.10.8	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.10.9	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.10.10	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.10.11	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.11	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.11.2	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.11.4	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.11.5	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.11ZA	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9A.12.2	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)

Chapter	Rule and paragraph number	The nature of the change, the date it came into force and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report that recommended the change
	9A.12.2A	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9A.12.8	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
9B	9B.3.6	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9BA.3.6	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9BA.3.7	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
9C	9C.9.2	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.9.2A	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.9.5	Amended 22.04.2016, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.9.6	Amended 22.04.2016, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.9.7	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.9.8	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.10.9	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9C.10.10	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9C.11.10A	Amended 22.04.2016, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10B	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10C	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10D	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10E	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10F	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10G	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10H	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10J	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10K	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10L	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10M	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.10N	Inserted 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.11.17	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9C.11.18	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	9C.12.8A	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.12.9	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.12.10	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.12.14	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.12.15	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.12.16	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.12.17	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.13	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.13.2	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.13.4	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.13.5	Deleted 20.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.13.6	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.13A	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	9C.14.2	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.14.3	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.14.6	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
	9C.14.10	Amended 22.04.16, 4th Report 2016 (S4)
10	10.1.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	10.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)

Chapter	Rule and paragraph number	The nature of the change, the date it came into force and the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report that recommended the change
	10.3.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	10.3.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	10.3.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
11	11.6.1	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	11.11	Amended 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
	11.11.4	Inserted 24.04.17, 4th Report 2017 (S5)
12	12.1A	Inserted 24.03.17, 2nd Report 2017 (S5)
	12.2A.2A	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	12.2A.5	Amended 24.03.17, 2nd Report 2017 (S5)
	12.5.8	Amended 24.03.17, 2nd Report 2017 (S5)
	12.6.2	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
13	13.6.2	Amended 27.10.16, 4th Report 2016
	13.7.A1	Amended 27.10.16, 4th Report 2016
15	15.4.3	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)
	15.5.1	Amended 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4)
	15.5.1A	Inserted 22.04.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S4)
	17.1.1	Amended 28.09.16, 3rd Report 2016 (S5)

7. Staff

7.1. MSPs and their Staff (as at 31 March 2017)

	Total Staff	Gender Split	
		M	F
Members of the Scottish Parliament	129	84	45
MSP Staff	526	246	280

These figures are based on a headcount as at 31 March 2017

7.2. Parliamentary Staff in Post by Group (as at 31 March 2017)

Group/Office	Total Staff	Gender Split	
		M	F
Chief Executive's Group			
Chief Executive's Office (Includes Clerk/Chief Executive)	13	4	9
Presiding Officer's Office (Includes IRO)	8	4	4
Assistant Chief Executives (Includes Personal Secretaries)	4	2	2
Committees and Outreach Group			
Committee Office (Includes Group Head)	46	19	27
Outreach Services	20	5	15
Chamber, Reporting and Broadcasting Group			
Chamber Office (Includes Group Head)	34	18	16
Official Report	27	14	13
Broadcasting	14	6	8
Finance and Security Group			
Finance (Includes Group Head)	11	6	5
Allowances	10	1	9
Security	90	55	35
Research, Communications and Public Engagement Group			
SPICe (Includes Group Head)	43	17	26
Public Information and Publications	8	3	5
Media Relations Office	9	4	5
Web and Social Media	8	3	5
Visitor Services	20	9	11
Events and Exhibitions	12	5	7
Digital Services Group			
Business Information Technology (Includes Group Head)	45	28	17
Information Management and Governance	3	1	2
Project and Programme Office	1	1	0
Human Resources and Facilities Management Group			
Human Resources	30	5	25
Facilities Management	33	20	13

Group/Office	Total Staff	Gender Split	
		M	F
Legal Services, Procurement and Audit Group			
Solicitors Office	3	2	1
Procurement	9	2	7
Internal Audit	1	1	0
Centrally Managed Budget	10	3	7
Total Parliament Staff in Post	502	235	267
Total Parliament Staff All (Includes Centrally Managed Budget)	512	238	274

These figures are based on head count and a number of these staff will be working on a part-time basis. The figures do not include inward secondees, agency staff, staff on maternity leave, career breaks or outward secondments.

8. Access

8.1. Public Visitors and Contacts

	Visitor Numbers	Tour Numbers	Public Enquiries*	Switchboard Calls	Shop Number of Transactions	Average spend per Shop visitor (£)
May 16	19854	1414	861	3571	1899	3.57
Jun 16	26600	1768	969	4507	2228	3.87
Jul 16	30974	2528	459	2568	2671	3.02
Aug 16	33640	2215	561	2862	2514	3.11
Sep 16	27991	1904	528	3729	2151	4.03
Oct 16	22514	2620	463	3010	1966	3.47
Nov 16	23533	1235	620	3775	1821	5.06
Dec 16	12886	1088	330	2464	1830	8.80
Jan 17	12189	1069	454	2743	970	3.83
Feb 17	12733	1101	548	2968	940	3.58
Mar 17	25503	1481	785	3880	1982	3.79
Apr 17	25504	2433	425	2418	2042	2.96
Totals	273,921	20,856	7,003	38,495	23,014	4.09

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

8.2. Educational Visits, by Academic Year

8.2.1. Group and Visitor Numbers to the Scottish Parliament

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils	FE Institutions/Community Groups	FE Students/Community Members	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 16	24	767	29	908	2	38	55	1713
Oct 16	17	536	11	333	0	0	28	869
Nov 16	29	942	30	961	2	52	61	1928
Dec 16	7	203	22	729	3	61	32	993
Jan 17	22	877	2	52	2	34	26	963
Feb 17	25	790	15	457	0	0	40	1247
Mar 17	35	1105	9	291	2	71	46	1467
Apr 17	13	528	0	0	0	0	13	528
May 17	45	1590	5	157	0	0	50	1747
Total	217	7338	123	3888	11	256	351	11455

8.2.2. Visits to the Scottish Parliament by Region

	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	Total
Central Scotland	7	0	4	3	4	3	4	3	2	3	33
Glasgow	1	4	9	2	1	3	1	0	3	0	24
Highlands & Islands	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	13
Lothian	10	1	20	4	3	10	5	3	6	18	80
Mid Scotland & Fife	3	0	9	9	7	1	13	3	1	6	52
North East Scotland	7	3	2	3	0	2	2	1	3	1	24
South Scotland	3	1	7	4	3	3	8	1	5	2	37
West Scotland	3	3	6	11	2	3	7	2	7	4	48
Totals	51	30	76	52	37	42	57	30	46	56	311

8.3. Outreach

Education outreach events

	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	Total
Outreach Events	56	36	71	25	21	41	65	17	66	28	426
Participants	1559	785	1840	790	557	898	1873	514	1927	801	11544

8.4. Scottish Parliament Website Statistics

Date	Total Sessions	Total Users	% New Sessions	Pageviews	Unique pageviews	Pages per session	Average time on page
May 16	233,536	167,742	62.15%	979,308	680,184	4.19	00:01:07
Jun 16	195,480	149,600	48.50%	857,648	586,614	4.39	00:01:12
Jul 16	139,275	96,889	52.15%	564,551	388,975	4.05	00:01:10
Aug 16	139,602	86,619	49.99%	583,194	397,394	4.18	00:01:11
Sep 16	192,728	137,209	43.49%	859,871	584,372	4.46	00:01:16
Oct 16	167,845	113,075	45.33%	691,526	477,824	4.12	00:01:16
Nov 16	226,662	153,174	44.45%	902,630	612,214	3.98	00:01:22
Dec 16	153,369	110,965	44.04%	606,830	410,837	3.96	00:01:19
Jan 17	184,644	125,947	44.04%	758,974	515,386	4.11	00:01:17
Feb 17	195,417	133,317	45.24%	762,975	522,222	3.90	00:01:18
Mar 17	278,617	215,142	49.57%	1,044,390	715,625	3.75	00:01:17
Apr 17	187,363	139,235	50.19%	658,326	454,142	3.51	00:01:21

These figures are produced using Google Analytics

Sessions - A session is the period of time a user is actively engaged with the website. A session ends after the visitor either closes the browser or is inactive for a period of time.

% New Sessions - The percentage of sessions from first-time visitors.

Pageviews - A pageview is defined as a view of a page on the site. If a user navigates to a different page and then returns to the original page, a second pageview will be recorded.

Unique Pageviews - A unique pageview aggregates pageviews that are generated by the same user during the same session. A unique pageview represents the number of sessions during which that page was viewed one or more times. Unique pageviews provide a more realistic and accurate assessment of popularity.

8.5. 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.

	FOI Requests	FOI Reviews	FOI Appeals
May 2016	5	0	0
June 2016	10	0	0
July 2016	15	0	0
August 2016	12	0	0
September 2016	40	0	0
October 2016	11	0	0
November 2016	28	0	0
December 2016	11	0	0
January 2017	19	0	0
February 2017	12	0	0
March 2017	34	0	0
April 2017	6	0	0
11 May 2017	3	0	0
Totals	206	0	0

9. Other

9.1. Official Inward Visits and Outward Delegations arranged through UKIRO

	Official visits to the Parliament	Delegations* to other Parliaments, Assemblies, Bodies
From 12 May 2016	1	1
June 2016	10	1
July 2016	6	1
August 2016	2	2
September 2016	22	1
October 2016	8	3
November 2016	11	3
December 2016	5	3
January 2017	3	1
February 2017	6	2
March 2017	11	1
April 2017	11	3
To 11 May 2017	2	0
Total	98	22

*includes Parliament officials

9.2. Official Gifts

Type	Number
Received by the Parliament	36

9.3. Memberships of Other Bodies

9.3.1. British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA)

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

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

Scottish Parliament Members of the Body

Full Members

Willie Coffey
Linda Fabiani
Ross Greer
Mark Griffin
John Scott

Associate Members

Maurice Golden
James Dornan
Gordon MacDonald
Pauline McNeill

9.3.2. Committee of the Regions

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

CoR is made up of 344 members and 344 alternate members of local and regional authorities from the 27 Member States. Members are proposed by Member States for a four year mandate. The UK has 24 members and, within this, Scotland has four full and four alternate members: two full and two alternate members are nominated by local authorities through COSLA and two full and two alternates are nominated by the Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament and are ratified by a motion of the Scottish Parliament.

Scottish Members of the UK delegation to the Committee of the Regions

Full Members

Mairi Evans
John Lamont (resigned in April 2017)

Alternate Members

Lewis Macdonald
Andy Wightman

9.3.3. Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

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

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

Executive Committee

President

Ken Macintosh

Vice Presidents

Ruth Davidson
Nicola Sturgeon

Elected Members

Bruce Crawford
Elaine Smith
Margaret Mitchell
Tavish Scott

9.3.4. 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.

9.3.5. Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) is a consultative body of the Council of Europe, advising the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council on all aspects of local and regional policy. The Congress provides a forum where issues, experiences and views can be expressed and discussed on a pan-European basis. It is divided into a Local Chamber and a Regional Chamber.

The UK has 18 full and 18 substitute places on CLRAE divided equally between the two chambers. Representatives qualifying for membership are those who are “directly responsible to an elected regional body”. Members have a two-year mandate. Members attend in a personal capacity and do not represent the institution from which they are drawn but the regional or local level of governance within their Member State.

As part of the UK delegation, Scotland is allocated one full and one substitute member in the Local Chamber (a Scottish local authority representative, nominated through COSLA) and in the Regional Chamber (Members of the Scottish Parliament). In the Regional Chamber the full member is a Member of the Scottish Government and the substitute member is a backbench MSP.

Scottish Members of the Regional Chamber

Full Member

Christina McKelvie

Substitute Member

John Scott

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