

Your MSPs

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Your MSPs

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

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

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

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



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



What do my MSPs do?

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

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

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

Who can I contact?

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

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

How can I find out more about my MSPs?

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

You can email any of your eight MSPs using the standard format:
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Lothian constituency MSPs



Edinburgh Western
Alex Cole-Hamilton
 MSP



Linlithgow
Fiona Hyslop
 MSP



Almond Valley
Angela Constance
 MSP



Edinburgh Pentlands
Gordon MacDonald
 MSP



Edinburgh Northern and Leith
Ben Macpherson
 MSP



Edinburgh Central
Ruth Davidson
 MSP



Edinburgh Eastern
Ash Denham
 MSP



Edinburgh Southern
Daniel Johnson
 MSP



Midlothian North and Musselburgh
Colin Beattie
 MSP



- Scottish National Party
- Conservative
- Labour
- Green
- Liberal Democrat

Lothian regional MSPs



Miles Briggs
 MSP



Alison Johnstone
 MSP



Neil Findlay
 MSP



Gordon Lindhurst
 MSP



Sarah Boyack
 MSP



Jeremy Balfour
 MSP



Andy Wightman
 MSP

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