

Your MSPs

Highlands and Islands



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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.



Who can I contact?

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

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


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



Public Information

-  parliament.scot/live-chat
-  0800 092 7500 or 0131 348 5000
0131 348 5395 (Gàidhlig)
contactSCOTLAND-BSL
-  info@parliament.scot
-  The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh, EH99 1SP
-  parliament.scot/contact



 If you require information in another format or language, please contact us.

To find out more about how we handle your information, see www.parliament.scot/dataprotection

What do my MSPs do?

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

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

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

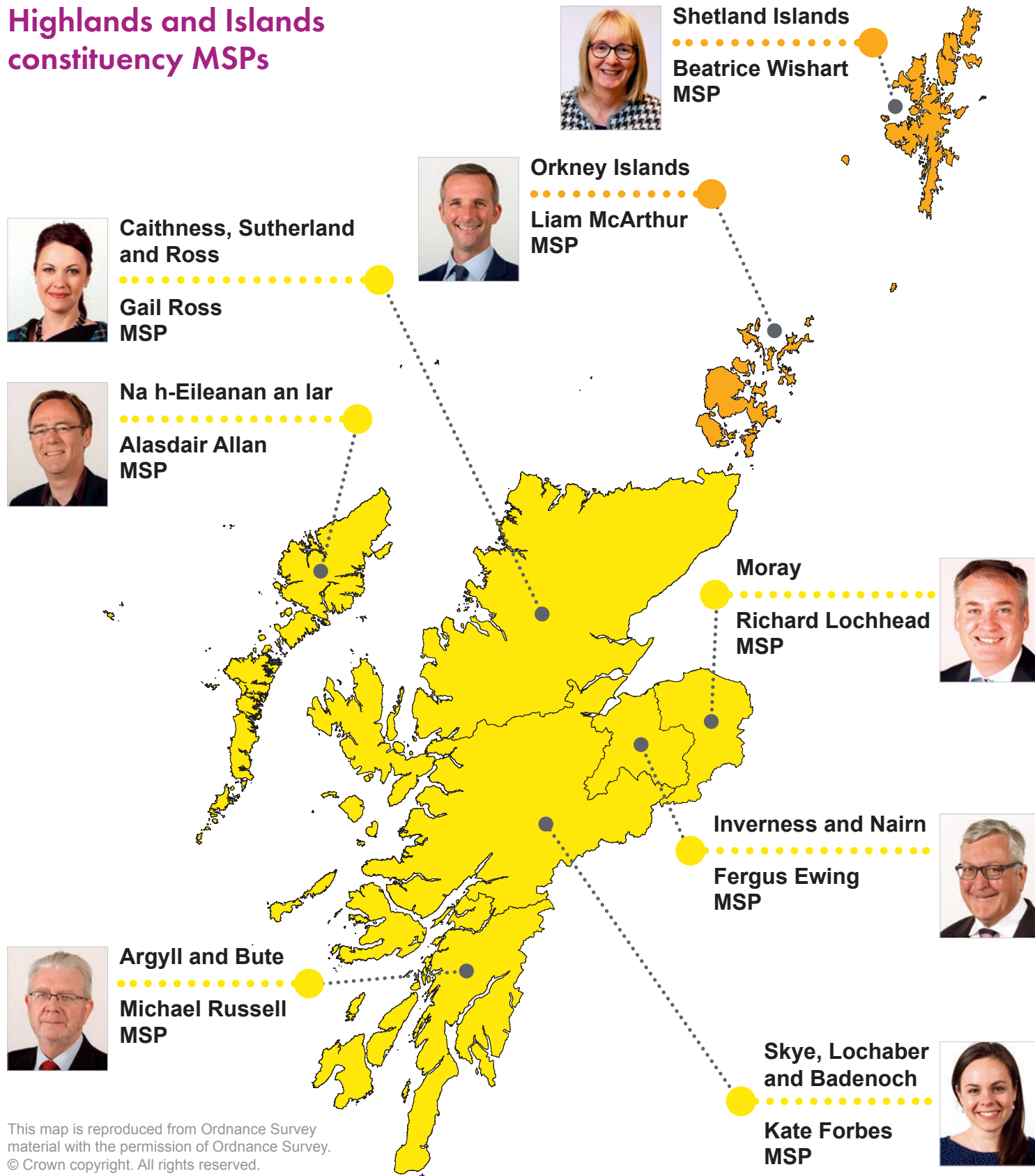
How can I find out more about my MSPs?

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

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



Highlands and Islands constituency MSPs



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

Highlands and Islands regional MSPs



Regional MSPs are shown in the order of election from the regional list.

