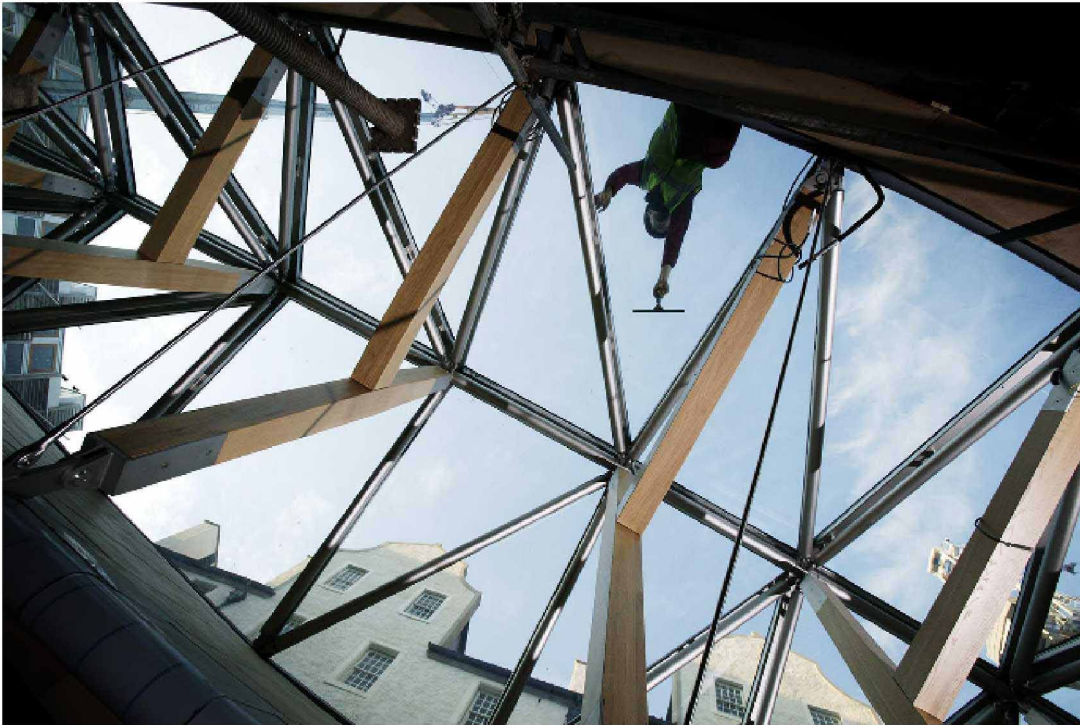




The Scottish Parliament

**Progress Report
Annex B to Finance Committee letter
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The dramatic rooflights are now fully visible from the lobby area.

Lobby Rooflights

Miralles' vision of elegant glass leaf-shapes above the lobby at Holyrood is now clearly visible for the first time. Scaffolding has been removed around three of the 13 rooflights, following completion of glazing and surrounding oak panels. Glass for all but two of the rooflights has now been installed.

The lobby will be an open and light meeting space in the centre of Holyrood, situated between Queensberry House, Members' offices, the Committee Towers and looking out to Arthur's Seat and Salisbury Crags.



This week on site

MSP Offices

The final work on glazing and fit-out of MSP offices continues with the last remaining scaffolding at the East Stair to be removed shortly. Completion remains timetabled for the end of November.

Queensberry House

Top three floors are now substantially finished with carpets and light fittings now being installed. The remainder of the building will be complete at the end of this month, apart from minor fit-out works in five rooms which will be finished by the second week in December.



Committee Towers

Fit-out is progressing well in the Committee Towers with internal screens being installed. All six of Parliament's Committee rooms will be housed in Towers 1 and 2.



Looking down from Tower 2 onto Enric Miralles' curved, stainless steel-clad roof of Tower 1.

Other Progress

- Chamber

Good progress is being made on the timber ceiling above the oak and steel beams in the Chamber.

- The Public Stair

Steel flights for the public stair are now on site and ready to be installed. Glazing and steelwork has commenced in this complex part of the site.

- The Public Foyer

Kemnay granite flagstones have been laid within the public foyer. The foyer will house the reception area, public exhibition space, café, shop and classrooms.

- Towers 3 & 4

Installation of services and fit-out across the Ministerial accommodation is now well underway.



Inside Tower 3 work progresses on fit-out. The above image shows an example of the complex geometry of ceiling structures throughout the four towers.

Convener of the Conveners' Group Trish Godman MSP said: "The Parliament's Convener Group has watched the development of this project over the years, and can now appreciate what Miralles had in mind with his clever use of light and space throughout the Committee Rooms and public areas. I can see that this building will have a very different feel to that of Westminster."



At Holyrood, the public will feel very much part of the building and therefore part of the Parliament. I have no doubt that the people of Scotland will rightly feel proud of this building."

Press Tower



Campbell Gunn of the Scottish Parliamentary Journalists' Association visited the Press Tower with the Presiding Officer earlier this month. Mr Gunn said "The partitioning and fit-out is now underway and you can get a feel for the layout of the offices for the Holyrood press corps."