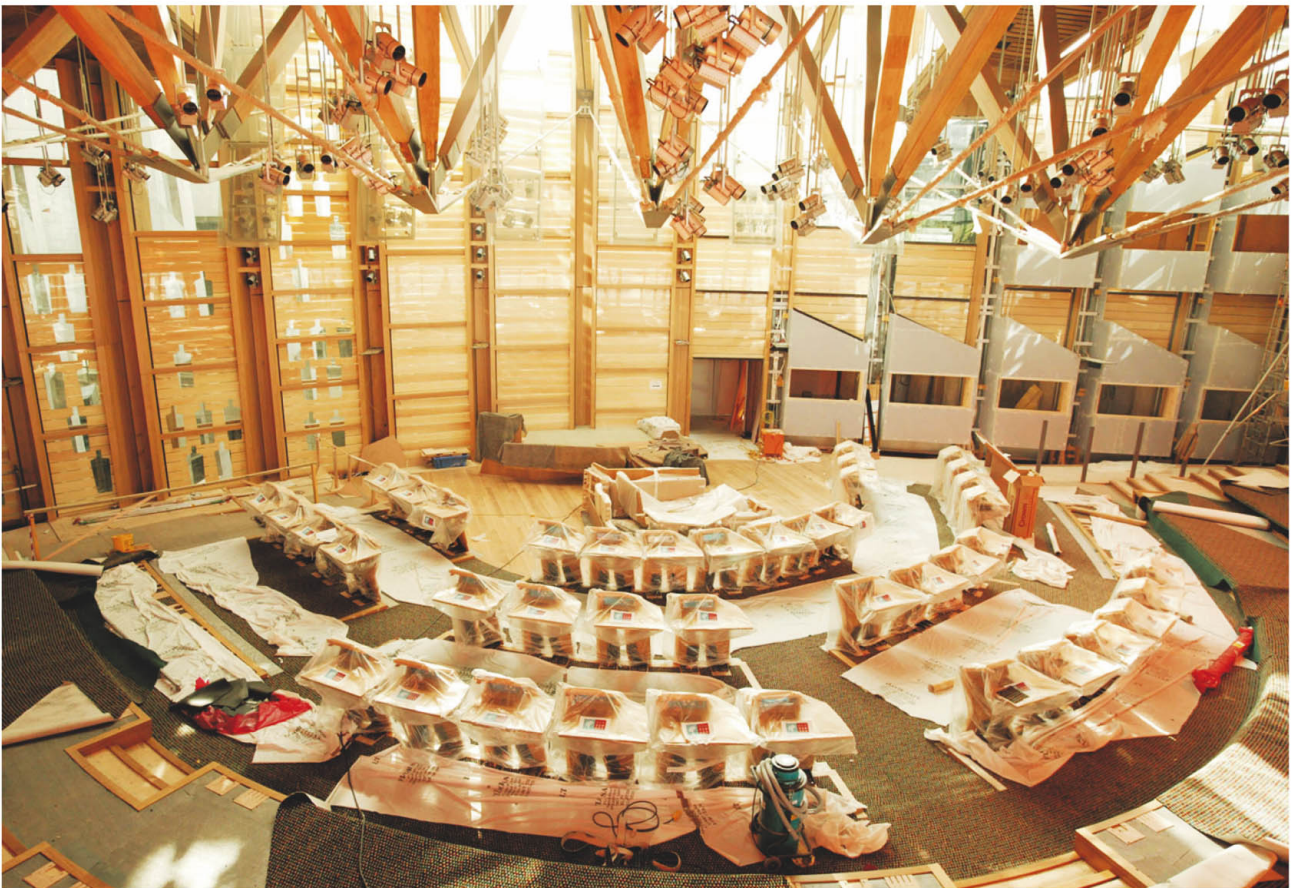




The Scottish Parliament

Progress Report Annex B to Finance Committee letter June 2004



The layout of the Chamber emerges

Progress on Site

Good progress has been made across the site since last month's report on Holyrood, and Parliament is on course to begin migration at the end of July. As final work on the project proceeds apace, more and more of the routes through the building are becoming available. As well as the route from the MSP building through the garden lobby towards the Chamber, the public stair which links the public entrance to the gallery and Committee Rooms is now accessible.

The Chamber

The installation of desks and carpet in the Chamber has begun, and all desks will be in place by the end of June. The timber linings and monitor screens around the Chamber have now also been installed.



Office accommodation is being finalised for furniture fit-out in Towers 1 and 2



Committee Rooms

All six committee rooms in Towers 1 and 2 are now nearly complete, as are the associated office spaces for clerks and other Parliament staff. The distinctive desks are now in place in all but one of the committee rooms.

The large committee room on the top floor of Tower 2, awaiting the last committee desk



Landscaping

Site huts have been removed from much of the site, allowing work on the landscaping to move out towards the Craggs. Completion of the glazed section of the pergola has also allowed scaffolding to be removed and work to progress around the public entrance. Soil is being laid in the garden between the MSP building and Reid's Close, and hard landscaping has now begun around the formal entrance and the north lightwell.

The lower pergola outside the public entrance, now fully glazed.

Other Progress

- The pavement has been completed along the length of the Canongate Wall;
- The last Caithness stone feature panels are being installed on the media tower;
- Oak and sycamore panels are now in place around the chamber conference room;
- Furniture continues to be installed in office spaces across the east end of the site.



The garden lobby features Kemnay granite flooring beneath its leaf-shaped skylights



Furniture in place in staff offices below the public entrance.

