

Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee

The following table sets out the timetable for the Committee's continued scrutiny of the two Government Bills which will provide for a referendum on Scottish independence on 18 September 2014.

The Committee published its Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Bill on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

The timetable for scrutiny of the Scottish Independence Referendum Bill was agreed at the Committee's meeting on 31 January 2013. The deadline for written submissions is 6 June 2013. Oral evidence will be taken during May.

Date	Franchise Bill	Referendum Bill
9 May Committee meeting		<p style="text-align: center;">Oral evidence</p> <p>Panel 1: Law Society of Scotland; Faculty of Advocates</p> <p>Panel 2: Professor Richard Wyn Jones (on the referendum on devolution in Wales 2011); campaign groups from AV referendum 2011 (NO to AV; Yes to Fairer Votes)</p>
Tuesday 14 May (pm)	Stage 1 Debate in Chamber	
16 May Committee meeting		<p style="text-align: center;">Oral evidence</p> <p>Panel 1: Electoral Management Board</p> <p>Panel 2: Professor Tom Mullen; Professor Neil Walker</p>
23 May Committee meeting		<p style="text-align: center;">Oral evidence</p> <p>Panel 1: Electoral Commission</p> <p>Panel 2: Information Commissioner's Office; STUC</p>
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: Friday 24 and Monday 27 May		
30 May Committee meeting		<p style="text-align: center;">Oral evidence</p> <p>Panel 1: Campaign Groups (Yes Scotland; Better</p>

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		Together) Panel 2: round-table (Equality and Human Rights Commission; Federation of Small Businesses; Inclusion Scotland; Professor Aileen McHarg; Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations; Scottish Youth Parliament)
6 June Committee meeting	Stage 2 proceedings (must be completed by 12 June)	
13 June Committee meeting		Oral evidence Deputy First Minister and officials
20 June Committee meeting		Review evidence and conclusions
25, 26 or 27 June	Stage 3 proceedings	
27 June (am)		Draft Stage 1 Report
RECESS: 29 June – 1 September		
5 September Committee meeting		Finalise Stage 1 Report (and publish)
12 September (pm)		Stage 1 Debate in Chamber
3 October Committee meeting		Stage 2 proceedings (day 1)
10 October		Stage 2 proceedings (day 2)
RECESS: 12 – 27 October		
12, 13 or 14 November		Stage 3 proceedings

7 May 2013