



The Scottish
Parliament

Scottish Parliament Statistics 2005 - 2006

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The statistics in this volume generally cover the third Parliamentary year of Session 2, 7 May 2005-6 May 2006.

Abbreviations

AHS	Ad Hoc Standards Committee
asp	Act of Scottish Parliament
AU	Audit Committee
BB	Budget Bill
CB	Committee Bill
COM	Communities Committee
Con	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Cont.	Continued
CW	Committee of the Whole Parliament
EARL	Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee
EB	Emergency Bill
EC	European Commission
EET	Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee
EC	Enterprise and Culture Committee
ED	Education Committee
ED1	Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill Committee
ED2	Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill Committee
EO	Equal Opportunities Committee
ERD	Environmental and Rural Development Committee
EU	European and External Relations Committee
EU	European Union
Ex	Executive Bill
F	Female
FE	Further Education
FI	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
GARL	Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill Committee
Green	Scottish Green Party
HL	House of Lords, i.e. a House of Lords Bill
Hrs	Hours
HC	Health Committee
Ind	Independent Member, i.e. a Member of the Scottish Parliament not functioning within a political party
J1	Justice 1 Committee
J2	Justice 2 Committee
Lab	Scottish Labour Party
LD	Scottish Liberal Democrats
LGT	Local Government and Transport Committee
M	Male
MEP	Member of European Parliament
MB	Member's Bill
MI	Interest of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill Committee
Mins	Minutes
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
MP	Member of Parliament
n/a	not applicable, or not available

No.	Number
NPA	No Party Affiliation
P	Private Bill
PE	Petition
PE	Public Petitions Committee
PR	Procedures Committee
PY	Parliamentary year (7 May 2005-6 May 2006)
S	Substitute Committee Member
S2	Second Session of Parliament
S2M	Session 2 Motion
SAPA	Standards and Public Appointments Committee
SI	Statutory Instrument
SL	Subordinate Legislation Committee
SNP	Scottish National Party
SP	Scottish Parliament
SPCB	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body
SSCUP	Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party
SSI	Scottish Statutory Instrument
SSP	Scottish Socialist Party
WAV	Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill Committee

1 Members

1.1 Elections

There are two methods of electing Members to the Scottish Parliament. There are 73 constituency members, based on the UK Parliament constituencies in existence prior to 2004, elected by the first past the post system. A further 56 regional members, 7 for each of the 8 regions used in the European Parliament elections, prior to 1999, were elected using the additional Member System. This is a form of proportional representation using party lists, which ensures that each party's representation in the Parliament reflects its overall share of the vote.

May 2003 Election results

Constituencies	Votes			Seats won	
	Candidates	Number	% of total	Number	Change from May 1999
Labour	73	663,585	34.5%	46	-7
Scottish National Party	73	455,772	23.7%	9	2
Conservative	73	318,279	16.6%	3	3
Liberal Democrat	73	294,347	15.3%	13	1
Scottish Socialist Party	70	116,013	6.0%	0	0
Others	28	39,171	2.0%	1	0
Independent	17	34,452	1.8%	1	0
Total	407	1,921,619	100%	73	

Regional lists	Votes			Seats won	
	Candidates	Number	% of total	Number	Change from May 1999
Labour	56	561,879	29.4%	4	1
Scottish National Party	77	399,659	20.9%	18	-10
Conservative	69	296,929	15.6%	15	-3
Liberal Democrat	67	225,810	11.8%	4	-1
Scottish Green Party	58	132,138	6.9%	7	6
Scottish Socialist Party	76	128,126	6.7%	6	5
Independent	9	31,942	1.7%	1	1
Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party	19	28,966	1.5%	1	1
Pensioners Party (Scotland)	19	28,655	1.5%	0	0
Socialist Labour Party	62	21,657	1.1%	0	0
United Kingdom Independence Party	41	11,969	0.6%	0	0
People's Alliance	15	7,718	0.4%	0	0
ProLife	14	6,759	0.4%	0	0
Scottish Unionist Party	10	6,113	0.3%	0	0
Others	13	20,274	1.1%	0	0
Total	605	1,908,594	100%	56	

Source: House of Commons Library research paper 03/46: Scottish Parliament Elections: 1 May 2003.

Available at: <http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/rp2003/rp03-046.pdf>

1.1.2 Scottish Parliament By-Elections

Glasgow Cathcart by-election – 29 September 2005 outcome

Glasgow region

(Resignation of Mike Watson, constituency member (No Party Affiliation), on 5 Sep 2005)

By-election candidates	Party	Votes at by-election 29 Sep 2005		At Parliament Elections May 2003		Swing	
		Number	% share of vote	Number	% share of vote	% of votes polled	Votes
<i>Main parties</i>							
Richard Cook	Scottish Conservative & Unionist	2,306	14.96%	2,888	12.95%	2.01%	-582
Cllr Charles Gordon	Scottish Labour	5,811	37.69%	8,742	39.19%	-1.49%	-2,931
Arthur Sanderson	Scottish Liberal Democrat	1,557	10.10%	1,741	7.80%	2.30%	-184
Ronnie Stevenson	Scottish Socialist	819	5.31%	2,819	12.64%	-7.32%	-2,000
Chloe Stewart	Scottish Green	548	3.55%	-	-	-	-
Marie Whitehead	Scottish National	3,406	22.09%	3,630	16.27%	5.82%	-224
	Total vote	15,416		22,307	100%		-6,891
	Rejected votes	29					
	Total (inc rejected)	15,445					

Source: Returning Officer and SPICe Briefing 05/54

Moray by-election - 27 April 2006 outcome

West Scotland region

(Death of Margaret Ewing, constituency member (SNP), on 21 March 2006)

By-election candidates	Party	Votes at by-election 7 June 2001		At Parliament Elections May 2003		Swing	
		Number	% share of vote	Number	% share of vote	% points	Votes
<i>Main parties</i>							
Linda Gorn	Scottish Liberal Democrat	5,310	19.37%	3,283	12.17%	7.20%	2,027
Alexander Keith	Scottish Labour	2,696	9.83%	5,157	19.11%	-9.28%	-2,461
Richard Lochhead	Scottish National	12,653	46.15%	11,384	42.19%	3.95%	1,269
Mary Scanlon	Scottish Conservative & Unionist	6,268	22.86%	6,072	22.50%	0.35%	196
	Total vote	27,420		26,981	100%		+439
	Rejected votes	61					
	Total (inc rejected)	27,481					

Source: Returning Officer and SPICe Briefing 06/40

1.2 State of the Parties

At 7 May 2005, start of the seventh parliamentary year

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	45 ^a	4	49
Scottish National Party	8	17 ^b	25
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	15 ^a	18
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	2	4
No Party Affiliation	1	0	1
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

Following the resignation of David Mundell on 17 June 2005

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	45 ^a	4	49
Scottish National Party	8	17 ^b	25
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	14 ^a	17
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	2	4
No Party Affiliation	1	0	1
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	73	55	128

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

Following the filling of the vacancy in South of Scotland on 22 June 2005

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	45 ^a	4	49
Scottish National Party	8	17 ^b	25
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	15 ^a	18
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	2	4
No Party Affiliation	1	0	1
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

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Following the resignation of Mike Watson on 5 September 2005

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	45 ^a	4	49
Scottish National Party	8	17 ^b	25
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	15 ^a	18
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	2	4
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	72	56	128

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^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

On 29 September 2005 following the Glasgow Cathcart by-election

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	46 ^a	4	50
Scottish National Party	8	17 ^b	25
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	15 ^a	18
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	2	4
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

Following the resignation of Brian Monteith from the Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party on 8 November 2005; he became an independent MSP

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	46 ^a	4	50
Scottish National Party	8	17 ^b	25
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	14 ^a	17
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	3	5
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

On 21 March 2006 following the death of Margaret Ewing

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	46 ^a	4	50
Scottish National Party	7	17 ^b	24
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	14 ^a	17
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	3	5
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	72	56	128

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

On 7 April 2006 following the resignations of Richard Lochhead and Mary Scanlon

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	46 ^a	4	50
Scottish National Party	7	16 ^b	23
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	13 ^a	16
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	3	5
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	72	54	126

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

On 19 April 2006 following the filling of the vacancies in Highlands and Islands and North East Scotland

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	46 ^a	4	50
Scottish National Party	7	17 ^b	24
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	14 ^a	17
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	3	5
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	72	56	128

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

Following the Moray by-election on 27 April 2006

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish Labour	46 ^a	4	50
Scottish National Party	8	17 ^b	25
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	3	14 ^a	17
Scottish Liberal Democrats	13	4	17
Scottish Green Party	0	7	7
Scottish Socialist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	1	1
Independent	2	3	5
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	1	0	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

^a Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no Party allegiance while in post. George Reid took voluntary suspension from the SNP when he was elected to the role of Presiding Officer.

1.3 MSP Statistics

1.3.1 Dual Mandate MSPs

Dual Mandate MSPs

Members of Scottish Parliament and other Parliaments or local councils

	MPs	MEPs	Peers	Councillors
May 2003	0	0	2	1
May 2004	0	0	2	0
May 2005	0	0	2	1

1.3.2 MSPs by Gender and Ethnic Group

MSPs in the Parliament, 7 May 2005 – 16 June 2005

	Female	Male	Total
Number	51	78	129
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 17 June 2005 – 21 June 2005 (following the resignation of David Mundell MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	51	77	128
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 22 June 2005 – 4 September 2005 (following the appointment of David Brownlee MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	51	78	129
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 5 September 2005 – 28 September 2005 (following the resignation of Mike Watson MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	51	77	128
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 29 September 2005 – 21 March 2006 (following the appointment of Charlie Gordon MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	51	78	129
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 21 March 2006 – 6 April 2006 (following the death of Margaret Ewing MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	50	78	128
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 7 April 2006 – 17 April 2006 (following the resignation of Mary Scanlon MSP and Richard Lochhead MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	49	77	126
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 18 April 2006 – 26 April 2006 (following the appointment of Maureen Watt MSP and Dave Petrie MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	50	78	128
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 27 April 2006 – 6 May 2006 (following the appointment of Richard Lochhead MSP)

	Female	Male	Total
Number	50	79	129
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

1.3.3 Female MSPs by Party

7 May 2005 – 21 March 2006

	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish Labour Party	26	2	28	56%	22%
Scottish National Party	3	6	9	33%	7%
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	0	4	4	22%	3%
Scottish Socialist Party	0	4	4	67%	3%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	0	2	12%	2%
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2	28%	2%
Independent	1	1	2	100%	2%
Total	32	19	51	40%	40%

21 March 2006 – 6 April 2006 (following the death of Margaret Ewing MSP)

	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish Labour Party	26	2	28	56%	22%
Scottish National Party	2	6	8	33%	6%
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	0	4	4	22%	3%
Scottish Socialist Party	0	4	4	67%	3%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	0	2	12%	2%
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2	28%	2%
Independent	1	1	2	100%	2%
Total	31	19	50	39%	39%

7 April 2006 – 18 April 2006 (following the resignation of Mary Scanlon MSP)

	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish Labour Party	26	2	28	56%	22%
Scottish National Party	2	6	8	33%	6%
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	0	3	3	19%	2%
Scottish Socialist Party	0	4	4	67%	3%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	0	2	12%	2%
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2	28%	2%
Independent	1	1	2	100%	2%
Total	31	18	49	39%	39%

19 April 2006 – 6 May 2006 (following the appointment of Maureen Watt MSP)

	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish Labour Party	26	2	28	56%	22%
Scottish National Party	2	7	9	38%	7%
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	0	3	3	19%	2%
Scottish Socialist Party	0	4	4	67%	3%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	0	2	12%	2%
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2	28%	2%
Independent	1	1	2	100%	2%
Total	31	19	50	39%	39%

1.3.4 MSP Age Profile

Average ages of MSPs at 7 May 2005

	Average age
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish Labour Party	48
Scottish National Party	50
Scottish Liberal Democrats	52
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	54
Scottish Green Party	46
Scottish Socialist Party	45
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	74
No Party Affiliation	61
Independent	59
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	50
Males- all parties	51
All MSPs	50

Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation

Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties

Average ages of MSPs at 6 May 2006

	Average age
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish Labour Party	49
Scottish National Party	50
Scottish Liberal Democrats	53
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	55
Scottish Green Party	47
Scottish Socialist Party	46
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	75
No Party Affiliation	66
Independent	57
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	51
Males- all parties	51
All MSPs	51

Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation
 Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties

1.4 Officers of the Parliament

1.4.1 Presiding Officers

The **Presiding Officer** is elected by other Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and is in charge of ensuring that the business of the Parliament is conducted effectively, on time, fairly, and within the rules and in an orderly manner. The Presiding Officer has no party allegiance whilst in the chair. There are also two **Deputy Presiding Officers** who must also act impartially when they are chairing parliamentary meetings; when they are not chairing parliamentary meetings they can play a full part in parliamentary business.

The Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers continue to serve in post during dissolution and until the election of the next Presiding Officer in a new session.

	Party	Dates of election
Presiding Officer		
George Reid	NPA	7 May 2003
Deputy Presiding Officers		
Trish Godman	Lab	7 May 2003
Murray Tosh	Con	7 May 2003

1.4.2 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

The **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body** (SPCB) is chaired by the Presiding Officer and is made up of four members elected by Parliament from its MSPs. It is responsible for ensuring that the Scottish Parliament is provided with the property, staff and services it requires. The SPCB considers and makes decisions on a wide range of issues concerning the running of the Parliament including the financing of the Parliament and allocation of the budget, the staffing of the Parliament, accommodation and the use and the security of parliamentary facilities.

The Presiding Officer continues to serve in post during dissolution and until the election of the next Presiding Officer in a new session.

Members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body continue to serve in post during dissolution and until the election of replacement members in a new session. This is the case unless an MSP resigns from the SPCB, ceases to be an MSP (other than by dissolution of the Parliament), or the MSP is removed from the SPCB by a resolution of the Parliament.

	Party	Dates of membership
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	NPA	from 7 May 2003
Robert Brown	LD	21 May 2003 – 29 June 2005
Kenny MacAskill	SNP	from 12 January 2006
Duncan McNeil	Lab	from 21 May 2003
Nora Radcliffe	LD	from 30 June 2005
John Scott	Con	from 21 May 2003
Andrew Welsh	SNP	21 May 2003 – 9 January 2006

1.4.3 Parliamentary Bureau

The **Parliamentary Bureau** consists of the Presiding Officer and representatives of each political party or group in the Parliament which has five or more members. The representatives are nominated by the leader of each party. The main functions of the Parliamentary Bureau are:

- To propose the business programme.
- To propose alterations to the Daily Business List in the Business Bulletin if there should be changes in the advance programme.
- To propose the establishment, remit, membership and duration of any committee or sub-committee.
- To determine any question regarding the competence of a committee to deal with a matter, and, if two or more committees are competent to deal with a matter, to determine which of those committees is to be the lead committee responsible for that matter.

Standing Orders allow Parliamentary Bureau members to arrange for another member to take their place at Bureau meetings by notifying the Presiding Officer in writing in advance.

A deputy Presiding Officer may attend any meeting of the Parliamentary Bureau and may participate in the proceedings but may not vote unless he or she is chairing the meeting in place of the Presiding Officer, when he or she shall have a casting vote.

Members of the Parliamentary Bureau do not continue to serve during dissolution.

	Party	Dates of membership
Presiding Officer (George Reid)	NPA	from 12 May 2003
Bill Aitken	Con	from 2 June 2003
Chris Ballance	Green	from 13 July 2005
Mark Ballard	Green	12 May 2003 - 12 July 2005
Margaret Curran	Lab	from 4 October 2004
Carolyn Leckie	SSP	from 12 May 2003
George Lyon	LD	from 29 June 2003
Margo MacDonald	Ind	from 9 September 2004
Tricia Marwick	SNP	14 September 2004 - 5 September 2005
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	from 6 September 2005

1.5 Oaths and affirmations

Oaths and Affirmations 7 May 2003 – 6 May 2006

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	50	33	83
Female	26	26	52
Total	76	59	135

By Party

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Conservative	20	0	20
Green	0	7	7
Labour	32	19	51
LD	13	5	18
SNP	8	21	29
SSP	0	6	6
SSCUP	1	0	1
Independent	2	1	3
Total	76	59	135

MSPs who repeated the oath or affirmation in another language:

	Gaelic	Doric
Green	1	0
SNP	0	1
Total	1	1

1.6 Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament

9 Cross-Party Groups were established for the first time in the third parliamentary year of Session 2.

The following is a list of all the Cross-Party Groups approved in Session 2, 65 in total

Cross-Party Group in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date	End date
	(as explained above)	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Affordable Housing		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Animal Welfare		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Architecture and the Built Environment		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Asthma		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Autistic Spectrum Disorder		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Borders Rail		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cancer		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Chronic Pain		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on the Civil Nuclear Industry		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament for Construction		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Crofting		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cuba		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Culture and Media		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on a Culture of Peace In Scotland	08/09/05	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cycling		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Deafness		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Diabetes		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Disability		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Drug and Alcohol Misuse		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Dyslexia	01/11/05	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Electro-Magnetic Radiation and Health	17/01/06	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Epilepsy		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Fertility Services	29/11/05	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Food		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Funerals and Bereavement		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Gaelic – Buidheann Thar-Phartaidh na Gaidhlig		
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Glasgow Crossrail	31/05/05	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Golf	28/02/06	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Human Rights		
Cross Party International Development Group of the Scottish Parliament		

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Kidney Disease	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament for Learning Disability	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Loss of Consultant Led Services in Scotland - Solutions	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Lupus	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Malawi	01/11/05
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on M.E.	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Men's Violence Against Women and Children	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Mental Health	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Nuclear Disarmament	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Oil and Gas	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Older People, Age and Ageing	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palestine	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Palliative Care	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Refugees And Asylum Seekers	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy	9/11/05
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on the Scots Language	
Cross-Party Group on the Scottish Contemporary Music Industry	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on the Scottish Economy	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Traditional Arts	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Writing and Publishing	31/05/05
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sexual Health	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sports	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sustainable Forestry and Forest Products	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sustainable Transport	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tackling Debt	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tartan Day	
Cross-Party Group on Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tibet	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tobacco Control	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Wastes Management	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Women	

2. Plenary Meetings

2.1 Calendar

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 11 May 2005			14.30	17.31	3	01
Thursday 12 May 2005	9.15	12.31	14.15	17.45	6	46
Wednesday 18 May 2005			14.31	18.06	3	35
Thursday 19 May 2005	9.15	12.32	14.15	17.54	6	56
Wednesday 25 May 2005			14.30	17.59	3	29
Thursday 26 May 2005	9.15	12.30	14.15	17.12	6	12
Total from 7 May 2005					29	59
Wednesday 1 June 2005			14.30	18.18	3	48
Thursday 2 June 2005	9.15	12.32	14.15	18.23	7	25
Wednesday 8 June 2005			14.30	17.55	3	25
Thursday 9 June 2005	9.15	12.34	14.15	17.28		
Thursday 9 June 2005 cont.			17.30	18.17	7	19
Wednesday 15 June 2005			14.15	18.02	3	47
Thursday 16 June 2005	9.15	11.30	11.40	12.33		
Thursday 16 June 2005 cont.			14.15	17.52	6	45
Wednesday 22 June 2005			14.30	17.46	3	16
Thursday 23 June 2005	9.15	12.29	14.15	17.54	6	53
Wednesday 29 June 2005	9.30	12.36	14.00	18.53	7	59
Thursday 30 June 2005	9.15	12.25	12.28	12.28		
Thursday 30 June 2005 cont.	13.13	13.37	14.15	14.53		
Thursday 30 June 2005 cont.	14.55	14.56	14.57	18.49	8	05
Total June 2005					58	42
Tuesday 6 September 2005	10.30	11.57	14.30	17.52	4	49
Wednesday 7 September 2005	09.30	12.32	14.15	17.37	6	24
Wednesday 14 September 2005			14.30	18.02	3	32
Thursday 15 September 2005	09.15	12.29	14.15	17.39	6	38
Wednesday 21 September 2005	14.30	16.57	17.00	17.50	3	17
Thursday 22 September 2005	09.15	12.30	14.15	17.45	6	45
Wednesday 28 September 2005			14.30	18.06	3	36
Thursday 29 September 2005	9.15	12.20	12.24	14.01	4	42
Total September 2005					39	43
Wednesday 5 October 2005			14.30	17.54	3	24
Thursday 6 October 2005	9.15	12.29	14.15	17.55	6	54
Wednesday 26 October 2005			14.30	17.48	3	18
Thursday 27 October 2005	9.15	12.32	14.15	17.54	6	56
Total October 2005					20	32
Wednesday 2 November 2005			14.30	17.59	3	29
Thursday 3 November 2005	9.15	12.30	14.15	16.05		
Thursday 3 November 2005			16.11	17.51	6	45
Wednesday 9 November 2005	14.30	14.41	14.46	16.43		
Wednesday 9 November 2005 cont.			16.59	17.50	2	59
Thursday 10 November 2005	9.15	12.30	14.15	17.45	6	45
Wednesday 16 November 2005	14.00	14.17	14.30	14.49		

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 16 November 2005 cont.	14.54	18.14	18.15	18.56	4	34
Thursday 17 November 2005	9.15	12.31	14.15	18.01	7	02
Wednesday 23 November 2005	14.30	16.42	16.48	18.17	3	41
Thursday 24 November 2005	9.15	9.49	9.54	12.34		
Thursday 24 November 2005 cont.	14.15	15.45	15.49	17.46	6	41
Wednesday 30 November 2005			14.30	17.43	3	13
Total November 2005					45	09
Thursday 1 December 2005	9.15	11.58	12.00	12.32		
Thursday 1 December 2005 cont.			14.15	17.46	6	46
Wednesday 7 December 2005			14.30	17.48	3	18
Thursday 8 December 2005	9.15	12.31	14.15	17.42	6	43
Wednesday 14 December 2005			14.30	17.55	3	25
Thursday 15 December 2005	9.15	10.45	10.50	11.36		
Thursday 15 December 2005 cont.	11.40	13.30	14.15	15.17		
Thursday 15 December 2005 cont.	15.22	18.28	18.30	18.34	8	18
Wednesday 21 December 2005			14.30	17.47	3	17
Thursday 22 December 2005	9.15	13.05	14.15	15.03	4	38
Total December 2005					36	25
Wednesday 11 January 2006			14.30	18.07	3	37
Thursday 12 January 2006	9.15	12.32	14.00	17.59	7	16
Wednesday 18 January 2006			14.30	17.52	3	22
Thursday 19 January 2006	9.15	12.32	14.15	16.08		
Thursday 19 January 2006 cont.			16.13	17.52	6	49
Wednesday 25 January 2006			14.30	17.34	3	04
Thursday 26 January 2006	9.15	12.30	14.15	17.46	6	46
Total January 2006					30	54
Wednesday 1 February 2006			14.15	17.35	3	20
Thursday 2 February 2006	9.16	9.46	9.51	11.24		
Thursday 2 February 2006 cont.	11.40	12.33	14.15	17.55	6	36
Wednesday 8 February 2006			14.30	17.39	3	09
Thursday 9 February 2006	9.19	12.30	14.15	17.45	6	41
Wednesday 22 February 2006			14.30	18.20	3	50
Thursday 23 February 2006	9.15	12.30	14.15	17.59	6	59
Total February 2006					30	35
Wednesday 1 March 2006			14.30	18.00	3	30
Thursday 2 March 2006			9.15	11.40	2	25
Wednesday 8 March 2006			14.30	17.48	3	18
Thursday 9 March 2006	9.15	12.33	14.15	17.52	6	55
Wednesday 15 March 2006			14.30	17.45	3	15
Thursday 16 March 2006	9.15	12.31	14.15	17.58	6	59
Wednesday 22 March 2006	14.30	16.56	17.00	17.54	3	20
Thursday 23 March 2006	9.15	11.59	12.00	12.31		
Thursday 23 March 2006 cont.	14.15	16.53	17.00	17.48	6	41
Wednesday 29 March 2006	14.30	14.54	14.59	16.56		
Wednesday 29 March 2006 cont.			17.00	17.45	3	06
Thursday 30 March 2006	9.15	11.39	11.40	11.58		
Thursday 30 March 2006 cont.	12.00	12.32	14.15	17.54	6	53
Total March 2006					46	22

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Wednesday 19 April 2006	14.30	16.55	17.00	17.52	3	17
Thursday 20 April 2006	9.15	12.34	14.15	16.55		
Thursday 20 April 2006 cont.			17.00	17.46	6	45
Wednesday 26 April 2006	14.30	15.17	15.22	16.48		
Wednesday 26 April 2006 cont.			16.59	17.56	3	10
Thursday 27 April 2006	9.15	11.39	11.40	12.30		
Thursday 27 April 2006 cont.			14.15	17.44	6	43
Total April 2006					19	55
Wednesday 3 May 2006	14.30	16.56	16.59	18.01	3	28
Thursday 4 May 2006	9.15	12.33	14.15	16.58		
Thursday 4 May 2006 cont.			16.59	17.45	6	47
Total to 6 May 2006					10	15
Parliamentary year total					368	31

2.2. Recess Dates

Start	End
02 July 2005	04 September 2005
08 October 2005	23 October 2005
24 December 2005	08 January 2006
11 February 2006	19 February 2006
01 April 2006	17 April 2006

3. Plenary Business

3.1 Division of Time on Parliamentary Business 7 May 2005 – 6 May 2006

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
Bills			
Executive Bills			
Stage 1	12	25	37
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	13	26	16
Business Motions	2	0	02
Financial Resolutions	7	0	07
Motion to pass	9	7	11
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Executive Bills		59	13
Members Bills			
Stage 1	3	6	13
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Members Bills		6	13
Committee Bills			
Stage 1	1	1	55
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	1	2	14
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Committee Bills		4	09
Private Bills			
Preliminary Stage	1	2	00
Final Stage	2	2	31
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Private Bills		4	31
Statutory Instruments			
Motion to approve (affirmative)	8	2	11
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
Total time spent on Statutory Instruments		2	11

Other Motions relating to Legislation			
Sewel Motions	6	1	32
Total time spent on Other Motions		1	32
Parliamentary Bureau Motions			
Business motions (not including Bills)	45	2	06
Committee Establishment and Membership	8	0	15
Designation of lead committee	5	0	5
Decision Time	68	6	29
Suspension of Standing Orders	3	0	02
Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions		8	57
Motions for debate			
Scottish Executive	36	90	10
Scottish National Party	6	14	28
Conservative	4	9	42
Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Green	2	4	50
Scottish Socialist Party	2	4	53
Scottish Senior Citizens' Unity Party	0	0	00
Dennis Canavan	1	1	15
Margo MacDonald	0	0	00
Jean Turner	0	0	00
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	14	22	22
Members' Business	71	51	42
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	3	2	23
Total time spent on motions		201	45
Oral Questions			
Scottish Executive	35	35	12
First Minister	35	18	18
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	1	0	17
Emergency	0	0	00
Total time spent on questions		53	47
Statements			
Scottish Executive (including debates on statements)	20	19	58
Presiding Officer (including rulings)	5	0	10
Total time spent on statements		20	08
Other matters			
Points of order	41	1	37
Time for Reflection	36	2	34
Motion without notice	13	0	09
Motion of condolence	1	0	25
Oaths and Affirmations	4	0	09
Elections/Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	1	0	35
Elections/Appointment of Presiding Officer/Deputy Presiding	0	0	00

Officers			
Election to SPCB	2	0	33
Complaint	1	0	03
One Minute's Silence	0	0	00
Total time spent on other matters		6	05
Total time spent during the parliamentary year		368	31

3.2 Time for reflection 7 May 2005 to 6 May 2006

Time for reflection is the first item of business at a meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday where a person, on the invitation of the Parliament, addresses it (and the Scottish people) for up to 4 minutes. The pattern of speakers reflects the balance of beliefs in Scotland

Organisation	Male	Female	Total
Bahá'í	0	1	1
Baptist	1	0	1
Buddhist	1	0	1
Church of Scotland	11	3	14
Free Church of Scotland	1	0	1
Hindu	1	0	1
Jewish Community	1	0	1
Methodist Church	0	0	0
Muslim Community	1	1	2
Presbyterian	1	0	1
Religious Society of Friends	0	1	1
Roman Catholic Church	7	0	7
Salvation Army	0	0	0
Scottish Episcopal Church	2	0	2
Sikh	1	0	1
Zen Buddhist	0	0	0
Inter-denominational	0	0	0
No religion	0	2	2
Total	28	8	36

3.3.1 (a) (i) General Oral questions Lodged

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	111	183	143	69	108	137	99	92	172	68	34	1216
SNP	70	117	87	28	58	74	43	44	70	20	12	623
Con	17	48	27	22	41	40	21	32	41	18	5	312
LD	36	58	41	23	47	48	35	36	57	24	12	417
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	3	4	1	1	17
SSP	2	12	7	1	12	17	8	12	15	2	4	92
Green	17	31	23	12	24	26	18	19	29	12	4	215
Dennis Canavan	2	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	4	1	0	29
Margo MacDonald	3	5	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	0	26
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
Jean Turner	2	3	2	1	3	3	1	1	3	0	0	19
Mike Watson **	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	260	460	336	160	302	359	233	243	397	148	72	2970

* Questions lodged by Brian Monteith prior to 8 November 2005 are counted under Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

** Mike Watson resigned as an MSP on 5 September 2005

3.3.1 (a) (ii) General Oral questions selected (this includes questions which may not be answered in the Chamber)

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	16	17	12	6	16	18	11	11	24	6	6	143
SNP	7	13	6	4	4	9	5	7	9	2	2	68
Con	2	5	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	0	21
LD	2	11	11	2	5	5	1	5	8	6	0	56
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSP	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	3	0	1	8
Green	3	2	3	3	5	2	8	2	4	3	1	36
Dennis Canavan	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith #	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jean Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mike Watson ##	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	30	48	35	18	35	38	29	28	49	19	10	339

Questions by Brian Monteith selected prior to 8 November 2005 are counted under Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

Mike Watson resigned as an MSP on 5 September 2005

3.3.1 (b) (i) Enterprise, Lifelong Learning and Transport oral questions lodged

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	36	36	71	0	71	34	33	30	67	0	34	412
SNP	23	23	45	0	27	21	9	12	29	0	11	200
Con	7	8	10	0	21	10	2	9	18	0	5	90
LD	12	11	22	0	23	12	12	12	24	0	12	140
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	6
SSP	0	2	6	0	6	5	2	4	5	0	4	34
Green	6	7	12	0	13	7	7	6	11	0	5	74
Dennis Canavan	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	9
Margo MacDonald	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jean Turner	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	87	90	170	0	167	93	67	76	159	0	72	981

3.3.1 (b) (ii) Enterprise, Lifelong Learning and Transport oral questions selected

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	5	5	5	0	12	3	3	5	7	0	3	48
SNP	2	0	8	0	1	2	2	2	3	0	2	22
Con	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	1	3	0	2	12
LD	1	3	4	0	2	1	3	0	3	0	2	19
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SSP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4
Green	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	10
Dennis Canavan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jean Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	9	10	20	0	20	10	9	9	19	0	10	116

3.3.1 (c) (i) Education, Tourism and Culture oral questions lodged

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	37	74	37	35	37	69	32	31	34	34	0	420
SNP	23	46	22	9	16	30	14	15	14	11	0	200
Con	6	20	10	12	9	20	10	12	8	13	0	120
LD	12	24	11	11	12	24	11	12	12	12	0	141
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
SSP	1	5	1	0	4	8	4	4	4	2	0	33
Green	6	13	7	6	7	13	6	7	6	6	0	77
Dennis Canavan	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	8
Margo MacDonald	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	9
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jean Turner	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	87	184	89	75	88	171	80	83	81	80	0	1018

3.3.1 (c) (ii) Education, Tourism and Culture oral questions selected

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	5	9	3	3	8	8	3	2	4	4	0	49
SNP	1	3	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	0	23
Con	1	2	0	3	0	2	3	3	1	1	0	16
LD	1	3	2	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	13
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
SSP	1	0	0		0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Green	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	6
Dennis Canavan	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	1		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jean Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	9	20	9	10	10	19	9	9	10	10	0	115

3.3.1 (d) (i) Finance and Communities oral questions lodged

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	37	74	37	35	37	69	32	30	34	34	0	419
SNP	22	46	22	10	16	30	14	14	14	12	0	200
Con	5	19	8	12	9	20	10	12	7	13	0	115
LD	12	24	11	11	12	24	11	12	12	12	0	141
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
SSP	1	4	0	0	4	8	4	4	4	2	0	31
Green	5	12	7	5	7	12	6	7	6	6	0	73
Dennis Canavan	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	8
Margo MacDonald	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	10
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jean Turner	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	84	181	87	75	88	172	81	81	80	81	0	1010

3.3.1 (d) (ii) Finance and Communities oral questions selected

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	3	11	6	5	2	9	2	5	3	4	0	50
SNP	2	4	0	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	0	18
Con	1	3	0	1	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	14
LD	3	0	1	1	2	5	3	0	0	1	0	16
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSP	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	6
Green	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	9
Dennis Canavan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jean Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	9	18	10	10	10	19	10	10	10	9	0	115

3.3.1. (e) (i) Environment and Rural Development oral questions lodged

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	37	73	35	34	36	34	34	32	70	34	0	419
SNP	23	47	20	14	14	20	17	14	26	8	0	203
Con	5	19	8	12	9	20	9	11	16	5	0	114
LD	12	24	8	12	12	12	12	12	21	12	0	137
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	4
SSP	1	5	0	1	2	4	2	4	6	0	0	25
Green	7	12	4	7	5	7	5	7	13	6	0	73
Dennis Canavan	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	12
Margo MacDonald	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	9
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jean Turner	0	2	1	1	1	1	0		1	0	0	7
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	87	186	78	83	81	101	81	83	157	67	0	1004

3.3.1. (e) (ii) Environment and Rural Development oral questions selected

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	5	5	4	6	3	2	3	2	4	4	0	38
SNP	2	4	1	0	1	1	2	3	4	1	0	19
Con	1	3	0	1	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	14
LD	0	2	1	1	3	4	1	2	3	2	0	19
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSP	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	5
Green	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	10
Dennis Canavan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jean Turner	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	10	16	7	9	11	9	8	10	19	10	0	109

3.3.1. (f) (i) Health and Community Care oral questions lodged

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	37	73	35	34	36	34	34	32	70	34	0	419
SNP	23	48	20	16	17	21	19	17	30	9	0	220
Con	4	21	9	10	11	8	9	11	16	8	0	107
LD	12	24	8	12	12	12	12	11	21	12	0	136
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
SSP	1	5	0	0	2	4	2	4	6	0	0	24
Green	7	12	4	7	5	7	5	7	13	6	0	73
Dennis Canavan	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	12
Margo MacDonald	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	9
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jean Turner	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	86	189	79	82	86	90	84	85	161	71	0	1013

3.3.1. (f) (ii) Health and Community Care oral questions selected

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	3	8	4	4	2	6	4	2	8	6	0	47
SNP	3	5	0	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	0	26
Con	0	3	2	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	12
LD	2	3	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	16
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	2	1	1	1	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	12
Dennis Canavan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jean Turner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	10	20	8	10	10	10	9	9	19	10	0	115

3.3.1 (g) (i) Justice and Law Officers oral questions lodged

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	37	36	71	0	71	34	33	30	67	0	34	413
SNP	23	24	45	0	26	21	9	13	31	0	12	204
Con	8	7	10	0	21	11	2	9	17	0	7	92
LD	12	11	22	0	23	12	12	12	24	0	12	140
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	6
SSP	1	0	4	0	6	5	2	4	4	0	4	30
Green	11	7	12	0	12	7	7	5	11	0	4	76
Dennis Canavan	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	9
Margo MacDonald	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jean Turner	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	95	88	168	0	165	93	67	76	159	0	74	985

3.3.1 (g) (ii) Justice and Law Officers oral questions selected

Party	From 7 May 2005	June 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
Lab	2	1	10	0	10	2	5	5	13	0	6	54
SNP	6	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	18
Con	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	8
LD	2	1	5	0	3	2	2	1	3	0	2	21
SSCUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSP	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Green	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	10
Dennis Canavan	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jean Turner	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mike Watson	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Totals	11	6	20	0	20	9	10	10	20	0	10	116

The total number of oral questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **8981**

The total number of oral questions selected during the parliamentary year was **1025**

3.3.2 (a) SPCB Questions lodged

Party	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
SNP	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	8
Lab	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Con	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LD	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Green	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	13
Ind	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
SSP	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Totals		23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	39

The total number of SPCB questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **39**

3.3.2 (b) SPCB Questions selected

Party	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
SNP	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6
Lab	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Green	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	8
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
SSP	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Totals	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	24

The total number of SPCB questions selected during the parliamentary year was **24**

3.3.3 Emergency Questions

There were no Emergency Questions asked between 7 May 2005 – 6 May 2006

3.3.4 First Minister's Questions

Party	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
Lab	13	30	17	9	20	22	12	14	25	9	4	175
SNP	14	27	18	10	18	25	14	14	26	10	5	181
Con	9	12	13	6	11	11	7	7	14	4	1	95
LD	3	17	6	2	7	11	4	5	8	3	2	68
SSCUP	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
SSP	1	5	2	1	3	3	0	3	3	1	0	22
Green	2	6	2	2	3	2	3	2	5	2	1	30
Dennis Canavan	3	5	4	2	3	4	3	3	4	2	1	34
Margo MacDonald	3	2	4	2	3	4	3	3	4	1	1	30
Jean Turner	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Watson*	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Brian Monteith*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	48	105	67	34	68	82	46	51	89	34	16	640

* Mike Watson resigned as an MSP on 5 September 2005

** Questions lodged by Brian Monteith prior to 8 November 2005 are counted under Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

The total number of First Minister's questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **640**

3.3.5 Written Questions

Party	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
Lab	44	65	52	41	94	72	215	88	70	97	115	114	12	1079
SNP	450	438	345	370	303	354	582	341	501	445	698	295	139	5261
Con	72	108	76	125	215	112	93	140	117	113	228	62	11	1472
LD	14	23	18	23	28	32	55	27	23	49	69	26	4	391
SSCUP	5	12	5	2	7	1	3	0	0	7	22	3	0	67
SSP	45	30	26	29	20	23	84	45	59	77	82	27	33	580
Green	42	16	14	24	30	24	28	17	49	30	68	23	1	366
Dennis Canavan	3	7	0	1	4	3	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	26
Margo MacDonald	0	1	0	7	1	0	3	0	14	0	7	3	0	36
Jean Turner	0	0	0	0	5	0	44	6	0	14	0	5	5	79
Campbell Martin	0	0	0	2	8	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	16
Mike Watson*	1	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
Brian Monteith**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	676	700	536	624	715	622	1112	666	833	833	1292	560	205	9374

* Mike Watson resigned as an MSP on 5 September 2005

** Questions lodged by Brian Monteith prior to 8 November 2005 are counted under Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

The total number of written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **9374**

3.4 Motions Lodged

3.4.1 Motions lodged by party

Party or on behalf of bodies by Party Members	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	March 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
Lab	32	55	6	24	37	34	57	37	48	43	65	34	12	484
SNP	28	31	17	17	26	32	44	19	36	32	45	20	11	358
Con	12	17	8	12	25	12	16	8	17	12	16	5	10	170
LD	12	14	6	2	10	13	11	10	14	13	15	8	6	134
SSCUP	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	10
SSP	17	16	6	5	10	11	20	22	23	14	18	14	6	182
Green	20	38	16	16	16	15	27	12	16	11	20	5	2	214
Dennis Canavan	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	10
Margo MacDonald	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Jean Turner	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	11
Campbell Martin	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	10
Mike Watson*	0	1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
Brian Monteith	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Committee	3	1	0	0	5	0	3	1	0	0	4	1	0	18
Parliamentary Bureau	9	27	0	5	34	13	14	14	4	13	23	9	5	170
SPCB	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lord Advocate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	139	208	59	82	169	133	199	123	163	139	211	99	54	1778

* Mike Watson resigned as an MSP on 5 September 2005

** Motions lodged by Brian Monteith prior to 8 November 2005 are counted under Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **1778**

The Committee motions are lodged on behalf of the Committee by the Convener.

Parliamentary Bureau motions are lodged on behalf of the Bureau by the Ministers for Parliamentary Business.

SPCB Motions are lodged on behalf of the Corporate Body by a member of SPCB.

3.4.2 Motions without notice

7 May 2005 – 6 May 2006

Reason	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
to extend the time for debate	3	0	3
to change decision time	3	0	3
to change of business	7	0	7
Total	13	0	13

3.4.3 Suspension of Standing Orders

There were 3 motions to suspend Standing Orders during the parliamentary year:

- Motion S2M 2929 agreed to
- Motion S2M 3692 agreed to
- Motion S2M 3931 agreed to

3.4.4 Members' business motions

Members' business motions were lodged by MSPs from the following parties:

Party	Female	Male	Total
Lab	38	22	60
SNP	25	22	47
Con	7	17	24
LD	2	15	17
Green	2	6	8
SSCUP	n/a	0	0
SSP	5	2	7
Dennis Canavan	n/a	3	3
Margo MacDonald	0	n/a	0
Campbell Martin	n/a	1	1
Brian Monteith	n/a	0	0
Jean Turner	1	n/a	1
Mike Watson	n/a	0	0
Total	80	88	168

Members' business motions were discussed at the initiative of MSPs from the following parties:

Party	Female	Male	Total
Lab	18	10	28
SNP	5	10	15
Con	5	6	11
LD	1	9	10
Green	0	2	2
SSCUP	n/a	1	1
SSP	2	1	3
Dennis Canavan	n/a	0	0
Margo MacDonald	0	n/a	0
Campbell Martin	n/a	1	1
Brian Monteith	n/a	0	0
Jean Turner	0	n/a	0
Mike Watson	n/a	0	0
Total	31	40	71

3.4.5. Sewel motions / Legislative consent motions

From 30 November 2005 there was a new procedure and the name changed from Sewel Memorandum to Legislative Consent Memorandum and from Sewel Motion to Legislative Consent Motion.

Legislative consent/Sewel memorandums lodged	Supplementary memorandums lodged	Legislative consent/Sewel motions lodged	Legislative consent/Sewel motions passed
12	1	9	8

3.5 Ministerial Statements

Minister/Law Officer making the statement	7 May 2005- 6 May 2006
First Minister	2
Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	1
Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	0
Minister for Communities	2
Deputy Minister for Communities	1
Minister for Education and Young People	1
Deputy Minister for Education and Young People	0
Minister for Environment and Rural Development	1
Deputy Minister for the Environment and Rural Development	2
Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform	3
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform	0
Minister for Health and Community Care	3
Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care	0
Minister for Justice	1
Deputy Minister for Justice	0
Minister for Parliamentary Business	0
Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Business	0
Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	1
Minister for Transport and Telecommunications/Minister for Transport	2
Lord Advocate	1
Solicitor General for Scotland	0
Total	21

3.6 Presiding Officer's Rulings on Points of Order

From 7 May 05	June 05	July 05	August 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	March 06	April 06	To 6 May 06	Total
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3

3.7 Electronic votes

From 7 May 2005	Jun 2005	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Apr 2006	To 6 May 2006	Total
11	75	21	18	64	33	28	17	37	21	10	335

Figures are for all electronic votes taken in the chamber including all votes on amendments.

4. Committees

4.1 Committee Membership

The following table lists the MSPs and those committees of which they were members during the parliamentary year. Dates of service are given under each individual committee in section 4.3. Committee abbreviations are listed at the front of this publication.

A committee usually has between five and fifteen MSPs as members. Committee members are selected having regard to the balance of political parties in the Parliament. Membership of committees is proposed by the Parliamentary Bureau. The whole Parliament approves suggestions as to which MSPs are to be members of what committee.

Each political party which has two or more MSPs may nominate one of its members to be the party's substitute on each committee. The main role of the committee substitute is to stand in for a committee member of the same party if that member is unavailable for a committee meeting or is unable to act as a committee member at any other time because of illness, family circumstances, adverse travel conditions beyond the member's control, a requirement to attend to other Parliamentary business or urgent constituency business. Substitute members (S) are therefore not full time members of committees.

4.1.1 Committee Membership

Adam, Brian	ST J1(S)	AU(S) LGT(S)
Aitken, Bill	ED2 ED(S) EO(S) 1(S)	AU EC MI PE(S)
Alexander, Wendy	ED FI EU(S)	Douglas-Hamilton, Lord James AHS
Arbuckle, Andrew	BAIRD FI GARL GT	ED ST(S)
Baillie, Jackie	ED1 J2 PE EO(S)	Eadie, Helen ED1 HC PE J1(S)
Baird, Shiona	EC EO COM(S)	Ewing, Fergus LGT
Baker, Richard	EC PR ED(S)	Ewing, Margaret EU MI
Ballance, Chris	EC PR AU(S)	Fabiani, Linda COM EU ST EO(S)
Ballard, Mark	FI PR EC(S)	Fergusson, Alex ST ERD(S)
Barrie, Scott	AHS BAIRD COM EARL	Fox, Colin J2 LGT(S)
Boyack, Sarah	ERD	Fraser, Murdo EC EU(S) PR(S)
Brocklebank, Ted	ERD FI WAV AU(S) SL(S)	Gallie, Phil ED1 EO EU PE(S)
Brown, Robert	ED HC(S)	Gibson, Rob ED1 ERD PE(S)
Brownlee, Derek	FI EU(S)	Gillon, Karen EC ERD EU PR J1(S)
Butler, Bill	J2 ST LGT(S)	Glen, Marlyn EO GARL J1 AU(S)
Byrne, Rosemary	ED EO(S) J2(S)	Godman, Trish AHS BAIRD ERD(S)
Canavan, Dennis	EU	Goldie, Annabel J2 J1(S)
Craigie, Cathie	COM PR J2(S)	Gordon, Charlie EARL EU PE
Crawford, Bruce	EU LGT	Gorrie, Donald COM PR ST EC(S)
Cunningham, Roseanna	HC	Grahame, Christine COM EARL
Curran, Frances	EO PE(S)	Harper, Robin AU PR FI(S) PR(S)
Davidson, David	BAIRD J2 LGT	

Harvie, Patrick	COM EO(S) PR(S)	Morrison, Alasdair	ERD EU(S)
Home Robertson, John	COM EU	Muldoon, Bristow	LGT
Hughes, Janis	HC ERD(S) FI(S)	Mulligan, Mary	AU J1
Hyslop, Fiona	ED EC(S)	Mundell, David	LGT ED(S) FI(S)
Ingram, Adam	ED SL	Munro, John Farquhar	PE LGT(S)
Jackson, Sylvia	LGT SL	Murray, Elaine	ED FI LGT(S)
Jackson, Gordon	EU SL WAV FI(S)	Neil, Alex	EC FI(S)
Jamieson, Margaret	AU GARL MI EC(S)	Oldfather, Irene	EU PR(S)
Johnstone, Alex	ERD PR COM(S) SL(S)	Peattie, Cathy	EO
Kane, Rosie	PE ED(S)	Petrie, Dave	COM
Leckie, Carolyn	EO(S) J2(S)	Pringle, Mike	EC J1 SL J1(S) J2(S)
Livingstone, Marilyn	ED2 EO ST(S)	Purvis, Jeremy	ED2 J2 ERD(S)
Lochhead, Richard	ERD EU(S)	Radcliffe, Nora	EO ERD EU2
Lyon, George	AHS AU EC(S)	Robison, Shona	HC
MacAskill, Kenny	BAIRD J2(S)	Robson, Euan	COM HC LGT HC(S)
Macintosh, Ken	ED SL ST HC(S)	Rumbles, Mike	HC MI COM(S)
Maclean, Kate	ED2 HC	Ruskell, Mark	ERD
Macmillan, Maureen	ERD J2 SL(S)	Scanlon, Mary	COM HC(S)
Martin, Campbell	PE	Scott, Eleanor	AU ERD(S)
Martin, Paul	LGT HC(S) ST(S)	Scott, John	PE COM(S) FI(S)
Marwick, Tricia	COM WAV PR(S)	Sheridan, Tommy	LGT
Mather, Jim	FI ERD(S)	Smith, Elaine	EO ERD
Matheson, Michael	EC GARL ED(S)	Smith, Iain	EARL ED EU PR FI(S)
Maxwell, Stewart	J2 SL HC(S)	Smith, Margaret	AU LGT WAV J2(S)
May, Christine	EC SL ST WAV COM(S)	Stevenson, Stewart	J1 MI(S) SL(S)
McAveety, Frank	ED FI	Stone, Jamie	EC ED1 J1 SL ED(S)
McFee, Bruce	J1 PR LGT(S)	Swinburne, John	EO FI
McGrigor, Jamie	EARL EO MI PR ED(S) EO(S)	Swinney, John	EU FI AU(S)
McLetchie, David	LGT EC(S)	Tosh, Murray	SL LGT(S) PR(S)
McMahon, Michael	LGT PE	Turner, Jean	HC
McNeil, Duncan	HC	Wallace, Jim	EU J1(S)
McNeill, Pauline	J1	Watson, Mike	EC PE
McNulty, Des	FI	Watt, Maureen	LGT SL(S)
Milne, Nanette	HC EO(S)	Welsh, Andrew	AU ED(S)
Mitchell, Margaret	J1 J2(S)	White, Sandra	EO PE COM(S)
Monteith, Brian	AU GARL EC(S)	Whitefield, Karen	COM ST
Morgan, Alasdair	AHS ED2 FI ST(S)		

Member of only 1 Committee	14
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	14
Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	2
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	41
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	1
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	27
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	0
Member of 3 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	10
Substitute Committee Member only	1

4.1.2. Committee Conveners and Deputy Conveners by gender and party

The members of a committee must choose a convener from a particular political party decided by Parliament. The Parliament makes this decision following a recommendation by the Parliamentary Bureau. In addition, each committee normally has a deputy convener who will chair meetings in the convener's absence. Deputy conveners are chosen in the same way as conveners.

	Male	Female
Conveners	15	13
Deputy Conveners	20	8

	Lab	SNP	LD	Con	Green	Ind	SSP	SSCUP	NPA
Conveners	12	7	5	4*	0	1*	0	0	0
Deputy Conveners	12	6	4	4	1	0	0	0	1

* Includes Brian Monteith who became an independent MSP on 8 November 2005

4.2 Committee Meetings

4.2.1 Number of meetings held by each committee during the parliamentary year

	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
AHS	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
AU	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	15
BAIRD	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
COM	3	2	0	0	4	2	3	2	3	3	5	3	1	31
EARL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0	1
EC	3	3	0	0	4	0	5	2	3	2	4	2	1	29
ED	2	4	0	0	3	2	4	3	3	1	4	2	0	28
ED1	1	3	0	0	5	2	6	2	2	2	1	n/a	n/a	24
ED2	1	3	0	0	3	1	5	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14
EO	1	3	0	0	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	20
ERD	3	5	0	0	4	2	5	3	3	3	5	2	1	36
EU	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	17
FI	3	2	0	0	4	1	6	2	3	3	4	2	0	30
GARL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	0	3
HC	4	3	0	0	4	2	4	3	3	2	3	2	0	30
J1	4	7	0	0	5	3	7	3	3	3	4	2	2	43
J2	4	1	0	0	5	2	7	2	3	2	4	2	1	33
LGT	4	2	0	0	4	1	5	2	3	3	4	2	0	30
MI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	2
PE	2	3	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	20
PR	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	17
SL	4	4	0	0	4	2	5	3	4	3	4	2	1	36
ST	1	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	12
WAV	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	3	1	1	14
TOTAL	46	57	0	0	61	26	75	36	46	39	58	32	11	487

	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins
Total	03 37	02 49	00 00	00 00	03 25	02 23	04 10	02 34	01 39	01 30	03 24	01 07	00 00	26 38
FI Public	05 26	03 39	00 00	00 00	07 00	03 16	14 15	01 42	07 08	04 11	03 09	02 15	00 00	52 01
FI Private	00 02	00 40	00 00	00 00	00 02	00 00	02 00	03 03	00 34	01 22	05 30	00 27	00 00	13 40
Total	05 28	04 19	00 00	00 00	07 02	03 16	16 15	04 45	07 42	05 33	08 39	02 42	00 00	65 41
GARL Public	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 04	02 44	00 00	02 48
GARL Private	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 17	00 00	00 17
Total	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 04	03 01	00 00	03 05
HC Public	04 21	03 33	00 00	00 00	08 08	03 18	04 21	01 34	04 56	04 43	05 04	02 45	00 00	42 43
HC Private	00 33	00 48	00 00	00 00	00 55	00 31	02 26	02 22	00 10	00 37	00 32	00 37	00 00	09 31
Total	04 54	04 21	00 00	00 00	09 03	03 49	06 47	03 56	05 06	05 20	05 36	03 22	00 00	52 14
J1 Public	10 48	04 31	00 00	00 00	05 54	03 10	16 12	08 57	05 53	00 59	06 26	06 04	03 43	72 37
J1 Private	00 00	12 23	00 00	00 00	01 07	02 33	01 42	01 53	01 52	08 24	00 00	00 00	00 19	30 13
Total	10 48	16 54	00 00	00 00	07 01	05 43	17 54	10 50	07 45	09 23	06 26	06 04	04 02	102 50
J2 Public	01 35	00 18	00 00	00 00	03 05	04 54	11 05	03 04	01 02	02 45	09 32	02 55	03 34	43 49
J2 Private	05 30	00 18	00 00	00 00	01 42	00 31	03 41	00 20	04 03	00 00	01 11	02 03	00 44	20 03
Total	07 05	00 36	00 00	00 00	04 47	05 25	14 46	03 24	05 05	02 45	10 43	04 58	04 18	63 52
LGT Public	10 58	01 28	00 00	00 00	11 00	02 39	11 44	00 17	03 21	08 16	09 19	04 20	00 00	63 22
LGT Private	02 35	01 07	00 00	00 00	00 13	00 00	03 36	03 31	02 11	00 00	00 53	00 43	00 00	14 49
Total	13 33	02 35	00 00	00 00	11 13	02 39	15 20	03 48	05 32	08 16	10 12	05 03	00 00	78 11
MI Public	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	04 19	00 00	00 00	04 19
MI Private	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00
MI Total	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	04 19	00 00	00 00	04 19
PE Public	03 47	07 27	00 00	00 00	04 30	03 31	01 26	03 55	05 14	03 50	04 17	01 48	02 40	42 25
PE Private	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 05	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 05
Total	03 47	07 27	00 00	00 00	04 30	03 31	01 26	04 00	05 14	03 50	04 17	01 48	02 40	42 30
PR Public	04 07	01 40	00 00	00 00	02 05	01 19	04 34	02 21	03 01	03 08	01 18	00 57	00 00	24 30
PR Private	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	02 36	00 30	01 07	02 53	00 00	00 25	00 25	00 00	00 00	07 56
Total	04 07	01 40	00 00	00 00	04 41	01 49	05 41	05 14	03 01	03 33	01 43	00 57	00 00	32 26
SL Public	03 52	03 25	00 00	00 00	03 50	02 44	08 19	02 40	01 59	01 44	05 09	01 00	00 39	35 21
SL Private	00 00	01 41	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	01 25	01 33	06 34	00 15	02 30	03 17	00 36	17 51
Total	03 52	05 06	00 00	00 00	03 50	02 44	09 44	04 13	08 33	01 59	07 39	04 17	01 15	53 12
ST Pub	00 38	00 13	00 00	00 00	00 21	00 00	01 30	00 00	01 06	00 40	01 46	00 30	00 00	06 44
ST Private	00 56	03 23	00 00	00 00	00 53	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	05 12
ST Total	01 34	03 36	00 00	00 00	01 14	00 00	01 30	00 00	01 06	00 40	01 46	00 30	00 00	11 56
WAV Public	00 00	03 28	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 19	00 00	00 00	10 53	06 09	08 57	00 03	00 00	29 49

	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins	Hrs Mins
WAV Private	00 00	02 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 14	00 31	00 41	00 31	03 57
Total	00 00	05 28	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 19	00 00	00 00	10 53	06 23	09 28	00 44	00 31	33 46
Grand Total	96 55	116 19	00 00	00 00	126 39	60 08	161 21	76 29	99 22	87 34	126 54	63 55	26 29	1045 41

4.2.3. The average time spent in committee meetings during the parliamentary year

	From 7 May 05		Jun 05		Jul 05		Aug 05		Sep 05		Oct 05		Nov 05		Dec 05		Jan 06		Feb 06		Mar 06		Apr 06		To 6 May 06		Annual Average			
	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins
AHS	n/a	n/a	0	14	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	14
AU	2	34	3	43	0	00	00	00	2	27	0	00	1	24	1	22	2	47	2	01	2	40	2	31	1	14	2	10	2	10
BAIRD	0	00	0	00	0	00	00	00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	00
COM	3	10	3	01	0	00	00	00	1	34	1	27	2	30	2	25	3	24	3	09	3	11	2	54	2	49	2	41	2	41
EARL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	57	0	00	0	57		
EC	2	56	2	41	0	00	00	00	2	38	0	00	2	24	2	40	2	06	2	13	2	42	2	41	3	23	2	35	2	35
ED	2	20	1	58	0	00	00	00	1	19	1	59	2	08	1	40	1	54	3	27	1	12	1	56	0	00	1	51	1	51
ED1	0	17	4	26	0	00	00	00	6	21	6	55	2	36	2	53	0	51	1	59	1	19	0	00	0	00	3	39	3	39
ED2	0	15	3	25	0	00	00	00	1	42	1	33	0	52	1	04	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	37	1	37
EO	2	25	1	42	0	00	00	00	0	50	1	34	1	36	3	00	2	06	3	10	2	26	2	29	3	05	2	06	2	06
ERD	2	23	2	04	0	00	00	00	1	26	2	21	2	10	2	27	2	17	2	13	2	26	3	01	3	12	2	15	2	15
EU	1	49	1	25	0	00	00	00	1	43	2	23	2	05	1	17	0	50	1	30	1	42	1	07	0	00	1	34	1	34
FI	1	49	2	10	0	00	00	00	1	46	3	16	2	43	2	23	2	34	1	51	2	10	1	21	0	00	2	11	2	11
GARL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	04	1	31	0	00	1	02	1	02
HC	1	14	1	27	0	00	00	00	2	16	1	55	1	42	1	19	1	42	2	40	1	52	1	41	0	00	1	44	1	44
J1	2	42	2	25	0	00	00	00	1	24	1	54	2	33	3	37	2	35	3	08	1	37	3	02	2	01	2	23	2	23
J2	1	46	0	36	0	00	00	00	0	57	2	43	2	07	1	42	1	42	1	23	2	41	2	29	4	18	1	56	1	56
LGT	3	23	1	18	0	00	00	00	2	48	2	39	3	04	1	54	1	51	2	45	2	33	2	32	0	00	2	36	2	36
MI	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	00	0	00	0	00	2	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	10	2	10
PE	1	54	2	29	0	00	00	00	2	15	1	46	1	26	2	00	2	37	1	55	2	09	1	48	2	40	2	08	2	08
PR	2	04	1	40	0	00	00	00	2	21	1	49	2	51	2	37	1	31	1	47	0	52	0	57	0	00	1	54	1	54
SL	0	58	1	17	0	00	00	00	0	58	1	22	1	59	1	24	2	08	0	40	1	55	2	08	0	36	1	29	1	29
ST	1	34	1	12	0	00	00	00	0	37	0	00	0	45	0	00	1	06	0	40	1	46	0	30	0	00	1	00	1	00
WAV	0	00	1	49	0	00	00	00	0	00	0	19	0	00	0	00	3	38	3	12	3	09	0	44	0	31	2	25	2	25
Monthly Average	2	06	2	02	0	00	0	00	2	05	2	19	2	10	2	07	2	09	2	15	2	11	2	00	2	24	2	09		

4.3 Committees

4.3.1 Ad Hoc Standards Committee

Established: 2 June 2005

Remit: 1. To consider and report in respect of a report submitted by the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner;

In particular as to –

(a) whether a member’s conduct is in accordance with the Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct for MSPs, matters relating to members’ interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their Parliamentary duties; and

(b) the application of the Code of Conduct for MSPs.

2. Where the Committee considers it appropriate, to recommend by motion that a member’s rights and privileges are withdrawn to such extent and for such period as are specified in the motion.

Convener: Trish Godman
Deputy Convener: Alasdair Morgan
Membership: The committee has 5 members.

Meetings: There were 2 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	2
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	2
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Scott Barrie	Lab	2 (2)
Lord James Douglas-Hamilton	Con	2 (2)
Trish Godman	Lab	2 (2)
George Lyon	LD	2 (2)
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	1 (2)

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:
 Committee Clerk: Jennifer Smart

Visits: 0
Events: 0

Witnesses: No witnesses were called to give oral evidence.

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Sewel Memorandums	0	
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1st Report, 2005: Report on complaint against David Davidson MSP and Members (in March 2004) of the Standards Committee	386	20 June 2005	No Response

4.3.2 Audit Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: 1. The remit of the Audit Committee is to consider and report on: (a) any accounts laid before the Parliament; (b) any report laid before or made to the Parliament by the Auditor General for Scotland; and (c) any other document laid before the Parliament concerning financial control, accounting and auditing in relation to public expenditure.
 2. No member of the Scottish Executive or junior Scottish Minister may be a member of the Committee and no member who represents a political party which is represented in the Scottish Executive may be convener of the Committee.
(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.7)

Convener: Brian Monteith

Deputy Convener: Andrew Welsh

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 15 meetings in the parliamentary year. 1 meeting was held in Beardmore Conference Hotel, Clydebank on 21 March 2006.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	15
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	15
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Susan Deacon	Lab	13 (15)
Robin Harper (until 22 June 2005)	Green	2 (2)
Margaret Jamieson	Lab	12 (15)
George Lyon (until 29 June 2005)	LD	2 (3)
Brian Monteith (until 8 November 2005)	Con	6 (6)
Brian Monteith (from 8 November 2005)	Ind	9 (9)
Mary Mulligan	Lab	14 (15)
Eleanor Scott (from 22 June 2005)	Green	12 (13)
Margaret Smith (from 30 June 2005)	LD	10 (12)
Andrew Welsh	SNP	12 (15)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Chris Ballance	Green	0
Ted Brocklebank (until 25 August 2005)	Con	0
David Davidson (from 14 September 2005)	Con	0
Marlyn Glen	Lab	0
John Swinney	SNP	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Shelagh McKinlay

Senior Assistant Clerk: Joanna Hardy

Assistant Clerk: Clare O'Neill

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	0
Scottish Executive officials	14
Members of the Scottish Parliament	6
Representatives of public bodies	37
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	6

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	How Government Works Implementing the NHS Consultant Contract in Scotland Section 22 Report on Inverness College Tackling Waiting Times in the NHS Scotland
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Sewel Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
6th Report, 2005: Bowel Cancer Services	426	3 October 2005	1 December 2005
5th Report, 2005: Overview of the Financial Performance of the NHS in Scotland 2003/04	366	1 June 2005	1 July 2005
4th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	346	26 May 2005	n/a
3rd Report, 2005: The National Galleries of Scotland	336	12 May 2005	12 July 2005

4.3.3 Communities Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to housing and area regeneration, poverty, voluntary sector issues, charity law, matters relating to the land use planning system and building standards and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities.
(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 23 February 2005)

Convener: Karen Whitefield

Deputy Convener: Donald Gorrie (until 21 September 2005)
Euan Robson (from 28 September 2005)

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 31 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	9
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Scott Barrie	Lab	26 (31)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	29 (31)
Linda Fabiani (until 14 September 2005)	SNP	5 (7)
Donald Gorrie (until 21 September 2005)	LD	8 (8)
Christine Grahame	SNP	27 (31)
Patrick Harvie	Green	31 (31)
John Home Robertson	Lab	28 (31)
Tricia Marwick (from 15 September 2005)	SNP	13 (24)
Dave Petrie (from 20 April 2006)	Con	3 (3)
Euan Robson (from 21 September 2005)	LD	20 (24)
Mary Scanlon (until 7 April 2006)	Con	26 (27)
Karen Whitefield	Lab	31 (31)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Shiona Baird	Green	1
Alex Johnstone (from 14 September 2005)	Con	1
Christine May	Lab	1
Mike Rumbles	LD	0
John Scott (until 25 August 2005)	Con	0
Sandra White	SNP	6

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Steve Farrell

Senior Assistant Clerk: Katy Orr

Assistant Clerk: Jenny Goldsmith (until 8 February 2006)
Catherine Fergusson (from 22 February 2006)

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	14
Scottish Executive officials	59
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	11
Representatives of local authorities	11
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	45
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	10

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Proposed Third Party Planning Rights of Appeal (Scotland) Bill: 15 June 2005
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Housing (Scotland) Bill Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	1	26 April 2006: Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc Bill
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	9	PE749, PE809, PE811, PE906, PE907, PE916, PE918, PE924, PE946,
Divisions held	13	21 September 2005: Housing (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments 22, 26 and 34 28 September 2005: Housing (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments 29, 61 and 62 5 October 2005: Housing (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments 75 and 76 Housing (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments 1, 119, 164, 176 and 182
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
4th Report, 2006: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill	549	28 April 2006	No Response
3rd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	548	28 April 2006	No Response
2nd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	529	23 March 2006	No Response
1st Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	506	9 February 2006	No Response
12th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	480	23 December 2005	No Response
1st Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	467	8 December 2005	No Response
10th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	435	6 October 2005	No Response
9th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	423	22 September 2005	No Response
8th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	409	8 September 2005	No Response
7th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on Housing (Scotland) Bill	387	22 June 2005	No Response
6th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	384	15 June 2005	No Response
5th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	363	26 May 2005	No Response
4th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	347	26 May 2005	n/a

4.3.4 Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee**Established:** 30 March 2006**Remit:** To consider and report to the Parliament on the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill**Convener:** Scott Barrie (from 18 April 2006)**Deputy Convener:** Jamie McGrigor (from 18 April 2006)**Membership:** The committee has 5 members.**Meetings:** There was 1 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	1
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	1
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Scott Barrie	Lab	1 (1)
Charlie Gordon	Lab	1 (1)
Christine Grahame	SNP	1 (1)
Jamie McGrigor	Con	1 (1)
Iain Smith	LD	1 (1)

Reporters: 0**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Jane Sutherland

Visits: 0**Events:** 0**Witnesses:** 0**Business transacted:** The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill**Reports:** 0

4.3.5 Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill Committee

Established: 16 June 2004

Remit: To consider and report to the Parliament on the Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill

Convener: Jackie Baillie

Deputy Convener: Phil Gallie

Membership: The committee has 5 members until 29 June with 4 members thereafter.

Meetings: There were 24 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	24
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	19
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie	Lab	24 (24)
Helen Eadie	Lab	24 (24)
Phil Gallie	Con	22 (24)
Rob Gibson	SNP	24 (24)
Jamie Stone (until 29 June 2005)	LD	3 (4)

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jane Sutherland

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	1
Scottish Executive officials	1
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	4
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	106

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill.

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
2nd Report, 2006: Consideration Stage Report on the Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill	510	1 March 2006	No Response
1st Report, 2006: Appropriate Assessment on Firth of Forth Special Protection Area	486	18 January 2006	No Response

4.3.6 Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill Committee

Established: 16 June 2004

Remit: To consider and report to the Parliament on the Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill

Convener: Bill Aitken

Deputy Convener: Jeremy Purvis

Membership: The committee has 5 members.

Meetings: There were 14 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	14
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	10
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bill Aitken	Con	13 (14)
Marilyn Livingstone	Lab	14 (14)
Kate Maclean	Lab	13 (14)
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	14 (14)
Jeremy Purvis	LD	13 (14)

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Terry Shevlin

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	0
Scottish Executive officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	0
Representatives of local authorities	2
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	65

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill.

Reports: 0

4.3.7 Education Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to school and pre-school education, young people and social work and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Education and Young People.
(As agreed by resolution of the parliament on 29 September 2004)

Convener: Robert Brown (until 28 June 2005)
Iain Smith (from 8 September 2005)

Deputy Convener: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 28 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	28
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	11
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Wendy Alexander	Lab	13 (28)
Robert Brown (until 28 June 2005)	LD	6 (6)
Rosemary Byrne	SSP	25 (28)
Lord James Douglas-Hamilton	Con	28 (28)
Fiona Hyslop	SNP	24 (28)
Adam Ingram	SNP	26 (28)
Frank McAveety	Lab	24 (28)
Ken Macintosh	Lab	26 (28)
Elaine Murray	Lab	28 (28)
Iain Smith (from 30 June 2005)	LD	21 (22)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bill Aitken (until 15 September 2005)	Con	0
Richard Baker	Lab	2
Rosie Kane	SSP	0
Michael Matheson (until 21 February 2006)	SNP	0
Jamie McGrigor (from 22 September 2005)	Con	0
David Mundell (until 7 June 2005)	Con	0
Jamie Stone	LD	0
Andrew Welsh (from 23 February 2006)	SNP	2

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Martin Verity (until 22 June 2005)
Eugene Windsor (from 8 September 2005)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Mark Roberts

Assistant Clerk: Ian Cowan

Visits:

4 fact finding visits regarding the Pupil Motivation Inquiry. 2 to Smithycroft Secondary School, Glasgow and Lourdes Secondary School Glasgow on 11 May 2005. 2 to Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh on 8 February 2006.

2 fact finding visits regarding the Early Years Inquiry on 21 September 2005 to Jeely Piece Club, Castlemilk Glasgow and Whitdale Early Years Centre, Whitburn.

1 fact finding visit regarding the Gaelic Language Bill to Portree High School, Portree on 29 November 2005.

2 fact finding visits regarding the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill on 3 May 2006 to the Scottish Adoption Advisory Service, Edinburgh and the Scottish Adoption Advisory Service, Glasgow.

Events:

2 fact finding events. 1 for the Public Motivation Inquiry held in the Scottish Parliament on 31 January 2006. 1 for the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill held in the Scottish Parliament on 3 May 2006.

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	9
Scottish Executive officials	44
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	7
Representatives of local authorities	5
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	5
Representatives of professional associations	10
Representatives of Voluntary sector	28
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Early Years Inquiry Pupil Motivation Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill 1,8,22,29 March 2006
Bills considered	2	Joint Inspection of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Bill Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	14	2 draft affirmative and 12 negatives: SSI 2005/355; SSI 2005/393; SSI 2005/501; SSI 2005/514; SSI 2005/515; SSI 2005/516; SSI 2005/516; SSI 2005/517; SSI 2005/518; SSI 2005/543; SSI 2005/571; SSI 2006/88; SSI 2006/140
Petitions considered	2	PE853, PE872
Divisions held	12	29 March 2006: Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill Stage 2 amendments 1, 4, 5, 11, 17, 19, 21, 30 and 48 19 April 2006: Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement Bill) Stage 2 amendments 14, 15 and 25
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
2nd Report, 2006: Stage 1 Report on Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill	497	2 February 2006	No Response
1st Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	483	9 January 2006	No Response
10th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on the Joint Inspections of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Bill	458	1 December 2005	No Response
9th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	415	13 September 2005	No Response
8th Report, 2005: Additional Support for Learning Code of Practice	383	17 June 2005	No Response
7th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	382	17 June 2005	No Response
6th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	381	17 June 2005	No Response
5th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	348	26 May 2005	n/a

4.3.8 Enterprise And Culture Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the Scottish economy, business and industry, energy, training, further and higher education, lifelong learning and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning; and matters relating to tourism, culture and sport and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Convener: Alex Neil

Deputy Convener: Mike Watson (until 5 September 2005)
Christine May (from 20 September 2005)

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 29 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held outside the Parliament on 15 November 2005 at North Highland College, Thurso, Caithness.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	29
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	16
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Shiona Baird (from 22 June 2005)	Green	21 (24)
Richard Baker	Lab	25 (29)
Chris Ballance (until 22 June 2005)	Green	5 (5)
Susan Deacon	Lab	25 (29)
Murdo Fraser	Con	27 (29)
Karen Gillon (from 6 October 2005)	Lab	15 (19)
Michael Matheson	SNP	24 (29)
Christine May	Lab	28 (29)
Alex Neil	SNP	29 (29)
Mike Pringle (26 January 2005 - 18 May 2005)	LD	1 (1)
Jamie Stone (from 19 May 2005)	LD	21 (28)
Mike Watson (until 5 September 2005)	NPA	5 (6)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Mark Ballard	Green	0
Donald Gorrie (from 26 October 2005)	LD	0
Fiona Hyslop	SNP	2
Margaret Jamieson	Lab	1
George Lyon (until 6 October 2005)	LD	0
David McLetchie (from 22 February 2006)	Con	0
Brian Monteith (17 March 2005 - 8 November 2005)	Con	0
Brian Monteith (8 November 2005 - 3 February 2006)	Ind	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Stephen Imrie
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Douglas Thornton
 Assistant Clerk: Seán Wixted

Visits: 1 fact finding visit regarding EU State Aid Reform to Brussels on 17 April 2005.

4 fact finding visits for the Business Growth Inquiry. 1 to the University of Dundee, Dundee on 7 June 2005. 1 at The Tun, Edinburgh on 4 October 2005. 1 to Hamburg/Bremen on 23 October 2005. 1 to Helsinki/Stockholm on 24 October 2005.

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	10
Scottish Executive officials	50
Members of the Scottish Parliament	6
Representatives of public bodies	34
Representatives of local authorities	8
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	6
Representatives of professional associations	43
Representatives of Voluntary sector	14
Other categories of witnesses	39

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	Business Growth Inquiry Employability Inquiry European Union State Aid Reform Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill Tourist Board (Scotland) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	2	1 November 2005: London Olympics Bill 7 March 2006: Company Law Reform Bill
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	1	PE865
Divisions held	1	7 March 2006: motion S2M-3953
Plenary debates	1	18 May 2005: S2M-2796

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
6th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	531	24 March 2006	No Response
5th Report, 2006: Business Growth-the next 10 years	520	14 March 2006	No Response
4th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	518	9 March 2006	No Response
3rd Report, 2006: Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Company Law Reform Bill-LCM (S2) 2.1	516	9 March 2006	No response
2nd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	512	2 March 2006	No Response
1st Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	494	25 January 2006	No Response
13th Report, 2005: Report on Reform of Scottish Football	456	1 December 2005	No Response
12th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	462	1 December 2005	No Response
11th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	461	1 December 2005	No Response
10th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	429	30 September 2005	No Response
9th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on the St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill	425	29 September 2005	No Response
8th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	414	13 September 2005	No Response
7th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	392	23 June 2005	No Response
6th Report, 2005: Report into the Implications of BBC Scotland's Internal Reviews	365	31 May 2005	No Response
5th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	349	26 May 2005	n/a
4th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	338	11 May 2005	No Response

4.3.9 Environment And Rural Development Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to rural development, environment and natural heritage, agriculture and fisheries and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Rural Development.

Convener: Sarah Boyack

Deputy Convener: Mark Ruskell

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 36 meetings in the parliamentary year. 2 meetings were held outside the Parliament. One was held in Brechin on 13 June 2005 and the other in Stornoway on 24 April 2006.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	36
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	2

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Sarah Boyack	Lab	36 (36)
Ted Brocklebank (from 6 September 2005)	Con	27 (28)
Rob Gibson	SNP	35 (36)
Karen Gillon (until 30 June 2005)	Lab	3 (8)
Alex Johnstone (until 21 July 2005)	Con	8 (8)
Richard Lochhead (until 7 April 2006); (from 4 May 2006)	SNP	30 (33)
Maureen Macmillan	Lab	36 (36)
Alasdair Morrison	Lab	31 (36)
Nora Radcliffe	LD	34 (36)
Mark Ruskell	Green	33 (36)
Elaine Smith (30 June 2005 -)	Lab	21 (28)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alex Fergusson	Con	3
Trish Godman (from 30 June 2005)	Lab	5
Janis Hughes (until 23 June 2005)	Lab	1
Jim Mather	SNP	1
Jeremy Purvis	LD	1
Eleanor Scott	Green	5

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Mark Brough
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Katherine Wright
 Assistant Clerk: Christine Lambourne (11 May 2005-21 December 2005)
 Jenny Goldsmith (from 22 February 2006)
 Neil Stewart (11 January 2006- 8 February 2006)

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	22
Scottish Executive officials	67
Members of the Scottish Parliament	21
Representatives of public bodies	40
Representatives of local authorities	18
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	1
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	29
Representatives of Voluntary sector	6
Other categories of witnesses	64

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Biomass Inquiry Climate Change Inquiry Food Supply Chain Inquiry Rural Development Inquiry
Consultations	1	Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Crofting Reform etc. Bill 2 November 2005
Bills considered	4	Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill Crofting Reform etc. Bill Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Bill Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	2	22 June 2005: Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill 7 December 2005: Animal Welfare Bill
SIIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	75	3 draft affirmative and 72 negatives: SSI 2005/257; SSI 2005/278; SSI 2005/279; SSI

		2005/280; SSI 2005/281; SSI 2005/286; SSI 2005/300; SSI 2005/304; SSI 2005/305; SSI 2005/308; SSI 2005/311; SSI 2005/316; SSI 2005/323; SSI 2005/331; SSI 2005/332; SSI 2005/324; SSI 2005/330; SSI 2005/328; SSI 2005/329; SSI 2005/340; SSI 2005/438; SSI 2005/460; SSI 2005/469; SSI 2005/484; SSI 2005/496; SSI 2005/502; SSI 2005/510; SSI 2005/530; SSI 2005/531; SSI 2005/552; SSI 2005/555; SSI 2005/569; SSI 2005/593; SSI 2005/599; SSI 2005/613; SSI 2005/614; SSI 2005/615; SSI 2005/619; SSI 2005/620; SSI 2005/624; SSI 2005/625; SSI 2005/645; SSI 2005/646; SSI 2005/647; SSI 2005/653; SSI 2006/4; SSI 2006/27; SSI 2006/45; SSI 2006/46; SSI 2006/51; SSI 2006/57; SSI 2006/58; SSI 2006/70; SSI 2006/71; SSI 2006/72; SSI 2006/73; SSI 2006/82; SSI 2006/118; SSI 2006/119; SSI 2006/120; SSI 2006/126; SSI 2006/127; SSI 2006/128; SSI 2006/133; SSI 2006/151; SSI 2006/155; SSI 2006/156; SSI 2006/209; SSI 2006/210; SSI 2006/213; SSI 2006/214; SSI 2006/231
Petitions considered	3	653, 749 and 804
Divisions held	50	22 June 2005: Sewel Motion on Natural Environment and Rural Communities Bill 14 September 2005: Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21 and 24. 7 December 2005: Animal Welfare Bill – UK Legislation 8 February 2006: PE804 15 March 2006: Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments: 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117 and 118 22 March 2006: Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments: 121, 122, 124, 129, 130, 131, 131A and 153 29 March 2006: Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments: 152, 163, 165, 167, 168 and 169
Plenary debates	1	21 September 2005: S2M-3293

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
5th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	535	29 March 2006	No Response
4th Report, 2006: Inquiry into developments into the biomass industry	530	29 March 2006	No Response
3rd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	525	17 March 2006	No Response
2nd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	503	9 February 2006	No Response
1st Report, 2006: Stage 1 Report on the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill	502	7 February 2006	20 February 2006
15th Report, 2005: Animal Welfare Bill-UK Legislation	469	8 December 2005	No Response
14th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	468	8 December 2005	No Response
13th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on the Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill	464	6 December 2005	No Response
12th Report, 2005: Inquiry into Rural Development	437	13 October 2005	20 December 2005
11th Report, 2005: Report on Subordinate Legislation	411	9 September 2005	No Response
10th Report, 2005: Report on Subordinate legislation	402	30 June 2005	No Response
9th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Bill	371	7 June 2005	August 2005 (date not specified)
8th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	350	26 May 2005	n/a
7th Report, 2005: Report on Subordinate Legislation	364	26 May 2005	No Response
6th Report, 2005: Report on Subordinate Legislation	344	18 May 2005	No Response
5th Report, 2005: Report on Inquiry into Climate Change	342	18 May 2005	31 August 2005

4.3.10 Equal Opportunities Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: The remit of the Equal Opportunities Committee is to consider and report on matters relating to equal opportunities and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament.

Convener: Cathy Peattie
Deputy Convener: Nora Radcliffe

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 20 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	20
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	5
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Shiona Baird (until 22 June 2005)	Green	3 (3)
Frances Curran	SSP	7 (20)
Phil Gallie (until 21 July 2005)	Con	1 (4)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	19 (20)
Marilyn Livingstone	Lab	17 (20)
Jamie McGrigor (from 6 September 2005)	Con	9 (16)
Cathy Peattie	Lab	18 (20)
Nora Radcliffe	LD	18 (20)
Elaine Smith	Lab	10 (20)
John Swinburne (from 22 June 2005)	SSCUP	13 (17)
Sandra White	SNP	15 (20)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bill Aitken (14 September 2005 - 24 March 2006)	Con	0
Jackie Baillie	Lab	0
Rosemary Byrne (from 27 October 2005)	SSP	0
Linda Fabiani	SNP	0
Patrick Harvie (until 30 January 2006)	Green	0
Carolyn Leckie (until 27 October 2005)	SSP	3
Jamie McGrigor (until 12 August 2005)	Con	9
Nanette Milne (from 29 March 2006)	Con	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Steve Farrell
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Zoé Tough
 Assistant Clerk: Roy McMahon

Visits: 4 fact finding visits regarding the Disability Inquiry: Thurso, 10 May 2005; Benbecula, 17 May 2005; Dundee, 31 May 2005 and Kirkwall on 4 July 2005.

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	7
Scottish Executive officials	15
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	32
Representatives of local authorities	6
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	4
Representatives of professional associations	10
Representatives of Voluntary sector	8
Other categories of witnesses	53

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Disability Inquiry
Consultations	1	Age Discrimination
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Sewel Memorandums	1	Equality Bill, 13 September 2005
SIs considered	2	2 draft affirmatives
SSIs considered	1	1 negative SSI 2005/565
Petitions considered	2	PE522 and PE760
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
7 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	472	14 December 2005	No Response
6 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	457	29 November 2005	No Response
5 th Report, 2005: Preliminary Findings on Gypsy/Travellers-Review of Progress	432	7 October 2005	No Response
4 th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	351	26 May 2005	n/a

4.3.11 European and External Relations Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit:

1. The remit of the European and External Relations Committee is to consider and report on: (a) proposals for European Communities legislation; (b) the implementation of European Communities legislation; (c) any European Communities or European Union issue; (d) the development and implementation of the Scottish Administration's links with countries and territories outside Scotland, the European Communities (and their institutions) and other international organisations; and (e) co-ordination of the international activities of the Scottish Administration.
2. The Committee may refer matters to the Parliamentary Bureau or other committees where it considers it appropriate to do so.
3. The convener of the Committee shall not be the convener of any other committee whose remit is, in the opinion of the Parliamentary Bureau, relevant to that of the Committee.
4. The Parliamentary Bureau shall normally propose a person to be a member of the Committee only if he or she is a member of another committee whose remit is, in the opinion of the Parliamentary Bureau, relevant to that of the Committee.

(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.8)

Convener: Linda Fabiani (from 27 September 2005)
John Swinney (until 14 September 2005)

Deputy Convener: Irene Oldfather

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 17 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	17
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	4
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Dennis Canavan	Ind	14 (17)
Bruce Crawford (from 20 April 2006)	SNP	1 (1)
Margaret Ewing (until 21 March 2006)	SNP	10 (15)
Linda Fabiani (from 15 September 2005)	SNP	12 (12)
Phil Gallie	Con	12 (17)
Karen Gillon (30 June 2005 - 5 October 2005)	Lab	2 (2)
Charlie Gordon (from 6 October 2005)	Lab	9 (11)
John Home Robertson	Lab	14 (17)
Gordon Jackson	Lab	6 (17)
Alasdair Morrison (until 29 June 2005)	Lab	4 (4)
Irene Oldfather	Lab	14 (17)
Iain Smith (until 29 June 2005)	LD	4 (4)
John Swinney (until 14 September 2005)	SNP	5 (5)
Jim Wallace (from 30 June 2005)	LD	12 (13)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Wendy Alexander	Lab	0
Derek Brownlee (from 14 September 2005)	Con	4
Murdo Fraser (until 25 August 2005)	Con	0
Richard Lochhead (until 7 April 2006); (from 4 May 2006)	SNP	2
Nora Radcliffe	LD	0

Reporters: Jim Wallace: Transposition and Implementation of EU Directives in Scotland.
Dennis Canavan: Scotland Ireland Cooperation Inquiry

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Alasdair Rankin
Assistant Clerks: Nick Hawthorne
David Simpson (until 20 December 2005)
Emma Berry (from 31 January 2006)

Visits:

1 familiarisation visit to the House of Commons on 30 June 2005.

1 visit to Germany on 2 November 2005 for a NORPEC meeting.

1 familiarisation visit to Brussels on 28 November 2005.

3 fact finding visits regarding the Scotland Ireland Cooperation Inquiry.
1 to Dublin on 28 February 2006. 1 to Stornoway on 24 March 2006.
1 to Belfast and Donegal on 11 April 2006

1 fact finding visit to Brussels on 20 March 2006.

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	3
Scottish Executive officials	12
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	8
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	2
Representatives of Voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	3

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	Fresh Talent Initiative EU UK Presidency and G8 Summit Inquiry Possible Co-operation between Scotland and Ireland
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Sewel Memorandums	1	Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill, 14 March 2006
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	1	PE804
Divisions held	4	17 January 2006: PE804 (2 votes) 28 March 2006: PE804 (2 votes)
Plenary debates	3	19 April 2006: S2M-4221 16 March 2006: S2M-4110 18 May 2005: S2M-2806

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1st Report, 2006: Interim Report on an Inquiry into Possible Co-operation Between Scotland and Ireland	534	29 March 2006	No Response
4th Report, 2005: An Inquiry into the Scottish Executive's Fresh Talent Initiative Examining the Problems It Aims to Address, Its Operation, Challenges and Prospects	448	17 November 2005	No Response
3rd Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	n/a	31 May 2005	n/a
2nd Report, 2005: An Inquiry into the Scottish Executive's Preparations for the G8 Summit at Gleneagles and the UK Presidency of the EU and the Contribution Scotland Can Make to These Events	n/a	16 May 2005	No Response

4.3.12 Finance Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit:

1. The remit of the Finance Committee is to consider and report on: (a) any report or other document laid before the Parliament by members of the Scottish Executive containing proposals for, or budgets of, public expenditure or proposals for the making of a tax-varying resolution, taking into account any report or recommendations concerning such documents made to them by any other committee with power to consider such documents or any part of them; (b) any report made by a committee setting out proposals concerning public expenditure; (c) Budget Bills; and (d) any other matter relating to or affecting the expenditure of the Scottish Administration or other expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund.
2. The Committee may also consider and, where it sees fit, report to the Parliament on the timetable for the Stages of Budget Bills and on the handling of financial business.
3. In these Rules, "public expenditure" means expenditure of the Scottish Administration, other expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund and any other expenditure met out of taxes, charges and other public revenue.

(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.6)

Convener: Des McNulty

Deputy Convener: Alasdair Morgan (until 14 September 2005)
John Swinney (from 20 September 2005)

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year. 1 meeting was held in Elgin on 7 November 2005.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Wendy Alexander	Lab	13 (30)
Andrew Arbuckle	LD	29 (30)
Mark Ballard (from 22 June 2005)	Green	22 (26)
Ted Brocklebank (until 21 July 2005)	Con	5 (5)
Derek Brownlee (from 6 September 2005)	Con	25 (25)
Frank McAveety	Lab	29 (30)
Des McNulty	Lab	28 (30)
Jim Mather	SNP	30 (30)
Alasdair Morgan (until 14 September 2005)	SNP	6 (7)
Elaine Murray	Lab	28 (30)
John Swinburne (until 22 June 2005)	SSCUP	3 (4)
John Swinney (from 15 September 2005)	SNP	20 (23)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Robin Harper (from 8 February 2006)	Green	3
Janis Hughes (from 30 June 2005)	Lab	0
Gordon Jackson (until 24 June 2005)	Lab	0
David Mundell (until 17 June 2005)	Con	0
Alex Neil	SNP	0
John Scott (from 14 September 2005)	Con	0
Iain Smith	LD	0

Reporters: Des McNulty: Transport Spending

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Susan Duffy

Senior Assistant Clerk: Judith Henderson (until 27 September 2005)
Rosalind Wheeler (from 10 January 2006)

Assistant Clerk: Kristin Mitchell

Merrin Thompson (15 November 2005- 13 December 2005)

Advisers:

Professor Arthur Midwinter (Budget process)

Professor Glen Bramley (Assess the Index of Multiple Deprivation)

Visits:

5 fact finding visits. 4 regarding the Efficient Government Initiative to Stirling and Edinburgh on 7 June 2005 and Edinburgh and Glasgow on 21 June 2005. 1 regarding the deprivation inquiry to Glasgow on 14 November 2005.

Events:

0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	9
Scottish Executive officials	53
Members of the Scottish Parliament	5
Representatives of public bodies	16
Representatives of local authorities	15
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	1
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	6
Representatives of professional associations	3
Representatives of Voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	15

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	Inquiry into Deprivation Financial Implications of the Local Authority Single Status Agreement Efficient Government Initiative Budget Process 2006-07 Accountability and Governance
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	23	Abolition of NHS Prescription Charges (Scotland) Bill Adoption And Children (Scotland) Bill Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill Council Tax Abolition and Service Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill Criminal Procedure (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill Crofting Reform etc. Bill Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Bill Family Law (Scotland) Bill Housing (Scotland) Bill Human Tissue (Scotland) Bill Interests of the Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill Joint Inspection of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Bill Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill

		Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Bill
		Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill
		Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill
		St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill
		Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill
		Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill
		Tourist Board (Scotland) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	5	3 draft affirmatives and 2 Negatives: SSI 2006/01; SSI 2006/02
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	4	30 June 2005: S2M-3031 14 September 2005: S2M-3235 14 September 2005: S2M-3234 21 December 2005: S2M-3746

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
5 th Report, 2006: Cross-cutting Expenditure of Deprivation	536	13 April 2006	5 June 2006;6 September 2006
4 th Report, 2006: Report on the Financial Implications of the Local Authority Single Status Agreement	526	23 March 2006	5 May 2006
3 rd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	514	3 March 2006	No Response
2 nd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	501	2 February 2006	No Response
1 st Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	492	23 January 2006	No Response
5 th Report, 2005: Stage 2 of the 2006-07 Budget Process	471	14 December 2005	January 2006 (no date specified)
4 th Report, 2005: Report on the Financial Memorandum of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill	438	18 October 2005	No Response
3 rd Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	352	26 May 2005	n/a

Agreements between the Finance Committee and the Scottish Executive were excluded despite having SP Paper numbers, as they are not technically committee reports. Guidance taken from the Clerk Team Leader (Susan Duffy) on 16 March 2010.

4.3.13 Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill Committee

- Established:** 1 March 2006
- Remit:** To consider and report to the Parliament on the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill
- Convener:** Margaret Jamieson (from 14 March 2006)
Deputy Convener: Marlyn Glen (from 14 March 2006)
- Membership:** The committee has 5 members.
- Meetings:** There were 3 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held in Paisley on 24 April 2006.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	3
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	2
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Andrew Arbuckle	LD	3 (3)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	3 (3)
Margaret Jamieson	Lab	3 (3)
Michael Matheson	SNP	3 (3)
Brian Monteith	Ind	3 (3)

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:
 Committee Clerk: Terry Shevlin

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	0
Scottish Executive officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	6
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	6

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill

Reports: 0

4.3.14 Health Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to health policy and the National Health Service in Scotland and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Health and Community Care.

Convener: Roseanna Cunningham

Deputy Convener: Janis Hughes

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held in Dundee on 7 March 2006.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	21
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Roseanna Cunningham	SNP	29 (30)
Helen Eadie	Lab	20 (30)
Janis Hughes	Lab	30 (30)
Kate Maclean	Lab	28 (30)
Duncan McNeil	Lab	27 (30)
Nanette Milne	Con	29 (30)
Shona Robison	SNP	26 (30)
Euan Robson (from 20 April 2006)	LD	1 (1)
Mike Rumbles (until 30 March 2006)	LD	26 (28)
Jean Turner	Ind	28 (30)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Robert Brown (until 11 July 2005)	LD	0
Ken Macintosh (from 30 June 2005)	Lab	4
Paul Martin (until 30 June 2005)	Lab	2
Stewart Maxwell	SNP	4
Euan Robson (26 October 2005 - 19 April 2006)	LD	3
Mary Scanlon (17 March 2005 - 7 April 2006)	Con	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk:	Simon Watkins (joint Committee Clerk from 25 October 2005) Lynn Tullis (joint Committee Clerk from 25 October 2005)
Senior Assistant Clerk:	Tracey White (until 21 February 2006) Graeme Elliott (from 18 April 2006)
Assistant Clerk:	Roz Wheeler (until 10 January 2006) David Simpson (from 31 January 2006)

Visits:

1 fact finding visit to Cardiff on 21 November 2005 for the Abolition of NHS Prescription Charges (Scotland) Bill.

3 fact finding visits for the Care Inquiry on 24 January 2006 to Musselburgh, Greenock and Rutherglen.

1 fact finding visit for the Care Inquiry to Inverness on 25 January 2006.

Events:

1 September 2005 Civic Participation event on the Care Inquiry in Perth, 90 attendees

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	17
Scottish Executive officials	85
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	13
Representatives of local authorities	8
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	3
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	22
Representatives of Voluntary sector	10
Other categories of witnesses	17

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Care Inquiry Work Force Planning Inquiry
Consultations	5	Call for written evidence for Inquiry into Care 17 May 2005; Call for written evidence on the new organ donation and post-mortem Bill 15 June 2005; Consultation for Inquiry into Care on 18 July 2005; Care Inquiry, also held a consultation event in Perth on 1 September 2005; Inquiry into free personal care for the elderly on 9 December 2005;
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	4	Abolition of NHS Prescription Charges (Scotland) Bill Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill Human Tissue (Scotland) Bill Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	1	Health Bill: 13 December 2005, 20 December 2005 and 10 January 2006
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	33	15 draft affirmatives 18 affirmatives and 85 negatives: SSI 2005/214; SSI 2005/215; SSI 2005/222; SSI 2005/243; SSI 2005/246; SSI 2005/261; SSI 2005/262; SSI 2005/277; SSI 2005/294; SSI 2005/307; SSI 2005/309; SSI 2005/310; SSI 2005/312; SSI 2005/318; SSI 2005/326; SSI 2005/327; SSI 2005/333; SSI 2005/334; SSI 2005/335; SSI 2005/336; SSI 2005/337; SSI 2005/366; SSI 2005/365; SSI 2005/381; SSI 2005/408; SSI 2005/412; SSI 2005/417; SSI 2005/420; SSI 2005/432; SSI 2005/435; SSI 2005/441; SSI 2005/442; SSI 2005/443; SSI 2005/444; SSI 2005/445; SSI 2005/446; SSI 2005/452; SSI 2005/456; SSI 2005/470; SSI 2005/479; SSI 2005/505; SSI 2005/512; SSI 2005/519; SSI 2005/522; SSI 2005/542; SSI 2005/544; SSI 2005/550; SSI 2005/586; SSI 2005/597; SSI 2005/605; SSI 2005/606; SSI 2005/607; SSI 2005/608; SSI 2005/610; SSI 2005/611; SSI 2005/616; SSI 2005/617; SSI 2005/618; SSI 2006/3; SSI 2006/11; SSI 2006/12; SSI 2006/16; SSI 2006/33; SSI 2006/79; SSI 2006/84; SSI 2006/95; SSI 2006/105; SSI 2006/113; SSI 2006/114; SSI 2006/122; SSI 2006/131; SSI 2006/132; SSI 2006/134; SSI 2006/135; SSI 2006/136; SSI 2006/137; SSI 2006/138; SSI

		2006/139; SSI 2006/141; SSI 2006/143; SSI 2006/144; SSI 2006/149; SSI 2006/171; SSI 2006/172; SSI 2006/183
Petitions considered	2	PE406 and PE897
Divisions held	2	13 December 2005: Going ahead with the publication of Prescription Charges Report 18 April 2006: Call for a Public Inquiry into the Infection of people with Hepatitis C through NHS Treatment
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
7 th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	545	26 April 2006	No Response
6 th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	532	29 March 2006	No Response
5 th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	517	9 March 2006	No Response
4 th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	500	1 February 2006	No Response
3 rd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	487	17 January 2006	No Response
2 nd Report, 2006: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health Bill-LCM (S2)	484	11 January 2006	No Response
1.1			
1 st Report, 2006: Abolition of NHS Prescription Charges (Scotland) Bill	482	11 January 2006	No Response
21 st Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	479	21 December 2005	No Response
20 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	459	1 December 2005	No Response
19 th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on the Human Tissue (Scotland) Bill	451	22 November 2005	No Response
18 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	447	15 November 2005	No Response
17 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	440	2 November 2005	No Response
16 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	431	4 October 2005	No Response
15 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	422	21 September 2005	No Response
14 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	416	14 September 2005	No Response
13 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	412	9 September 2005	No Response
12 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	389	22 June 2005	No Response
11 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	376	8 June 2005	No Response
10 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	368	1 June 2005	No Response
9 th Report, 2005: Annual report 2004-05	353	26 May 2005	n/a
8 th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	339	12 May 2005	No Response

4.3.15 Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill Committee

Established: 15 December 2005

Remit: To consider the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill at Stage 2

Convener: Margaret Ewing (8 March 2006 – 15 March 2006)

Deputy Convener: Susan Deacon (8 March 2006 – 15 March 2006)

Membership: The committee has 5 members.

Meetings: There were 2 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	2
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	0
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Susan Deacon (until 15 March 2006)	Lab	2 (2)
Margaret Ewing (until 15 March 2006)	SNP	0 (2)
Margaret Jamieson (until 15 March 2006)	Lab	2 (2)
Jamie McGrigor (until 15 March 2006)	Con	2 (2)
Mike Rumbles (until 15 March 2006)	LD	2 (2)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Stewart Stevenson (22 February 2006- 15 March 2006)	SNP	2

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jennifer Smart

Senior Assistant Clerk: Sarah Robertson

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: No witnesses were called to give oral evidence.

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill.

Reports: 0

4.3.16 Justice 1 Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the administration of civil and criminal justice, the reform of the civil and criminal law and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Justice, and the functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigations of deaths in Scotland.

Convener: Pauline McNeill (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Stewart Stevenson (SNP)

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 43 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	43
Meetings held wholly in private	7
Meetings held partly in private	17
Joint meetings with other Committees	4
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	43(43)
Bruce McFee	SNP	31(43)
Pauline McNeill	Lab	43(43)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	40(43)
Mary Mulligan	Lab	43(43)
Mike Pringle (from 19 May 2005)	LD	33(41)
Stewart Stevenson	SNP	34(43)
Jamie Stone (26 January 2005-18 May 2005)	LD	1(2)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Brian Adam	SNP	2
Bill Aitken	Con	0
Helen Eadie	Lab	0
Karen Gillon	Lab	0
Annabel Goldie	Con	0
Mike Pringle	LD	0
Jim Wallace	LD	3

Reporters: Mary Mulligan reported on Family Support Services, appointed on 1 February 2006 (reported 13 December 2006; resigned 21 February 2007).

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Callum Thomson
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Douglas Wands
 Euan Donald (from 19 April 2006)
 Assistant Clerk: Lewis McNaughton

Advisers:

Professor Jim Murdoch (Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill)
 Desmond McCaffrey (Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill)
 Professor Kenneth Norrie (Family Law (Scotland) Bill)
 Professor Christopher Gane (Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill)

Visits: None

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	10
Scottish Executive officials	23
Members of the Scottish Parliament	24
Representatives of public bodies	12
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	7
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	25
Representatives of Voluntary sector	14
Other categories of witnesses	37

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Family support services inquiry; Scottish Criminal Record Office inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill 1&14 September 2005; 5 October 2005
Bills considered	4	Family Law (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill; Forthcoming Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Bill; Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	3	Civil Partnership Bill (HL): 12/05/2004,26/05/2004; International Organisations Bill (HL): 09/02/2005; Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: 29/03/2006
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	23	6 draft affirmative and 17 negatives: SSI 2005/251; SSI 2005/252; SSI 2005/458; SSI 2005/494; SSI 2005/526; SSI 2005/556; SSI 2005/567; SSI 2005/568; SSI 2005/572; SSI 2005/573; SSI 2005/583; SSI 2005/584; SSI 2005/656; SSI 2006/8; SSI 2006/7; SSI 2006/60; SSI 2006/61
Petitions considered	6	PE014;PE935;PE841;PE770;PE763;PE014
Divisions held	22	22/03/2006: Scottish Criminal Record Office;23/11/2005: Family Law 51,57,60,34,36,37,38,83,35;16/11/2005: 81,82,80,46,47;09/11/2005:42A,73,42;02/11/2005: 16,15,33,14,32.
Plenary debates	1	European Commission Green Papers on Applicable Law in Divorce and Succession and Wills (taken in Chamber on 16 March 2006). S2M-2762: 11 May 2005 Report into the Effectiveness of Rehabilitation in Prisons

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
4th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	550	04 May 2006	No Response
3rd Report, 2006: LCM on the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill-LCM (S2) 5.1	542	20 April 2006	No Response
2nd Report, 2006: (Session 2) Subordinate Legislation	524	17 March 2006	No Response
1st Report, 2006: (Session 2) Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill	508	23 February 2006	28 April 2006
13th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	476	22 December 2005	No Response
12th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	455	28 November 2005	No Response
11th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	452	21 November 2005	No Response
10th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	445	11 November 2005	No Response
9th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	404	07 July 2005	No Response
8th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on Family Law (Scotland) Bill	401	07 July 2005	22 August 2005
7th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	385	17 June 2005	No Response
6th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	354	26 May 2005	n/a

4.3.17 Justice 2 Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the administration of civil and criminal justice, the reform of the civil and criminal law and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Justice, and the functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigations of deaths in Scotland.

Convener: David Davidson (from 28 February 2006)
Annabel Goldie (until 20 February 2006)

Deputy Convener: Bill Butler

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting of the committee took place in Glasgow City Chamber on 14 November 2005.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	5
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	4
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie	Lab	25 (33)
Bill Butler	Lab	31 (33)
David Davidson (from 22 February 2006)	Con	8 (8)
Colin Fox	SSP	12 (33)
Annabel Goldie (until 20 February 2006)	Con	19 (24)
Maureen Macmillan	Lab	30 (33)
Stewart Maxwell	SNP	28 (33)
Jeremy Purvis	LD	27 (33)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Rosemary Byrne (until 27 October 2005)	SSP	0
Cathie Craigie	Lab	7
Carolyn Leckie (from 27 October 2005)	SSP	8
Kenny MacAskill	SNP	4
Margaret Mitchell	Con	0
Mike Pringle (from 26 October 2005)	LD	0
Margaret Smith (until 6 October 2005)	LD	1

Reporters: None

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Tracey Hawe
Alison Walker (from 18 April 2008)
Gillian Baxendine (until 28 March 2006)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Anne Peat
Assistant Clerk: Steven Tallach

Advisers: Margaret Ross (Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill)
Fergus McNeill (Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill)

Visits: 6 fact finding visits. 2 to East Kilbride and Glasgow for the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Bill; 2 to Glasgow and Edinburgh for the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill; 1 to the European Parliament, Brussels; 1 to the Scottish Criminal Records Office, Glasgow
1 fact finding visit to look at electronic tagging to: Reliance Monitoring Centre, East Kilbride.

Events: None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	11
Scottish Executive officials	46
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	6
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	3
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	42
Representatives of Voluntary sector	1
Other categories of witnesses	3

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	Youth Justice Inquiry; Prisoner Escort and Court Custody Services Contract Inquiry; Budget Process 2006-07; Police and Justice Bill Inquiry; Accountability and Governance Inquiry.
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	2	Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill 13 September 2005; Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill 21 February 2006
Bills considered	4	Licensing (Scotland) Bill; Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Bill; Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill; Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill.
Sewel Memorandums	1	Police and Justice Bill (2005-06): 21 February, 7, 14 March 2006
SI considered	1	SI 2005/1467
SSIs considered	35	9 draft affirmative and 26 negatives: SSI 2005/321; SSI 2005/339; SSI 2005/342; SSI 2005/343; SSI 2005/344; SSI 2005/448; SSI 2005/449; SSI 2005/450; SSI 2005/451; SSI 2005/453; SSI 2005/566; SSI 2005/581; SSI 2005/630; SSI 2005/631; SSI 2006/5; SSI 2006/15; SSI 2006/39; SSI 2006/63; SSI 2006/91; SSI 2006/94; SSI 2006/108; SSI 2006/110; SSI 2006/116; SSI 2006/129; SSI 2006/130; SSI 2006/170
Petitions considered	4	PE578; PE763; PE862; PE890
Divisions held	17	25 April 2006, Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Police and Justice Bill draft report, 2 divisions; 18 April 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill amendment 264; 28 March 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill amendments 2A, 233, 3A, 234, 202, 203, 235, 6, 204; 14 March 2006: Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill amendments 1, 200; 7 March 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill amendment 96; 27 September 2005, Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Bill: Stage 2 amendment 1; 8 September 2005, Petition PE578 – to close the petition.
Plenary debates	1	29 September 2005: motion S2M-3317

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
6th Report, 2006: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Police and Justice Bill	543	25 April 2006	No Response
5th Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	540	19 April 2006	No Response
4th Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	528	23 March 2006	No Response
3rd Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	523	16 March 2006	No Response
2nd Report 2006: Stage 1 Report on the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill	491	23 January 2006	2 February 2006
1st Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	490	20 January 2006	No Response
Joint Justice 1 & 2 Committee report on the Budget Process 2006-07		14 December 2005	No Response
13th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	470	8 December 2005	No Response
12th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	417	14 September 2005	No Response
11th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	380	15 June 2005	No Response
10th Report 2005: Stage 1 Report on the Management of Offenders etc (Scotland) Bill	372	8 June 2005	25 August 2005
9th Report 2005: Inquiry into Youth Justice Volumes 1&2	370	6 June 2005	4 August 2005
8th Report 2005: Annual Report 2004-2005	355	26 May 2005	n/a
7th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	337	11 May 2005	No Response

4.3.18 Local Government and Transport Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government (including local government finance), cities and community planning and such other matters (excluding finance other than local government finance) which fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Finance and Public Services; and matters relating to transport which fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Transport.

Convener: Bristow Muldoon

Deputy Convener: Bruce Crawford

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 30 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held in Motherwell on 7 March 2006.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	30
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	16
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Andrew Arbuckle (from 22 September 2005)	LD	19 (21)
Bruce Crawford (23 September 2004 - 19 April 2006)	SNP	25 (29)
David Davidson (6 September 2005 - 16 February 2006)	Con	14 (16)
Fergus Ewing	SNP	25 (30)
Sylvia Jackson	Lab	26 (30)
Paul Martin	Lab	30 (30)
David McLetchie (from 22 February 2006)	Con	7 (7)
Michael McMahon	Lab	28 (30)
Bristow Muldoon	Lab	30 (30)
David Mundell (until 17 June 2005)	Con	0 (5)
Euan Robson (30 June 2005 - 20 September 2005)	LD	0 (3)
Tommy Sheridan	SSP	22 (30)
Margaret Smith (26 January 2005 - 28 June 2005)	LD	5 (6)
Maureen Watt (from 20 April 2006)	SNP	1 (1)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bill Butler (until 23 June 2005)	Lab	0
David Davidson (until 24 August 2005)	Con	6
Colin Fox	SSP	0
Bruce McFee	SNP	1
John Farquhar Munro	LD	0
Elaine Murray (from 30 June 2005)	Lab	2
Murray Tosh (from 14 September 2005)	Con	0

Reporters: Fergus Ewing and Michael McMahon: Trunk Road Maintenance Contracts

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Eugene Windsor (until 21 June 2005)
 Martin Verity (from 8 September 2005)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Alastair Macfie

Assistant Clerk: Euan Donald (until 18 April 2006)

Advisers: Stewart Ferguson (Licensing (Scotland) Bill)

Visits: 3 fact finding visits for the Freight Transport Inquiry: 20 February 2006, Grangemouth Docks; 27 February 2006, Prestwick Airport and 7 March 2006, Eurocentral, Bellshill.

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	11
Scottish Executive officials	40
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	9
Representatives of local authorities	4
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	6
Representatives of professional associations	10
Representatives of Voluntary sector	8
Other categories of witnesses	27

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Freight Transport Inquiry
Consultations	1	7 October – 2 December 2005: Freight Transport Inquiry.
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	5	Council Tax Abolition and Service Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill Licensing (Scotland) Bill Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill Transport (Scotland) Bill
Sewel Memorandums	1	27 September 2005: Civil Aviation Bill
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	38	6 draft affirmatives, 2 affirmatives and 30 negatives: SSI 2005/200; SSI 2005/293; SSI 2005/299; SSI 2005/315; SSI 2005/319; SSI 2005/320; SSI 2005/338; SSI 2005/346; SSI 2005/486; SSI 2005/495; SSI 2005/554; SSI 2005/589; SSI 2005/651; SSI 2005/652; SSI 2005/654; SSI 2005/655; SSI 2005/657; SSI 2006/26; SSI 2006/49; SSI 2006/67; SSI 2006/92; SSI 2006/111; SSI 2006/112; SSI 2006/117; SSI 2006/123; SSI 2006/124; SSI 2006/125; SSI 2006/154; SSI 2006/157; SSI 2006/158
Petitions considered	4	PE528, PE758, PE787 and PE784
Divisions held	3	15 November 2005: motion S2M-3442 29 November 2005: Whether to seek an extension to the timetable for completion of Stage 1 of the Council Tax Abolition and Service Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill
Plenary debates	1	18 April 2006: S2M-4112 1 June 2005: S2M-2854

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
6th Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	547	27 April 2006	No Response
5th Report 2006: Report on the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill	538	18 April 2006	No Response
4th Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	522	15 March 2006	No Response
3rd Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	509	22 February 2006	No Response
2nd Report 2006: Subordinate Legislation	504	8 February 2006	No Response
1st Report 2006: Stage 1 Report on the Council Tax Abolition and Service Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill	488	23 January 2006	No Response
14th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	473	14 December 2005	No Response
13th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	460	1 December 2005	No Response
12th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	449	17 November 2005	No Response
11th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	433	4 October 2005	No Response
10th Report, 2005: Civil Aviation Bill - UK Legislation	427	30 September 2005	No Response
9th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	413	12 September 2005	No Response
8th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	390	22 June 2005	No Response
7th Report, 2005: Stage 1 Report on the Licensing (Scotland) Bill : Volume 1: Report Volume 2: Evidence	378	13 June 2005	No Response
6th Report, 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	356	26 May 2005	n/a

4.3.19 Procedures Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: The remit of the Procedures Committee is to consider and report on the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business.
(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.4)

Convener: Iain Smith (LD) (until 14 September 2005)
Donald Gorrie (LD) (from 27 September 2005)

Deputy Convener: Karen Gillon (Lab)

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: 17

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	17
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	7
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Richard Baker	Lab	14(17)
Chris Balance (22 June 2005-24 March 2006)	Green	12(13)
Mark Ballard (until 22 June 2005)	Green	3(3)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	13(17)
Karen Gillon	Lab	16(17)
Donald Gorrie (from 22 September 2005)	LD	13(13)
Robin Harper (from 29 March 2006)	Green	0(1)
Alex Johnstone (from 6 September 2005)	Con	13(14)
Bruce McFee	SNP	15(17)
Jamie McGrigor (until 27 July 2005)	Con	3(3)
Iain Smith (until 14 September 2005)	LD	4(4)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Murdo Fraser (from 14 September 2005)	Con	0
Patrick Harvie (from 8 February 2006)	Green	0
Robin Harper (until 30 January 2006)	Green	0
Tricia Marwick	SNP	0
Irene Oldfather	Lab	2
Murray Tosh	Con	0

Reporters: None

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Andrew Mylne
Jennifer Smart (from 21 February 2006)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Jane McEwan
Mary Dinsdale (from 8 February 2006)

Assistant Clerk: Jonathan Elliott

Visits: 3 (Review of Parliamentary Time Inquiry):
12 December 2005: Norwegian Parliament, Oslo
30 January 2006: Catalan Parliament, Barcelona
21 March 2006: Estonian Parliament, Tallinn & Finnish
Parliament, Helsinki

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	3
Scottish Executive officials	6
Members of the Scottish Parliament	18
Representatives of public bodies	3
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of Voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	7

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Consolidation Bills; Members' Bills-member in charge; Review of Parliamentary Time Inquiry; Sewel Convention Inquiry.
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill 25 April 2006
Bills considered	0	
Sewel Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	4	21 March 2006: Proposed change of rules on the pre-emption of amendments;6 December 2005 (2 amendments) & 8 November 2005: Private Bill Committee assessors
Plenary debates	5	S2M-3594, S2M-3595: 23 November 2005; S2M-3794: 18 January 2006; S2M-4219: 19 April 2006;S2M-4263: 26 April 2006.

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
2nd Report, 2006: Procedures relating to Crown appointments	515	10 March 2006	No Response
1st Report,2006: Private Bill Committee assessors	481	6 January 2006	No Response
7th Report,2005: The Sewel Convention	428	5 October 2005	No Response
6th Report,2005: Admissibility and Closure of Public Petitions	420	16 September 2005	No Response
5th Report,2005: Annual Report 2004-2005	357	26 May 2005	n/a

4.3.20 Public Petitions Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: The remit of the Public Petitions Committee is to consider and report on: (a) whether a public petition is admissible; and (b) what action should be taken upon the petition, in accordance with the Rules in Chapter 15. (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.10)

Convener: Michael McMahon

Deputy Convener: John Scott

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 20 meetings in the parliamentary year. Two meetings were held outside Edinburgh. One was held in Dunfermline on 30 January 2006, the other meeting was held in Ayr on 6 June 2005.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	20
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	1
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	2

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie		17 (20)
Helen Eadie		19 (20)
Charlie Gordon (from 6 October 2005)		8 (12)
Rosie Kane		12 (20)
Campbell Martin		7 (20)
Michael McMahon		20(20)
John Farquhar Munro		17 (20)
John Scott		19 (20)
Mike Watson (until 5 September 2005)		5 (5)
Sandra White		13 (20)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Frances Curran		0
Susan Deacon		0
Phil Gallie		0
Rob Gibson		1

Reporters: None

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jim Johnston
 Assistant Clerk: Richard Hough

Visits: None

Events: 6 June 2005 Civic Participation event on Public Petitions System, Ayr
 30 January 2006 Civic Participation event on Public Petitions System, Dunfermline

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	0
Scottish Executive officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	49
Representatives of public bodies	13
Representatives of local authorities	3
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	1
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	80

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Sewel Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Divisions held	2	22 February 2006, Petition PE927 – to write to the Church of Scotland and to close the petition.
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
2nd Report 2005: Annual Report 2004 – 6th May 2005	358	26 May 2005	n/a

Petitions Considered:

	no. of petitions
New petitions lodged from 7 May 2005 until 6 May 2006	109
Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee <i>(Note: this figure will include some of the 109 petitions lodged)</i>	
New petitions considered: 840, 841, 836, 837, 838, 842, 849, 847, 857, 856, 848, 854, 859, 860, 861, 839, 858, 850, 853, 855, 864, 868, 869, 873, 863, 870, 872, 871, 874, 876, 877, 878, 865, 862, 867, 880, 884, 866, 879, 883, 881, 886, 888, 875, 885, 887, 893, 892, 882, 890, 889, 895, 894, 896, 897, 891, 899, 900, 898, 901, 905, 902, 904, 903, 906, 907, 910, 911, 916, 917, 918, 919, 908, 909, 920, 922, 921, 923, 931, 913, 915, 912, 926, 924, 930, 932, 928, 914, 927, 929, 934, 938, 936, 935, 939, 943, 942, 937, 946, 941, 944, 933, 940, 948, 945, 955, 947, 925, 951, 956, 958, 957, 949, 950.	124
Current petitions considered: <i>(Note: the figure in brackets indicates the number of times the petition was considered during this period)</i> PE497 PE571 PE535(2) PE580(2) PE504(2) PE585 PE558 PE639(2) PE695(3) PE698 PE648(2) PE675 PE616(2) PE798(2) PE783(2) PE799(2) PE735 PE772 PE776(2) PE773(2) PE791(3) PE759(2) PE789(2) PE771(3) PE766(2) PE703 PE715(2) PE777(2) PE754 PE786 PE717 PE751(2) PE788 PE749(2) PE764(2) PE782 PE790 PE767 PE734(2) PE743(2) PE704(2) PE738 PE733 PE758 PE768(2) PE786 PE800(2) PE824(3) PE821(3) PE813(3) PE808(2) PE802(2) PE804(3) PE820(3) PE841(2) PE805(2) PE811(2) PE812(2) PE814(2) PE826(2) PE822(2) PE801 PE828 PE809 PE871 PE874 PE815 PE861(2) PE817(2) PE806(2) PE807(2) PE825(2) PE873(2) PE838(2) PE869(2) PE836 PE849 PE872 PE837(2) PE862(2) PE816 PE829 PE831 PE832 PE840 PE842 PE860 PE859 PE877 PE839 PE868 PE863 PE865 PE895 PE878 PE866(2) PE880 PE885 PE887 PE876 PE894 PE855 PE893 PE888 PE875 PE896 PE886 PE881 PE884 PE892 PE889 PE867 & PE856(2) PE853(2) PE857(2) PE858(2) PE850(2) PE926	118
Petitions Considered:	
1 Written submissions requested by the Public Petitions Committee	
a From the Scottish Executive: <i>(Note: the figure in brackets indicates the number of times the Committee sought a written submission)</i> XX	89
d From other bodies¹:	275
AA (4)	
RAC (4)	

¹ More than 1 organisation may have been contacted for each petition.

Disability Rights Commission (5)	
COSLA (18)	
SEPA (4)	
ACPOS (3)	
CBI (3)	
Friends of the Earth (5)	
Federation of Small Business (3)	
EIS (3)	
Law Society of Scotland (3)	
Sportscotland (4)	
Scottish Natural Heritage (2)	
Registers of Scotland (2)	
Scottish Road Safety Campaign	
Age Concern Scotland	
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland	
Capability Scotland	
Scottish Ambulance Service	
Baywind Energy Co-operative	
Energy Networks Association.	
Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (2)	
Institution of Highways and Transportation	
Transport Research Laboratory	
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents	
Scottish Water	
Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland	
The Scottish Centre for Infection and Environmental Health	
Scottish Building Standards Agency	
Heriot Watt University	
Scottish Borders Campus	
Borders College	
Scottish Rugby Union.	
Comann Luchd-teagaisg Àrdscoil (Gaelic secondary school teachers	
Comunn nam Pàrant Nàiseanta (national group of parents of children in	
Comhairle nan Sgoiltean Àraich (the Gaelic pre school council).	
Scottish Legal Aid Board	
Road Haulage Association	
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.	
Scottish Arts Council	
Youth Music Initiative Reference Group	
VOCAL (Voice of Chief Officers for Cultural, Community and Leisure	
HITS (Heads of Instrumental and Teaching Services)	
HM Inspectorate of Education	
East Ayrshire Council	
North Ayrshire Council	
South Ayrshire Council (2)	
Fife Council (3)	
Aberdeenshire Council	
Renfrewshire Council	
North Lanarkshire Council (3)	
Midlothian Council	

Glasgow City Council	
Edinburgh City Council (3)	
Highland Council	
East Lothian Council	
West Lothian Council	
Moray Council	
Argyle and Bute Council	
UK Forest Partnership for Action	
Forestry Commission (Scotland)	
Confederation of Forest Industries.	
Office of National Statistics	
South of Scotland European Partnership	
Scottish Borders Enterprise	
Scottish Agricultural College	
Office of the European Commission in Scotland.	
National Playing Fields Association	
The Home Office	
Post Office	
NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (2)	
NHS Boards	
Scottish Neurological Alliance	
Scottish Legal Aid Board	
NHS Greater Glasgow (2)	
Professor Callum Roberts of the University of York	
British Psychological Society.	
TRANSform Scotland (3)	
Scottish Council for Development and Industry	
TGWU	
Communities Scotland (3)	
Scottish Tenants' Organisation	
Alzheimer Scotland	
Scottish Association for Mental Health	
BMA Scotland (2)	
Lord Advocate	
NHS24	
Electoral Commission Scotland	
Marine Conservation Society	
General Medical Council	
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh	
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh	
Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of Glasgow	
National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (3)	
Scottish Law Commission (2)	
Audit Scotland	
Historic Scotland (2)	
Accounts Commission	
Royal Town Planning Institute	
Architecture and Design Scotland	
Royal Incorporation of Architects	
Amicus.	

Violence Reduction Unit, Strathclyde Police	
Scottish Accident Prevention Council	
Parent Teachers Association	
Transport 2000	
Confederation of Passenger Transport	
Scottish Association for Mental Health.	
Office of Fair Trading	
First ScotRail	
Network Rail	
Highland Rail Partnership	
Friends of the Far North Line	
Scottish Civic Trust	
Scottish Prison Service	
Parole Board for Scotland	
SACRO	
The Woodlands Trust Scotland	
Whitecraigs Community Council.	
NHS Grampian	
Royal College of Midwives	
Enable Scotland	
Scottish Retail Consortium	
Learning and Teaching Scotland	
Scottish Qualifications Authority	
Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education	
Universities Scotland.	
National Advisory Group on Breast and Cervical Screening	
UK National Screening Committee	
Institute for Cancer Research	
Cancer Research UK (2)	
Cross Party Group on Cancer	
Royal Town Planning Institute	
Findhorn Eco-village	
Scottish Ecological Design Association	
Learning and Teaching Scotland	
HM Inspectorate of Education	
Bord na Gaidhlig	
Universities Scotland	
Scottish Funding Council	
Scottish Urban Regeneration Forum	
Scottish Community Planning	
Promoting and Regenerating Craigmillar	
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland	
British Dental Association	
Fife Health Board	
Glasgow Dental School	
Dundee Dental School	
Forth Estuary Transport Authority	
VisitScotland	
Chamber of Commerce	
EU Commissioner for Transport	

North Sea Commission Transport Group	
Scottish Enterprise	
Scottish Inter Faith Council	
Professor John Swinton of Aberdeen University	
Rev. Chris Levinson of NHS Scotland	
Scotland Patients Association	
NHS Health Scotland	
Cancer Bacup Scotland	
Sunbed AssociationSTUC	
Scottish Dermatology Society	
Play Scotland	
Children's Commissioner	
Freeplay Network	
Big Lottery Fund	
Kidscape	
Scottish Health Council	
Scottish Consumer Council	
Citizens Advice Scotland (2)	
UK Petroleum Industry Association	
NHS Health Protection Scotland	
Health and Safety Executive	
UK Offshore Operators Association	
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (2)	
Victim Information and Advice Service	
Victim Support Scotland (3)	
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.	
Forth Estuary Transport Authority	
Architects & Engineers for Social Responsibility	
STUC	
Scottish Salmon Producers Association	
Scottish Angler's National Association	
Fisheries Research Services	
Scottish Association for Marine Science	
Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling	
Scottish Parent Teacher Council	
Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer	
Scottish Community Land Network	
Irene Oldfather MSP, Convener of the Short Term Working Group on	
Forth Ports PLC	
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	
Melbourne Marine Services	
UK Offshore Operators Association	
Marine Conservation Society	
Greenpeace	
RSPB	
North Sea Commission	
Lloyd's	
Dyslexia Scotland	
Scottish Court Service	
Chartered Institute of Housing in Scotland	

	Scottish Tenants Organisation	
	Cross Party Group for Learning Disability	
2	Petitions referred to <i>Scottish Parliamentary Committees</i>: Justice 1 Committee PE 935; PE914 Local Government & Transport Committee PE961; PE855; PE875; PE896; PE876 Justice 2 Committee PE893; PE862; PE863; PE890 Environment & Rural Development Committee PE799; PE956;PE982 PE941	31
	Education Committee PE872; PE892	
	Health Committee PE953; PE952; PE883; PE954	
	Transport; Infrastructure & Climate Change Committee PE894	
	Communities Committee PE905; PE907; PE949; PE916; PE918; PE924; PE946; PE957	
	Enterprise & Culture Committee PE865	
3	Petitions referred for information only to <i>Scottish Parliamentary Committees</i>: Education Committee PE945; PE955 Local Govt & Transport Committee PE939	3
4	Petitions closed (without further consideration): PE933; PE940; PE948; PE927; PE919; PE912; PE901; PE891; PE882; PE879; PE870; PE864; PE854; PE852	14
5	Petitions withdrawn at the request of petitioner: PE915	1

4.3.21 Standards and Public Appointments Committee

Established: 18 March 2005

Remit:

1. The remit of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee is to consider and report on: (a) whether a member's conduct is in accordance with these Rules and any Code of Conduct for members, matters relating to members' interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their Parliamentary duties; (b) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members; and (c) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland.
2. Where the Committee considers it appropriate, it may by motion recommend that a member's rights and privileges be withdrawn to such extent and for such period as are specified in the motion. (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.5)

Convener: Brian Adam

Deputy Convener: Ken Macintosh (18 March 2005 - 2 June 2005)
Bill Butler (1 November 2005 -)

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 12 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	12
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	6
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Brian Adam	SNP	12 (12)
Bill Butler	Lab	11 (12)
Linda Fabiani	SNP	9 (12)
Alex Fergusson	Con	9 (12)
Donald Gorrie	LD	11 (12)
Ken Macintosh (18 March 2005 - 2 June 2005)	Lab	0 (1)
Christine May (from 30 June 2005)	Lab	8 (9)
Karen Whitefield	Lab	11 (12)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Lord James Douglas-Hamilton	Con	0
Marilyn Livingstone (18 March 2005 - 29 June 2005)	Lab	0
Paul Martin (from 30 June 2005)	Lab	0
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jennifer Smart (until 8 September 2005; from 17 January 2006)
 Andrew Mylne (from 8 September 2005 until 17 January 2006)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Sarah Robertson

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	0
Scottish Executive officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	0
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill 28 June 2005; 8 September 2005
Bills considered	1	Interests of the Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill
Sewel Memorandums		
SI considered	0	
SSI considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
8th Report 2005: Report on complaint against David McLetchie MSP	419	15 September 2005	No Response
7th Report 2005: Report on complaint against Karen Gillon MSP	418	15 September 2005	No Response
6th Report 2005: Draft Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland	410	8 September 2005	No Response
5th Report, 2005: Complaint against Colin Fox MSP, Frances Curran MSP, Rosie Kane MSP and Carolyn Leckie MSP	403	1 July 2005	No Response
4th Report 2005: Complaint against Kenneth Macintosh MSP	374	9 June 2005	No Response
3rd Report 2005: Complaints against Jack McConnell MSP	373	9 June 2005	No Response
2nd Report 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	359	26 May 2005	n/a

4.3.22 Subordinate Legislation Committee

Established: 4 June 2003

Remit: To consider and report on: (a) any: (i) subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament; (ii) Scottish Statutory Instrument not laid before the Parliament but classified as general according to its subject matter, and, in particular, to determine whether the attention of the Parliament should be drawn to any of the matters mentioned in Rule 10.3.1; (b) proposed powers to make subordinate legislation in particular Bills or other proposed legislation; (c) general questions relating to powers to make subordinate legislation; and (d) whether any proposed delegated powers in particular Bills or other legislation should be expressed as a power to make subordinate legislation. (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.11)

Convener: Sylvia Jackson (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Gordon Jackson (Lab)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 36 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	36
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	15
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Adam Ingram	SNP	23(36)
Gordon Jackson	Lab	20(36)
Sylvia Jackson	Lab	32(36)
Ken Macintosh (from 30 June 2005)	Lab	27(28)
Stewart Maxwell	SNP	27(36)
Christine May (until 29 June 2005)	Con	6(8)
Mike Pringle (until 20 October 2005)	LD	9(12)
Jamie Stone (from 23 February 2006)	LD	4(8)
Murray Tosh	Con	32(36)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Ted Brocklebank (from 14 September 2005)	Con	0
Alex Johnstone	Con	0
Maureen Macmillan	Lab	0
Stewart Stevenson (until 21 February 2006)	SNP	4
Maureen Watt (from 20 April 2006)	SNP	0

Reporters: None

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Ruth Cooper
David McLaren (from 7 March 2006)
Senior Assistant Clerk: David McLaren (from 7 June 2005)
Assistant Clerk: Bruce Adamson
Jake Thomas (from 14 March 2006)

Visits: 1 Visit to Westminster as part of the Inquiry into the regulatory framework in Scotland (5 December 2005)

Events: 0

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	1
Scottish Executive officials	2
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	3
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	6

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Regulatory Framework Inquiry
Consultations		
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	23	Licensing (Scotland) Bill; Housing (Scotland) Bill; Charities and Trustees Investment(Scotland) Bill; Transport (Scotland) Bill; Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Bill; Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill; Human Tissue (Scotland) Bill; Management of offenders etc. (Scotland) Bill; Joint Inspection of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Bill; Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland)

		<p>Bill; Council Tax Abolition and Service Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill; Family Law (Scotland) Bill; Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill; Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill; Local Electoral Administration and registration of Services (Scotland) Bill; Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill; Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill; Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill; Tourist Board (Scotland) Bill; Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill; Crofting Reform etc. (Scotland) Bill; Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill</p>
Sewel Memorandums	4	<p>10/01/2006:Health Bill (2005-06);07/0206: Company Law Reform Bill (HL) (2005-06);21/02/2006 &07/03/06: Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill (2005-06);07/03/06: Police and Justice Bill (2005-06).</p>
SIs considered	4	<p>2 draft affirmatives; 2 negatives: SI 2005/1467; SI 2005/1251</p>
SSIs considered		<p>70 draft affirmatives; 23 affirmatives; 318 negatives: SE 2006/44; SSI 2005/251; SSI 2005/252; SSI 2005/257; SSI 2005/261; SSI 2005/262; SSI 2005/264; SSI 2005/265; SSI 2005/266; SSI 2005/267; SSI 2005/269; SSI 2005/270; SSI 2005/275; SSI 2005/277; SSI 2005/278; SSI 2005/279; SSI 2005/280; SSI 2005/281; SSI 2005/286; SSI 2005/293; SSI 2005/294; SSI 2005/295; SSI 2005/298; SSI 2005/299; SSI 2005/300; SSI 2005/304; SSI 2005/305; SSI 2005/306; SSI 2005/307; SSI 2005/308; SSI 2005/309; SSI 2005/310; SSI 2005/311; SSI 2005/312; SSI 2005/313; SSI 2005/314; SSI 2005/315; SSI 2005/316; SSI 2005/317; SSI 2005/318; SSI 2005/319; SSI 2005/320; SSI 2005/321; SSI 2005/322; SSI 2005/323; SSI 2005/324; SSI 2005/325; SSI 2005/326; SSI 2005/327; SSI 2005/328; SSI 2005/329; SSI 2005/330; SSI 2005/331; SSI 2005/332; SSI 2005/333; SSI 2005/334; SSI 2005/335; SSI 2005/336; SSI 2005/337; SSI 2005/338; SSI 2005/339; SSI 2005/340; SSI 2005/341; SSI 2005/342; SSI 2005/343; SSI 2005/344; SSI 2005/345; SSI 2005/346; SSI 2005/355; SSI 2005/365; SSI 2005/366; SSI 2005/380; SSI 2005/381; SSI 2005/393; SSI 2005/408; SSI 2005/411; SSI 2005/412; SSI 2005/416; SSI 2005/417; SSI 2005/420; SSI</p>

2005/432; SSI 2005/435; SSI 2005/437; SSI
2005/438; SSI 2005/439; SSI 2005/441; SSI
2005/442; SSI 2005/443; SSI 2005/444; SSI
2005/445; SSI 2005/446; SSI 2005/448; SSI
2005/449; SSI 2005/450; SSI 2005/451; SSI
2005/452; SSI 2005/453; SSI 2005/456; SSI
2005/458; SSI 2005/460; SSI 2005/469; SSI
2005/470; SSI 2005/479; SSI 2005/484; SSI
2005/486; SSI 2005/494; SSI 2005/495; SSI
2005/496; SSI 2005/501; SSI 2005/502; SSI
2005/505; SSI 2005/510; SSI 2005/512; SSI
2005/514; SSI 2005/515; SSI 2005/516; SSI
2005/517 ; SSI 2005/518 ; SSI 2005/519; SSI
2005/522; SSI 2005/525; SSI 2005/526; SSI
2005/530; SSI 2005/531; SSI 2005/542; SSI
2005/543; SSI 2005/544; SSI 2005/545; SSI
2005/549; SSI 2005/550; SSI 2005/552; SSI
2005/554; SSI 2005/555; SSI 2005/556; SSI
2005/557; SSI 2005/558; SSI 2005/559; SSI
2005/560; SSI 2005/561; SSI 2005/562; SSI
2005/563; SSI 2005/565; SSI 2005/566; SSI
2005/567; SSI 2005/568; SSI 2005/569; SSI
2005/571; SSI 2005/572; SSI 2005/573; SSI
2005/581; SSI 2005/583; SSI 2005/584; SSI
2005/ SSI 2005/586; SSI 2005/589; SSI
2005/593; SSI 2005/594; SSI 2005/597; SSI
2005/599; SSI 2005/605; SSI 2005/606;
SSI 2005/607; SSI 2005/608; SSI 2005/609; SSI
2005/610; SSI 2005/611; SSI 2005/613; SSI
2005/614; SSI 2005/615; SSI 2005/617; SSI
2005/618; SSI 2005/619; SSI 2005/620; SSI
2005/624; SSI 2005/625; SSI 2005/630; SSI
2005/631; SSI 2005/641; SSI 2005/645; SSI
2005/646; SSI 2005/647; SSI 2005/651 SSI
2005/652; SSI 2005/653; SSI 2005/654; SSI
2005/655; SSI 2005/656; SSI 2005/657; SSI
2006/1; SSI 2006/2; SSI 2006/3; SSI 2006/4; SSI
2006/5; SSI 2006/7; SSI 2006/8; SSI 2006/11;
SSI 2006/12; SSI 2006/15; SSI 2006/16; SSI
2006/18; SSI 2006/26; SSI 2006/27; SSI
2006/28; SSI 2006/33; SSI 2006/39; SSI
2006/42; SSI 2006/45; SSI 2006/46; SSI
2006/49; SSI 2006/51; SSI 2006/57; SSI
2006/58; SSI 2006/60; SSI 2006/61; SSI
2006/63; SSI 2006/64; SSI 2006/67; SSI
2006/70; SSI 2006/71; SSI 2006/72; SSI
2006/73; SSI 2006/79; SSI 2006/82; SSI
2006/84; SSI 2006/86; SSI 2006/88; SSI
2006/91; SSI 2006/92; SSI 2006/94; SSI
2006/95; SSI 2006/96; SSI 2006/97; SSI
2006/105; SSI 2006/108; SSI 2006/109; SSI

2006/110; SSI 2006/111; SSI 2006/112; SSI 2006/113; SSI 2006/114; SSI 2006/115; SSI 2006/116; SSI 2006/117; SSI 2006/118; SSI 2006/119; SSI 2006/120; SSI 2006/122; SSI 2006/123; SSI 2006/124; SSI 2006/125; SSI 2006/126; SSI 2006/127; SSI 2006/128; SSI 2006/129; SSI 2006/130; SSI 2006/131; SSI 2006/132; SSI 2006/133; SSI 2006/134; SSI 2006/135; SSI 2006/136; SSI 2006/137; SSI 2006/138; SSI 2006/139; SSI 2006/140; SSI 2006/141; SSI 2006/142; SSI 2006/143; SSI 2006/144; SSI 2006/149; SSI 2006/151; SSI 2006/154; SSI 2006/155; SSI 2006/156; SSI 2006/157; SSI 2006/158; SSI 2006/163; SSI 2006/164; SSI 2006/170; SSI 2006/171; SSI 2006/172; SSI 2006/183; SSI 2006/188; SSI 2006/209; SSI 2006/210; SSI 2006/211; SSI 2006/213; SSI 2006/214; SSI 2006/218; SSI 2006/221; SSI 2006/230; SSI 2006/231; SSI 2006/233; SSI 2006/234; SSI 2006/241; SSI 2006/244; SSI 2006/245; SSI 2006/246; SSI 2006/247; SSI 2006/248; SSI 2006/249; SSI 2006/250; SSI 2006/253; SSI 2006/254; SSI 2006/255; SSI 2006/264; SSI 2006/269; SSI 2006/270; SSI 2006/272; SSI 2006/273; SSI 2006/274; SSI 2006/276; SSI 2006/279; SSI 2006/284; SSI 2006/285; SSI 2006/295

Petitions considered	0
Divisions held	0
Plenary debates	0

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
18th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	551	4 May 2006	No Response
17th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	544	26 April 2006	No Response
16th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	541	19 April 2006	No Response
15th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	533	30 March 2006	No Response
14th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	527	23 March 2006	No Response
13th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	521	15 March 2006	No Response
12th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	519	10 March 2006	No Response
11th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	513	3 March	No Response

10th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	511	2006 1 March 2006	No Response
9th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	507	10 February 2006	No Response
8th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	505	9 February 2006	No Response
7th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	499	2 February 2006	No Response
6th Report, 2006: Human Tissue (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	498	1 February 2006	No Response
5th Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	496	30 January 2006	No Response
4th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	495	27 January 2006	No Response
3rd Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	493	25 January 2006	No Response
2nd Report, 2006: Joint Inspection of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	489	19 January 2006	No Response
1st Report, 2006: Subordinate Legislation	485	13 January 2006	No Response
48th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	478	21 December 2005	No Response
47th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	475	20 December 2005	No Response
46th Report, 2005: Family Law (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	474	15 December 2005	No Response
45th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	466	7 December 2005	No Response
44th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	463	1 December 2005	No Response
43rd Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	454	24 November 2005	No Response
42nd Report, 2005: Report on Housing (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	453	24 November 2005	No Response
41st Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	450	17 November 2005	No Response
Licensing (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	446	11 November 2005	No Response
39th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	444	11 December 2005	No Response

38th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	442	4 November 2005	No Response
37th Report, 2005: Delegated Powers of Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	441	3 November 2005	No Response
35th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	430	3 October 2005	No Response
34th Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	424	23 September 2005	No Response
33rd Report, 2005: Subordinate Legislation	421	15 September 2005	No Response
32nd Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	408	6 September 2005	No Response
31st Report 2005: Inquiry into the Regulatory Framework in Scotland	397	30 June 2005	No Response
30th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	396	29 June 2005	No Response
29th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	395	27 June 2005	No Response
28th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	394	28 June 2005	No Response
27th Report 2005: Delegated Powers of Transport (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	393	28 June 2005	No Response
26th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	391	23 June 2005	No Response
25th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	379	15 June 2005	No Response
24th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	377	9 June 2005	No Response
23rd Report 2005: Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2	375	8 June 2005	No Response
22nd Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	369	2 June 2005	No Response
21st Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	367	31 May 2005	No Response
18th Report 2005: Annual Report 2004-05	360	26 May 2005	n/a
20th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	343	18 May 2005	No Response
19th Report 2005: Subordinate Legislation	340	12 May 2005	No Response

4.3.23 Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill Committee**Established:** 21 January 2004**Remit:** To consider and report to the Parliament on the Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill**Convener:** Tricia Marwick**Deputy Convener:** Christine May**Membership:** The committee has 5 members.**Meetings:** There were 14 meetings in the parliamentary year. Two meetings took place outside Edinburgh. One in Galashiels on 13 March 2006. One in Newtongrange on 23 January 2006.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	14
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	7
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	2

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Ted Brocklebank	Con	14 (14)
Gordon Jackson	Lab	11 (14)
Tricia Marwick	SNP	14 (14)
Christine May	Lab	14 (14)
Margaret Smith	LD	13 (14)

Reporters: None**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Fergus Cochrane

Visits: None**Events:** None

Witnesses: The following witnesses were called to give oral evidence:

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	3
Scottish Executive officials	3
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	9
Representatives of local authorities	29
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	5
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	77

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was consideration of the Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill.

Plenary Debates: 28 September 2005: motion S2M-3329
28 September 2005: amendment S2M-3329.1

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1 st Report, 2005: Preliminary Stage Report	406	22 July 2005	No response

5. Legislation

5.1 Bills and Proposed Bills 7 May 2005 – 6 May 2006

5.1.1 Summary

Proposals for Bills

Members' Bills	Number
Draft Proposals lodged	11
Draft Proposals fell	1
Draft Proposals withdrawn	0
Final Proposals lodged after no consultation	0
Final Proposals lodged after consultation	8
Final Proposals fell	1
Final Proposals withdrawn	0

Bills

Bills introduced	Number
Executive Bills	16
Members' Bills	5
Committee Bills	1
Private Bills	2
TOTAL	24
Bills fell	Number
Executive Bills	0
Members' Bills	2
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
TOTAL	0
Bills withdrawn	Number
Executive Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
TOTAL	0
Bills passed	Number
Executive Bills	13
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	3
TOTAL	16

Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Royal Assent	Number
Received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	17
Average number of days taken to pass Bills	284*

* from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent

5.1.2 Progress of Public Bills during the third parliamentary year of Session 2, in chronological order of introduction

Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Stage 1				Stage 2	Stage 3			Royal Assent		
					Lead Committee	Other Committees	Stage 1 Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
Gaelic Language (Scotland)	25											01 June 2005	248	2005 asp 7	
Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Bill	26											01 June 2005	245	2005 asp 6	
Transport (Scotland) Bill	28							LGT 10 May 05 After Stage 2: SL 21 Jun 05 SL 28 Jun 05 Report: SP 393	29 Jun 05	29 Jun 05	53	05 Aug 05	218	2005 asp 12	
Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Bill	29							After Stage 2: SL 24 May 05	26 May 05	26 May 05	3	01 Jul 05	246	2005 asp 8	
Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill	30							J1 04 May 05 Pre-Stage 3: SL 24 May 05	02 Jun 05	02 Jun 05	17	12 Jul 05	257	2005 asp 9	
Council Tax Abolition and Service Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill	31				FI 25 Oct 05	LGT 08 Sep 05 LGT 13 Sep 05 LGT 08 Nov 05 LGT 15 Nov 05 LGT 29 Nov 05 LGT 06 Dec 05 LGT 10 Jan 06 LGT 17 Jan 06 SL 29 Nov 05	SP 488	1 Feb 06 (Fell)							
Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Bill	32							After Stage 2: SL 07 Jun 05 Report: 08 Jun 05	09 Jun 05	09 Jun 05	75	14 Jul 05	211	2005 asp 10	

Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Stage 1				Stage 2	Stage 3			Royal Assent		
					Lead Committee	Other Committees	Stage 1 Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Bill	33								HC 10 May 05 HC 17 May 05 HC 24 May 05 HC 31 May 05 HC 07 Jun 05 HC 14 Jun 05 After Stage 2: SL 21 Jun 05 SL 28 Jun 05 Report: SP 394	30 Jun 05	30 Jun 05	40	05 Aug 05	233	2005 asp 13
Abolition of NHS Prescription Charges (Scotland) Bill	35				HC 21 Jun 05 HC 20 Sep 05 HC 01 Nov 05 HC 29 Nov 05 HC 13 Dec 05	FI 08 Nov 05	SP 482	25 Jan 06 (Fell)							
Family Law (Scotland) Bill	36				J1 11 May 05 J1 18 May 05 J1 25 May 05 J1 01 Jun 05 J1 08 Jun 05 J1 15 Jun 05 J1 22 Jun 05 J1 27 Jun 05 J1 29 Jun 05 J1 30 Jun 05 J1 14 Sep 05	FI 10 May 05 FI 24 May 05	SP 401	15 Sep 05 Pre-Stage 2: J1 21 Sep 05 J1 28 Sep 05	J1 05 Oct 05 J0 02 Nov 05 J1 09 Nov 05 J1 16 Nov 05 J1 23 Nov 05 J1 30 Nov 05 After Stage 2: SL 13 Dec 05 Report: SP 474	15 Dec 05	15 Dec 05	34	20 Jan 06	348	2006 asp 2
Licensing (Scotland) Bill	37				LGT 17 May 05 LGT 31 May 05 LGT 07 Jun 05	J2 10 May 05 SL 17 May 05 SL 24 May 05	SP 378	22 Jun 05	LGT 20 Sep 05 LGT 27 Sep 05 LGT 03 Oct 05 After Stage 2:	16 Nov 05	16 Nov 05	108	21 Dec 05	297	2005 asp 16

Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Stage 1				Stage 2	Stage 3			Royal Assent		
					Lead Committee	Other Committees	Stage 1 Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
									SL 08 Nov 05 Report: SP 446						
Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Bill	38				ERD 11 May 05 ERD 18 May 05 ERD 01 Jun 05	FI 10 May 05	SP 371	16 Jun 05	ERD 14 Sep 05	09 Nov 05	09 Nov 05	23	14 Dec 05	288	2005 asp 15
Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Bill	39				J2 10 May 05 J2 24 May 05 J2 31 May 05	SL 10 May 05	SP 372	16 Jun 05 Pre-Stage 2: J2 8 Sep 05	J2 20 Sep 05 J2 27 Sep 05 After Stage 2: FI 25 Oct 05 SL 25 Oct 05 SL 01 Nov 05 Report: SP 441	03 Nov 05	03 Nov 05	26	08 Dec 05	280	2005 asp 14
Housing (Scotland) Bill	40				COM 11 May 05 COM 18 May 05 COM 25 May 05 COM 08 Jun 05 COM 15 Jun 05	FI 10 May 05 SL 17 May 05 SL 24 May 05	SP 387	29 Jun 05	COM 21 Sep 05 COM 28 Sep 05 COM 05 Oct 05 COM 02 Nov 05 After Stage 2 SL 22 Nov 05 Report: SP 450	24 Nov 05	24 Nov 05	128	05 Jan 06	305	2006 asp 1
St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill	41	MB	1	19 May 05	EC 08 Sep 05 EC 13 Sep 05 EC 20 Sep 05 EC 27 Sep 05 EC 08 Nov 05 EC 06 Dec 05 EC 24 Jan 06 EC 28 Mar 06	FI 08 Sep 05	SP 425	06 Oct 05 (referred back to lead committee)							
Human Tissue (Scotland) Bill	42	Ex	39	03 Jun 05	HC 08 Sep 05 HC 13 Sep 05 HC 27 Sep 05	FI 08 Sep 05 SL 25 Oct 05	SP 451	30 Nov 05	HC 20 Dec 05 HC 17 Jan 06	02 Feb 06	02 Feb 06	52	16 Mar 06	287	2006 asp 4

Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Stage 1				Stage 2	Stage 3			Royal Assent		
					Lead Committee	Other Committees	Stage 1 Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
					HC 03 Oct 05 HC 25 Oct 05 HC 08 Nov 05 HC 15 Nov 05	SL 01 Nov 05			After Stage 2: SL 24 Jan 06 SL 31 Jan 06 Report: SP 498						
Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill	43	MB	9	17 Jun 05	ERD 28 Sep 05 ERD 05 Oct 05 ERD 26 Oct 05 ERD 02 Nov 05 ERD 09 Nov 05 ERD 16 Nov 05 ERD 23 Nov 05 ERD 30 Nov 05	SL 13 Sep 05 SL 27 Sep 05	SP 464								
Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill	44	C	12	12 Sep 05	FI 20 Sep 05		SP 438	14 Dec 05	MI 08 Mar 06 MI 15 Mar 06 ST 17 Jan 06 ST 28 Mar 06 SL 25 Apr 06	26 Apr 06					
Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill	45	Ex	14	28 Sep 05	ED 30 Nov 05 ED 07 Dec 05 ED 14 Dec 05 ED 11 Jan 06 ED 25 Jan 06 ED 01 Feb 06	FI 22 Nov 05 FI 06 Dec 05 FI 13 Dec 05	SP 497	22 Feb 06 Pre-Stage 2 ED 08 Mar 06	ED 29 Mar 06 ED 19 Apr 06 After Stage 2: SL 02 May 06						
Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill	46	Ex	76	30 Sep 05	J2 25 Oct 05 J2 01 Nov 05 J2 08 Nov 05 J2 14 Nov 05 J2 22 Nov 05 J2 29 Nov 05 J2 13 Dec 05 J2 10 Jan 05	FI 08 Nov 05 FI 15 Nov 05 FI 29 Nov 05	SP 491	02 Feb 06 Pre-Stage 2: J2 31 Jan 06	J2 21 Feb 06 J2 28 Feb 06 J2 07 Mar 06 J2 14 Mar 06 J2 21 Mar 06 J2 28 Mar 06 J2 18 Apr 06						

Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Stage 1				Stage 2	Stage 3			Royal Assent			
					Lead Committee	Other Committees	Stage 1 Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number	
					EC 02 May 06	SL 21 Mar 06 SL 18 Apr 06										
Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill	51	Ex	81	19 Dec 05	COM 11 Jan 06 COM 18 Jan 06 COM 25 Jan 06 COM 01 Feb 06 COM 08 Feb 06 COM 22 Feb 06 COM 01 Mar 06 COM 08 Mar 06 COM 22 Mar 06 COM 28 Mar 06 COM 29 Mar 06 COM 19 Apr 06 COM 25 Apr 06 COM 26 Apr 06 COM 03 May 06	FI 24 Jan 06 FI 21 Feb 06 FI 28 Feb 06 FI 14 Mar 06 FI 21 Mar 06										
Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill	52	Ex	47	19 Dec 05	LGT 17 Jan 06 LGT 31 Jan 06 LGT 07 Feb 06 LGT 28 Feb 06 LGT 07 Mar 06 LGT 21 Mar 06 LGT 28 Mar 06	FI 24 Jan 06 SL 31 Jan 06 SL 07 Feb 06 SL 21 Feb 06	SP 538	4 May 06								
Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill	53	BB	20	19 Jan 06				26 Jan 06	FI 31 Jan 06 After Stage 2: SL 07 Feb 06 Report: SP 505	09 Feb 06	09 Feb 06	20	21 Mar 06	62	2006 asp 5	

5.1.3 Progress of all Private Bills during the third Parliamentary year of Session 2, in chronological order

					Preliminary Stage			Consideration Stage	Final Stage			Royal Assent			
Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Private Committee	Bill Other Committees	Preliminary Stage Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill					WAV 01 Jun 05 WAV 22 Jun 05 WAV 29 Jun 05		SP 406	28 Sep 05	WAV 06 Oct 06 WAV 16 Jan 06 WAV 23 Jan 06 WAV 23 Jan 06 WAV 30 Jan 06 WAV 22 Feb 06 WAV 27 Feb 06 WAV 06 Mar 06 WAV 13 Mar 06 WAV 27 Mar 06 WAV 19 Apr 06 WAV 03 May 06						
Edinburgh Tram (Line One) Bill									ED1 17 May 05	29 Mar 06	29 Mar 06				
									ED1 14 Jun 05 ED1 21 Jun 05 ED1 27 Jun 05 ED1 05 Sep 05 ED1 13 Sep 05 ED1 19 Sep 05 ED1 27 Sep 05 ED1 28 Sep 05 ED1 03 Oct 05 ED1 25 Oct 05 ED1 01 Nov 05 ED1 07 Nov 05 ED1 08 Nov 05 ED1 14 Nov 05 ED1 22 Nov 05 ED1 29 Nov 05 ED1 05 Dec 05						

					Preliminary Stage			Consideration Stage	Final Stage			Royal Assent			
Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Private Committee	Bill Other Committees	Preliminary Stage Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
									ED1 13 Dec 05 ED1 10 Jan 06 ED1 31 Jan 06 ED1 07 Feb 06 ED1 21 Feb 06 ED1 14 Mar 06 ED2 14 Jun 05 ED2 01 Nov 05 Report: SP 510						
Edinburgh Tram (Line Two) Bill									ED2 18 May 05 ED2 14 Jun 05 ED2 22 Jun 05 ED2 28 Jun 05 ED2 14 Sep 05 ED2 21 Sep 05 ED2 28 Sep 05 ED2 26 Oct 05 ED2 01 Nov 05 ED2 09 Nov 05 ED2 16 Nov 05 ED2 23 Nov 05 ED2 28 Nov 05 ED2 21 Dec 05 ED1 14 Jun 05 ED1 11 Nov 05 Report: SP 465	22 Mar 06	22 Mar 06	60	27 Apr 06	820	2006 asp 6
Baird Trust Reorganisation Bill							SP 345	2 Jun 05		15 Jun 05	15 Jun 05	2	19 Jul 05	266	2005 asp 11

					Preliminary Stage			Consideration Stage	Final Stage			Royal Assent			
Bill Title	SP Bill number	Type	Length	Introduction	Private Committee	Bill Other Committees	Preliminary Stage Report	Plenary	Committee	Plenary	Passed	Length ¹	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill	54	P	34	31 Jan 06	GARL 24 Apr 06										
Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill	58	P	54	16 Mar 06											

¹ Length is the number of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and backsheets

5.2 Subordinate Legislation

	From 7 May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	To 6 May 06	Total
No. of Affirmative Instruments	1	0	4	4	3	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	23
No. of Draft Affirmative Instruments	5	10	0	3	1	4	6	10	3	13	3	3	1	62
No. of Negative Instruments	18	53	2	7	23	20	40	28	16	21	59	8	3	298
No. of Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	4	2	0	1	0	1	3	2	3	4	4	4	2	30
No. of Instruments Not Laid	3	3	2	3	11	5	13	3	3	12	8	9	3	78
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total No. of Instruments	31	68	8	18	38	35	67	44	26	50	74	24	9	492

6. Other Parliamentary Business

6.1 Documents laid other than Statutory Instruments

Chapter 14 of the Parliament's Standing Orders provides rules as to the laying of documents before the Parliament. Many types of documents, such as financial reports or annual reports of public bodies, are required by legislation or otherwise to be so laid.

From 9 May	June 2005	July 2005	Aug 2005	Sept 2005	Oct 2005	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	March 2006	April 2006	To 6 May 2006
10	18	37	9	36	35	40	43	12	23	22	29	1

6.2 Rules Changes to Standing Orders

Chapter	Rule and paragraph number	The nature of the change, the date it came into force and the Procedures Committee report that recommended the change
5		
	5.4.2	Paragraph amended, 30.11.05, 7th Report 2005 (S2)
	5.9.2	Paragraph amended 30.11.05, 7th Report 2005 (S2)
6		
	6.3.2	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	6.10	Rule substituted, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
9A		
	9A.1.1	Paragraph replaced, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.1.1A	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.1.3	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.1.4A	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.1.4B	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.2.3	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.4.2	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.5.2	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.5.3	Paragraph replaced, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.5.4	Paragraph replaced, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.5.4A	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.5.4B	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.5.4C	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.5.6	Paragraph replaced, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2); amended, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.5.9	Paragraph replaced, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.5.10	Paragraph inserted, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.6.1	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.6.2	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.6.4	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.6.7	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.6.7A	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.6.7B	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.6A	Rule inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.7.1	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.7.11	Paragraph replaced, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)

Chapter	Rule and paragraph number	The nature of the change, the date it came into force and the Procedures Committee report that recommended the change
	9A.7.12	Paragraph inserted, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.8.1	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.8.2A	Paragraph inserted, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.9.1A	Paragraph inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
	9A.9.1B	Paragraph inserted, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.9.2	Paragraph replaced, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.9.3	Paragraph amended, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.9.4	Paragraph replaced, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.9.4A	Paragraph inserted, 19.1.06, 1st Report 2006 (S2)
	9A.11A	Rule inserted, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
9B		
		Chapter inserted, 30.11.05, 7th Report 2005 (S2)
12		
	12.3.3A	Paragraph amended, 12.5.05, 4th Report 2005 (S2)
15		
	15.4.1	Paragraph amended, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.4.3	Paragraph amended, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.4.4	Paragraph amended amended, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.5	Rule replaced, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.6.1	Paragraph amended, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.6.1A	Paragraph deleted, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.6.2	Paragraph amended, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.6.3	Paragraph replaced, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.7	Rule inserted, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
	15.8	Rule inserted, 30.11.05, 6th Report 2005 (S2)
16		
	16.3.2	Paragraph amended, 30.11.05, 7th Report 2005 (S2)
18		
	18.2.1	Table amended, 30.11.05, 7th Report 2005 (S2)

7. Staff

7.1 MSPs and their staff (as at 31 March 2006)

	Total	Gender (M-F)
Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)	128	78-50
MSP staff - on payroll	334	128-206
MSP staff - fee based	30	14-16
Total MSP staff	364	142-222

7.2 Parliamentary staff in post by Directorate (as at 31 March 2006)

Directorate/Office	Total Staff	Gender (M-F)
Clerk/Chief Executive's Group		
- Office of the Clerk/Chief Executive	8	3-5
- Office of the Presiding Officer	5	3-2
- External Liaison Unit	5	4-1
- Corporate Programme Management	1	1-0
Directorate of Resources & Governance		
- Director	3	1-2
- Corporate Policy Unit	5	2-3
- Financial Resources	1	1-0
- Personnel Office	18	5-13
- Allowances	9	1-8
- Finance	11	6-5
- Procurement	12	2-10
- Audit	1	1-0
Legal Services Directorate	4	0-4
Clerking and Reporting Directorate		
- Director	2	1-1
- Chamber Office (Includes Legislation, Standards, Europe and Subordinate Legislation Committees and the Non-Executive Bills Unit)	45	25-20
- Committee Office	48	24-24
- Official Report	34	18-16
Technology and Facilities Management Directorate		
- Director	3	2-1
- Facilities Management Office	34	25-9
- Business Information Technology (BIT)	43	31-12
Access and Information Directorate		
- Director	6	2-4
- Public Affairs	1	0-1
- Broadcasting	3	1-2
- Media Relations	8	3-5
- Visitor & Outreach Services	22	7-15
- Corporate Publications/Public Information	8	3-5
- SPICe	44	19-25
- Security Office	95	73-22
Total Parliament Staff in Post	479	264-215

8. Access

8.1 Public visitors and contacts

	Visitor numbers	Public enquiries	Switchboard calls	Booked tour numbers	Shop numbers	Average spend per visitor
May 2005	50399	542	6836	8581	8121	£4.57
June 2005	31725	671	9309	6871	7111	£4.88
July 2005	22177	454	4085	6490	3270	£5.31
August 2005	48621	660	6179	8460	6197	£4.94
September 2005	35665	600	7271	5363	5483	£4.82
October 2005	42371	469	5855	9082	6251	£4.76
November 2005	25019	537	8095	3301	4119	£6.03
December 2005	14665	289	4080	3625	2955	£1.25
January 2006	18037	901	5826	3049	7478*	£0.99
February 2006	24342	955	6961	5325	15588	£1.15
March 2006	19590	1364	8169	3324	12525	£1.15
April 2006	22436	1037	4967	3603	9104	£1.49
Totals	355047	8479	77633	67074	80724	£3.44

* Footfall counter installed. Figures previously were for number of transactions.

8.2. Educational Visits, by Academic Year 2005-2006

8.2.1 Group and visitor numbers to the Parliament

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils	FE Institutions	FE students	Total schools	Total pupils
September 2005	12	339	18	519	0	0	30	858
October 2005	8	217	9	272	0	0	17	489
November 2005	7	215	19	307	0	0	26	522
December 2005	7	185	11	323	0	0	18	508
January 2006	13	312	8	293	2	46	23	651
February 2006	10	279	10	179	2	26	22	484
March 2006	11	305	14	430	0	0	25	735
April 2006	6	165	2	71	2	60	10	296
May 2006	19	544	6	183	0	0	25	727
June 2006	22	656	3	95	1	4	26	755
Totals	115	3217	100	2672	7	136	222	6025

8.2.2 School visitor numbers to the Parliament by region

	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	May 06	Jun 06	Total
Central Scotland	6	4	4	2	5	3	0	0	5	4	33
Glasgow	0	3	3	1	1	1	4	0	2	1	16
Highlands & Islands	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Lothians	7	1	11	3	7	7	7	1	8	3	55
Mid Scotland & Fife	4	0	3	7	5	4	10	1	5	2	41
North East Scotland	8	0	3	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	17
South Scotland	1	4	0	0	3	5	4	0	1	4	22
West Scotland	4	3	1	5	2	0	0	3	4	10	32
	30	17	26	18	23	22	25	8	25	26	220

8.3 Outreach Sessions

8.3.1 Education outreach events

Period	Education	MSPs in Schools	Gaelic
August 2005	0	4	0
September 2005	1	14	0
October 2005	2	16	1
November 2005	1	21	0
December 2005	0	5	0
January 2006	0	11	0
February 2006	0	21	0
March 2006	0	15	0
April 2006	0	6	0
May 2006	0	3	0
June 2006	0	0	0
Total	4	116	1

8.3.2 MSPs in Schools sessions

	Aug 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06	May 06	Total
Central Scotland	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	2	10
Glasgow	0	0	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	0	12
Highlands & Islands	0	1	2	4	1	1	2	5	1	1	18
Lothians	2	5	2	2	1	0	7	3	1	0	23
Mid Scotland & Fife	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	9
North East Scotland	1	4	4	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	16
South Scotland	0	1	2	1	0	4	4	2	0	0	14
West Scotland	0	2	4	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	14
Total	4	14	16	21	5	11	21	15	6	3	116

8.3.3 Community outreach events

Events	Number of Events	Attendees	MSP Attendance
Community outreach events	14	653	39
Bilingual community outreach events	2	84	3
Talks/presentations to community groups	37	1065	0
Training sessions for local authority staff	28	1214	0
Citizens Advice Bureau staff training sessions	5	86	0
Inward training sessions for school librarians	5	97	0
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) joint sessions	4	84	0
Interfaith sessions	2	65	0
Scottish Education and Teaching with Technology (SETT) conference	1	50	0
Total	98	3398	42

8.3.3 Gaelic outreach events

Figures for Gaelic outreach events in 2005-06 have been assimilated into the above tables. The MSPs in Schools project, piloted from January to March 2005, was extended and was the focus of outreach during this year.

8.4 Partner Libraries

Number of Partner Libraries	May 2006
	80

8.5 Scottish Parliament Website Statistics

Time range	Total Hits	Average Hits per Day	Average Hits per Visitor	Total Page Views	Average Page Views per Day	Average Page Views per Visitor	Total Visitors	Average Visitors per Day
01/05/2005 00:00:01 - 31/05/2005 23:59:56	6,471,582	208,760	18.84	1,588,946	51,256	4.63	343,538	11,081
01/06/2005 00:00:01 - 30/06/2005 23:59:59	6,039,009	201,300	19.94	1,482,441	49,414	4.89	302,896	10,096
01/07/2005 00:00:01 - 30/07/2005 23:59:58	5,112,145	170,404	16.38	1,594,040	53,134	5.11	312,060	10,402
01/08/2005 00:00:01 - 30/08/2005 23:59:59	5,662,413	188,747	19.2	1,374,812	45,827	4.66	294,977	9,832
01/09/2005 00:00:00 - 30/09/2005 23:59:45	6,803,535	226,784	18.48	1,717,992	57,266	4.67	368,200	12,273
01/10/2005 00:00:01 - 31/10/2005 23:59:58	7,578,186	244,457	18.45	1,927,635	62,181	4.69	410,789	13,251
01/11/2005 00:00:00 - 30/11/2005 23:59:58	8,328,638	277,621	20.04	2,042,800	68,093	4.92	415,521	13,850
01/12/2005 00:00:01 - 31/12/2005 23:59:46	6,916,386	223,109	17.46	1,976,896	63,770	4.99	396,099	12,777

Time range	Total Hits	Average Hits per Day	Average Hits per Visitor	Total Page Views	Average Page Views per Day	Average Page Views per Visitor	Total Visitors	Average Visitors per Day
01/01/2006 00:00:00 - 31/01/2006 23:59:58	8,446,450	272,466	17.95	2,154,943	69,514	4.58	470,674	15,183
01/02/2006 00:00:01 - 28/02/2006 23:59:58	8,129,666	290,345	17.35	2,189,168	78,184	4.67	468,613	16,736
01/03/2006 00:00:06 - 31/03/2006 23:59:57	10,544,066	340,131	13.21	3,240,483	104,531	4.06	798,090	25,744
01/04/2006 00:00:00 - 30/04/2006 23:59:59	7,535,188	251,172	13.26	2,418,350	80,611	4.26	568,149	18,938

8.6 Freedom of Information statistics 7 May 2005-6 May 2006

These statistics refer to requests for information made to the Scottish Parliament under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A). Such requests seek non published information held by the Scottish Parliament at the time of the request being made. Under FOI(S)A, any requester can ask the Scottish Parliament to review the way it replied to a request for information and to ask us to review our decision or actions. If the requester is dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, an appeal can be submitted to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Request Statistics

These figures are based on the date when the freedom of information request was received.

Reviews Statistics

These figures are based on the date when the request for a review was received

Appeals Statistics

These figures are based on the date when the concluding decision for an appeal is confirmed by the Scottish Information Commissioner.

	FOI requests	FOI reviews	FOI appeals
From 7 May 2005	20	7	0
June 2005	30	2	0
July 2005	23	5	2
August 2005	12	2	0
September 2005	18	0	0
October 2005	34	0	1
November 2005	29	1	1
December 2005	18	1	0
January 2006	12	0	0
February 2006	23	0	0
March 2006	44	15	1
April 2006	14	0	1
To 8 May 2006	6	0	0
Total	283	33	6

9. Other

9.1 Official visits, addresses and delegations

	Official visits to the Parliament	Addresses to a meeting of all MSPs	Delegations* to other assemblies/bodies
From 7 May 2005	17	0	3
June 2005	21	0	2
July 2005	2	0	1
August 2005	5	0	0
September 2005	9	0	3
October 2005	10	0	4
November 2005	22	0	3
December 2005	4	0	1
January 2006	4	0	2
February 2006	5	0	1
March 2006	14	0	2
April 2006	5	0	3
To 6 May 2006	2	0	0
Total	120	0	25

* includes Parliament officials

9.2 Official gifts

Type	
received by the Parliament	4

9.3 Memberships of Other Bodies

9.3.1 British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body

The British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body was established in 1990 by Members of Parliament at Westminster and in Dublin. In February 2001 it was enlarged to include representatives of the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the High Court of Tynwald and the States of Guernsey and Jersey.

The Body consists of twenty-five Members each from Westminster and Dublin, five each from the Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales, and Northern Ireland Assembly, and one each from the High Court of Tynwald and States of Guernsey and Jersey. There are also with twenty Associate Members from Westminster and Dublin, four each from the Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales and Northern Ireland Assembly, and one each from the Tynwald and each of the Channel Island States. These may replace Full Members either at Plenary Sessions or at Committee meetings.

Scottish Parliament Members of the Body

Full Members

Murray Tosh
Margaret Ewing²
David McLetchie
Alasdair Morrison
Iain Smith

Associate Members

Bruce Crawford
Helen Eadie
Robin Harper
Michael McMahan

9.3.2 Committee of the Regions (CoR)

The CoR is a political assembly and the official voice of sub-national authorities within the European Union (EU) and it provides a forum for the consultation of local and regional authorities on issues affecting them, giving formal recognition to the role of sub-national government in the EU decision making process.

CoR is made up of 344 members and 344 alternate members of local and regional authorities from the 27 Member States. Members are proposed by Member States for a four year mandate. The UK has 24 members and, within this, Scotland has four full and four alternate members: two full and two alternate members are nominated by local authorities through Cosla and two full and two alternates are nominated by the Scottish Executive and Scottish Parliament and are ratified by a motion of the Scottish Parliament.

Scottish Members of the UK delegation to the Committee of the Regions

Full Members

Jack McConnell MSP
Nicol Stephen MSP
Councillor Corrie McChord
Councillor Keith Brown

Alternate Members

Irene Oldfather MSP
Nicola Sturgeon MSP
Councillor Jim McCabe
Councillor Andrew Campbell

9.3.3 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)

On Thursday 4 May 2000 the Scottish Parliament approved motion S1M-789 which established a Scottish Parliament Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The Executive Committee consists of a President (usually the Presiding Officer), two ex-officio Vice-Presidents (usually the leaders of the Scottish Executive and opposition parties), and 4 Members elected annually by the Members of the Branch. All Members of the Scottish Parliament are automatically Members of the Branch

² Margaret Ewing died on 21 March 2006.

Executive Committee

President

George Reid

Vice Presidents

Jack McConnell

Nicola Sturgeon

Elected Members

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton

Margaret Ewing³

Sylvia Jackson

Jamie Stone

9.3.4 Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)

Founded in October 1997, the aim of this organisation is to increase the influence of regional parliaments within the EU and to allow networking between them.

Membership is limited to Presiding Officers/Speakers and there are 74 member regions from 8 EU Member States. The Scottish Parliament has observer status within CALRE and the Presiding Officer attends the plenary meeting. The Scottish Parliament has observer status as membership could require the Presiding Officer to make commitments on behalf of the Scottish Parliament and, under the Scotland Act 1998, the Presiding Officer does not have the powers necessary to make such commitments on behalf of the Parliament.

9.3.5 Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE)

CLRAE is a consultative body of the Council of Europe, advising the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council on all aspects of local and regional policy. The Congress provides a forum where issues, experiences and views can be expressed and discussed on a pan-European basis. It is divided into a Local Chamber and a Regional Chamber.

The UK has 18 full and 18 substitute places on CLRAE divided equally between the two chambers. Representatives qualifying for membership are those who are “directly responsible to an elected regional body”. Members have a two-year mandate. Members attend in a personal capacity and do not represent the institution from which they are drawn but the regional or local level of governance within their Member State.

As part of the UK delegation, Scotland is allocated one full and one substitute member in the Local Chamber (a Scottish local authority representative, nominated through COSLA) and in the Regional Chamber (Members of the Scottish Parliament). In the Regional Chamber the full member is a member of the Scottish Executive and the substitute member is a backbench MSP.

Scottish Members of the Regional Chamber

Full Member

Tavish Scott

Substitute Member

Phil Gallie

³ Margaret Ewing died on 21 March 2006.

9.3.6 Network of Regional Parliamentary European Committees (NORPEC)

NORPEC is the Network of Regional Parliamentary European Committees. It was established following agreement between the Scottish Parliament, and the Parliaments of Catalonia and Flanders in November 2002. The first meeting was held in March 2004.

The purpose of NORPEC is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experience between members of relevant committees of the participating regional/sub national states of the EU.

Third official NORPEC meeting
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