



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

# Scottish Parliament Statistics 2008 - 2009

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**Notes**

The statistics in this volume generally cover the second Parliamentary year of Session 3, 9 May 2008-8 May 2009.

**Abbreviations**

asp	Act of Scottish Parliament
AU	Audit Committee
BB	Budget Bill
CB	Committee Bill
Con	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
Cont.	Continued
CW	Committee of the Whole Parliament
EB	Emergency Bill
EC	European Commission
EET	Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee
ELLC	Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee
EO	Equal Opportunities 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
Green	Scottish Green Party
HL	House of Lords, i.e. a House of Lords Bill
Hrs	Hours
HS	Health and Sport Committee
Ind	Independent Member, i.e. a Member of the Scottish Parliament not functioning within a political party
J	Justice Committee
Lab	Scottish Labour Party
LD	Scottish Liberal Democrats
LGC	Local Government and Communities Committee
M	Male
MEP	Member of European Parliament
MB	Member's Bill
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
PA	Public Audit Committee
PE	Petition
PE	Public Petitions Committee
PY	Parliamentary year (9 May 2008-8 May 2009)
RAE	Rural Affairs and Environment Committee
RSSB	Review of SPCB Supported Bodies Committee
S	Substitute Committee Member

S3	Third Session of Parliament
S3M	Session 3 Motion
SI	Statutory Instrument
SL	Subordinate Legislation Committee
SLC	Subordinate Legislation Committee Database
SNP	Scottish National Party
SP	Scottish Parliament
SPCB	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body
SPPA	Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
SPPB	Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill Committee
SPPS	Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Scheme Committee
SSI	Scottish Statutory Instrument
TIC	Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee
%	Percentage

# 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.

### 1.1.1 Scottish Parliament Election, 3 May 2007 results

#### Constituency votes by Party

	Candidates	Votes		Seats won	
		Number	% Share of constituency vote	Number	Change from 1 May 2003
Scottish National Party	73	664,227	32.9%	21	12
Labour	73	648,374	32.1%	37	-9
Liberal Democrat	73	326,232	16.2%	11	-2
Conservative	73	334,743	16.6%	4	1
Others	24	18,015	1.0%	0	-1
Independent	18	24,862	1.2%	0	-1
Scottish Socialist Party	1	525	0.0%	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2,016,978</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>73</b>	

#### Regional Votes by Party

	Candidates	Votes		Seats won	
		Number	% Share of Regional vote	Number	Change from 1 May 2003
Scottish National Party	70	633,611	31.0%	26	8
Labour	56	595,415	29.1%	9	5
Liberal Democrat	58	230,651	11.3%	5	1
Conservative	62	284,035	13.9%	13	-2
Scottish Green Party	49	82,577	4.0%	2	-5
Scottish Socialist Party	54	13,096	0.6%	0	-6
Independent	8	21,320	0.9%	1	0
Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party	51	39,038	1.9%	0	-1
Socialist Labour Party	32	14,054	0.7%	0	0
United Kingdom Independence Party	36	8,197	0.4%	0	0
Scottish Unionist Party	14	4,401	0.2%	0	0
Others	225	116,409	5.9%	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>2,042,804</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>56</b>	

Source: [Scottish Parliament Website: Election 2007 Results Analysis](#)

### 1.1.2 Scottish Parliament By-Elections

There were no by-elections in the second parliamentary year of Session 3.

### 1.2 State of the Parties

At 9 May 2008, start of the second parliamentary year of Session 3

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	21	26 <sup>a</sup>	47
Scottish Labour Party	37 <sup>a</sup>	9	46
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3 <sup>b</sup>	13	16
Scottish Liberal Democrats	11	5	16
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	1	1
Presiding Officer (Alex Fergusson)	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>129</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.  
<sup>b</sup> Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

At 6 February 2009, following the death of Bashir Ahmad

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	21	25 <sup>a</sup>	47
Scottish Labour Party	37 <sup>a</sup>	9	46
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3 <sup>b</sup>	13	16
Scottish Liberal Democrats	11	5	16
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	1	1
Presiding Officer (Alex Fergusson)	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>128</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.  
<sup>b</sup> Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post

At 9 February 2009, following the filling of the vacancy in Glasgow by Shirley-Anne Somerville

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	21	26 <sup>a</sup>	47
Scottish Labour Party	37 <sup>a</sup>	9	46
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3 <sup>b</sup>	13	16
Scottish Liberal Democrats	11	5	16
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	1	1
Presiding Officer (Alex Fergusson)	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>129</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes a deputy Presiding Officer, who can participate and vote when not in Chair.  
<sup>b</sup> Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post



### 1.3 MSP Statistics

#### 1.3.1 Dual mandate MSPs

Members of Scottish Parliament who are also members of other Parliaments or local authority councils

	MPs	Peers	Councillors
May 2007	1	1	6 <sup>a</sup>
May 2008	1	1	4
May 2009	1	1	4

<sup>a</sup> Includes Nigel Don who resigned as a Councillor on 24 August 2007 and Stefan Tymkewycz who resigned as an MSP on 31 August 2008.

#### 1.3.2 MSPs by gender and ethnic group

MSPs in the Parliament, 9 May 2008 – 6 February 2009

	Female	Male	Total
	44	85	129
From ethnic minorities	0	1	1

MSPs in the Parliament, 6 February 2009 - 8 February 2009 (following the death of Bashir Ahmad)

	Female	Male	Total
	44	84	128
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

MSPs in the Parliament, 9 February 2009 – 8 May 2009

	Female	Male	Total
	45	84	129
From ethnic minorities	0	0	0

#### 1.3.3 Female MSPs by party

At 9 May 2008

	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish Labour Party	20	3	23	50	18
Scottish National Party	5	8	13	28	10
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	5	5	31	4
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	1	2	13	2
Independent	0	1	1	100	1
<b>Total</b>	26	18	44	34%	34%

At 9 February 2009, following the appointment of Shirley-Anne Somerville.

	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish Labour Party	20	3	23	50	18
Scottish National Party	5	9	14	30	11
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	5	5	31	4
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	1	2	13	2
Independent	0	1	1	100	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>

### 1.3.4 MSP age profile

#### Average ages of MSPs at 9 May 2008

	Average age
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish National Party	49
Scottish Labour Party	50
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	51
Scottish Liberal Democrats	51
Scottish Green Party	51
Independent	65
No Party Affiliation	59
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	50
Males- all parties	50
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>50</b>

Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation

Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties

#### Average ages of MSPs at 8 May 2009

	Average age
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish National Party	50
Scottish Labour Party	51
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	52
Scottish Liberal Democrats	52
Scottish Green Party	52
Independent	66
No Party Affiliation	60
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	51
Males- all parties	52
<b>All MSPs</b>	<b>51</b>

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
<b>Presiding Officer</b>		
Alex Fergusson	NPA	14 May 2007
<b>Deputy Presiding Officers</b>		
Trish Godman	Lab	14 May 2007
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	14 May 2007

### 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 (Alex Fergusson)	NPA	from 14 May 2007
Alex Johnstone	Con	from 14 May 2007
Tricia Marwick	SNP	from 14 May 2007
Tom McCabe	Lab	from 14 May 2007
Mike Pringle	LD	from 14 May 2007

	<b>Number of meetings attended 9 May 2008 - 8 May 2009 (possible total)</b>
Presiding Officer (Alex Fergusson)	19 (19)
Alex Johnstone	19 (19)
Tom McCabe	17 (19)
Tricia Marwick	18 (19)
Mike Pringle	18 (19)

### 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.

	<b>Party</b>	<b>Dates of membership</b>
Presiding Officer (Alex Fergusson)	NPA	from 14 May 2007
Robert Brown	LD	24 May 2007 – 4 September 2008
Bruce Crawford	SNP	from 15 May 2007
David McLetchie	Con	from 10 May 2007
Michael McMahon	Lab	from 14 April 2008
Mike Rumbles	LD	from 4 September 2008

## 1.5 Oaths and affirmations 9 May 2007 – 8 May 2009

### Oaths and Affirmations

#### By Gender

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	49	37	86
Female	27	18	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>131</b>

#### By Party

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	17	0	17
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Scottish Labour	32	14	46
Scottish Liberal Democrats	11	5	16
Scottish National Party	15	34	49
Independent	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>131</b>

#### MSPs who repeated the oath or affirmation in another language

	Gaelic	Doric	Urdu	Scots
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	0	0
Scottish National Party	4	3	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

## 1.6 Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament

The following 68 Cross-Party Groups we all approved in Session 3.

10 Cross-Party Groups were established for the first time in the second year of Session 3 and 1 Cross-Party Group changed name.

Cross Party Group in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Alzheimer's Disease	
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 Asylum Seekers and Refugees	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Beer and the Brewing Industry	27/01/09
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cancer	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Carers	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Children and Young People	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on China	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Chronic Pain	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Civil Nuclear Energy	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Climate Change	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Coeliac Disease and DH	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Construction	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Co-operatives	28/10/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke <sup>1</sup>	28/10/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Credit Unions	28/04/09
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 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	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Epilepsy	
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	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Glasgow Crossrail	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Golf	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Housing	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Human Rights and Civil Liberties	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on International Development	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Learning Disability	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Life Sciences	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Malawi	

<sup>1</sup> Name changed to Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Heart Disease and Stroke on 31 March 2009.

Cross Party Group in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Start Date
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on M.E. (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis)	
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 Obesity	
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 Racial Equality in Scotland	24/06/09
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Russia	13/05/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Science and Technology	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scots Language	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Contemporary Music	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Economy	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Scottish Universities	28/04/09
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sexual Health	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Skills	24/06/09
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sports	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Supporting Veterans in Scotland	02/09/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tackling Debt	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Tartan Day	
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 Town and City Centre Development	28/04/09
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Wastes Management	

## 2. Plenary meetings

### 2.1 Calendar

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Wed 14 May 2008	14:30	17:45			3	15
Thurs 15 May 2008	09:15	12:33	14:15	17:43	6	46
Wed 21 May 2008	14:30	17:42			3	12
Thurs 22 May 2008	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:34	6	35
Wed 28 May 2008	14:30	18:07			3	37
Thurs 29 May 2008	09:15	11:38	11:40	12:31	3	14
Thurs 29 May 2008 cont.			14:15	17:45	3	30
<b>Total from 14 May 2008</b>					<b>30</b>	<b>09</b>
Wed 4 June 2008	14:30	18:00			3	30
Thurs 5 June 2008	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:53	6	54
Wed 11 June 2008	14:30	17:46			3	16
Thurs 12 June 2008	09:15	13:09	14:15	16:55	6	34
Thurs 12 June 2008 cont.			17:00	17:55	0	55
Wed 18 June 2008	14:00	18:29			4	29
Thurs 19 June 2008	09:15	12:32	14:15	17:39	6	41
Wed 25 June 2008	14:00	18:11			4	11
Thurs 26 June 2008	09:00	13:10	14:15	15:00	3	55
<b>Total June 2008</b>					<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>
Wed 3 September 2008	09:30	12:30	14:30	17:39	6	09
Thurs 4 September 2008	09:00	12:30	14:15	17:37	6	52
Wed 10 September 2008	14:00	17:34			3	34
Thurs 11 September 2008	09:15	11:38	11:40	12:32	3	15
Thurs 11 September 2008 cont.			14:15	17:55	3	40
Wed 17 September 2008	14:00	17:44			3	44
Thurs 18 September 2008	09:15	12:41	14:15	17:41	6	52
Wed 24 September 2008	14:30	17:42			3	12
Thurs 25 September 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	15:32	4	32
Thurs 25 September 2008 cont.			15:37	16:53	1	16
Thurs 25 September 2008 cont.			17:00	17:43	0	43
<b>Total September 2008</b>					<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>
Wed 1 October 2008	14:15	17:35			3	20
Thurs 2 October 2008	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:40	6	41
Wed 8 October 2008	14:30	17:33			3	03
Thurs 9 October 2008	09:15	12:31	14:15	16:51	5	52
Thurs 9 October 2008 cont.			17:00	17:33	0	33
Wed 29 October 2008	14:30	17:38			3	08
Thu 30 October 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	17:38	6	38
<b>Total October 2008</b>					<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>
Wed 5 November 2008	14:30	17:35			3	05
Thurs 6 November 2008	09:15	12:32	14:15	16:51	5	53
Thurs 6 November 2008 cont.			17:00	17:38	0	38
Wed 12 November 2008	14:00	17:42			3	42



Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Thurs 13 November 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	17:37	6	37
Wed 19 November 2008	14:30	17:38			3	08
Thurs 20 November 2008	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:56	6	57
Wed 26 November 2008	14:00	17:44			3	44
Thurs 27 November 2008	09:15	12:34	14:15	16:55	5	59
Thurs 27 November 2008 cont.			17:00	17:42	0	42
<b>Total November 2008</b>					<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>
Wed 3 December 2008	14:30	17:37			3	07
Thurs 4 December 2008	09:15	12:33	14:15	17:49	6	52
Wed 10 December 2008	14:00	17:47			3	47
Thurs 11 December 2008	09:15	12:33	14:15	17:36	6	39
Wed 17 December 2008	14:30	17:45			3	15
Thurs 18 December 2008	09:15	13:24	14:15	16:59	6	53
Thurs 18 December 2008 cont.			17:00	17:04	0	04
<b>Total December 2008</b>					<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>
Wed 7 January 2009	14:30	17:57			3	27
Thurs 8 January 2009	09:15	12:31	14:15	18:01	7	02
Wed 14 January 2009	14:30	17:36			3	06
Thurs 15 January 2009	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:58	6	59
Wed 21 January 2009	14:30	17:40			3	10
Thurs 22 January 2009	09:15	12:30	14:15	17:35	6	35
Wed 28 January 2009	14:30	17:29			2	59
Thurs 29 January 2009	09:15	11:37	11:40	12:30	3	12
Thurs 29 January 2009 cont.			14:15	17:44	3	29
<b>Total January 2009</b>					<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>
Wed 4 February 2009	14:30	17:47			3	17
Thurs 5 February 2009	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:36	6	37
Wed 11 February 2009	14:30	17:39			3	09
Thurs 12 February 2009	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:37	6	38
Wed 25 February 2009	14:00	17:40			3	40
Thurs 26 February 2009	09:00	12:30	14:15	17:42	6	57
<b>Total February 2009</b>					<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>
Wed 4 March 2009	14:30	17:33			3	03
Thurs 5 March 2009	09:15	12:32	14:15	16:57	6	01
Thurs 5 March 2009 cont.			16:59	17:42	0	43
Wed 11 March 2009	14:30	17:38			3	08
Thurs 12 March 2009	09:15	12:30	14:15	15:10	4	10
Thurs 12 March 2009 cont.			15:15	16:59	1	44
Thurs 12 March 2009 cont.			17:00	17:46	0	46
Wed 18 March 2009	14:15	17:48			3	33
Thurs 19 March 2009	09:15	11:38	11:39	12:33	3	17
Thurs 19 March 2009 cont.			14:15	16:59	2	44
Thurs 19 March 2009 cont.			17:00	17:55	0	55
Wed 25 March 2009	14:30	17:36			3	06
Thurs 26 March 2009	09:15	12:29	14:15	17:43	6	42
<b>Total March 2009</b>					<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>
Wed 1 April 2009	14:30	17:33			3	03

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
					Hrs	Mins
Thurs 2 April 2009	09:00	11:35	11:40	12:20	3	15
Thurs 2 April 2009 cont.			14:15	17:42	3	27
Wed 22 April 2009	14:30	17:13			2	43
Thurs 23 April 2009	09:15	12:31	14:15	16:59	6	0
Thurs 23 April 2009 cont.			17:00	17:38	0	38
Wed 29 April 2009	14:30	17:54			3	24
Thu 30 April 2009	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:38	6	39
<b>Total April 2009</b>					<b>29</b>	<b>09</b>
Wed 6 May 2009	14:30	17:54			3	24
Thurs 7 May 2009	09:15	12:37	14:15	17:58	7	05
<b>Total to 8 May 2009</b>					<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Parliamentary Year Total</b>					<b>364</b>	<b>27</b>

## 2.2 Recess Dates

Start	End
28 June 2008	31 August 2008
11 October 2008	26 October 2008
20 December 2008	4 January 2009
14 February 2009	22 February 2009
4 April 2009	19 April 2009

## 2.3. Place of Meeting

All the meetings of the Parliament took place in the Debating Chamber, Scottish Parliament.

# 3. Plenary Business

## 3.1 Division of Time on Parliamentary Business

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
<b>Bills</b>			
Executive Bills			
Stage 1	10	20	49
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	5	5	43
Business Motions	13	0	08
Financial Resolutions	6	0	06
Motion to pass	4	4	26
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Executive Bills</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>
Emergency Bills			
Stage 1	1	0	01
Stage 2	1	0	01
Stage 3	0	0	00
Motion to pass	1	2	22
Financial Resolution	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Emergency Bills</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>
Members Bills			
Stage 1	3	5	18
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	2	2	14
Financial Resolutions	1	0	01
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Motion to pass	1	1	00
<b>Total time spent on Members Bills</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>
Committee Bills			
Stage 1	1	0	26
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	1	0	25
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Committee Bills</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>51</b>
Private Bills			
Preliminary Stage	0	0	00
Final Stage	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Private Bills</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>00</b>

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
<b>Statutory Instruments</b>			
Motion to approve (affirmative)	6	0	34
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on Statutory Instruments</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Other Motions relating to Legislation</b>			
Legislative Consent Memorandums	5	0	33
<b>Total time spent on other Motions</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Parliamentary Bureau Motions</b>			
Business motions (not including Bills)	35	1	19
Committee establishment and membership	3	0	03
Designation of lead committee	6	0	12
Decision Time	71	5	54
Suspension of Standing Orders	6	0	05
<b>Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Motions for debate</b>			
Scottish Executive	42	96	50
Labour	13	30	47
Conservative	4	9	37
Liberal Democrats	4	9	39
Green	1	2	09
Margo MacDonald	1	2	25
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	9	13	43
Members' Business	72	44	04
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	2	0	30
Selection Panel	2	0	21
<b>Total time spent on Motions</b>		<b>210</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Debate without motion</b>			
Scottish Executive	5	11	30
Labour	0	0	00
Conservative	0	0	00
Liberal Democrats	0	0	00
Green	0	0	00
Margo MacDonald	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on debate without motion</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Oral Questions</b>			
Scottish Executive	37	36	48
First Minister	37	19	22
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	2	0	19
Emergency	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on questions</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>29</b>

Type of business	Number of meetings or parts of meetings	Hrs	Min
<b>Statements</b>			
Scottish Executive	35	29	49
Presiding Officer	4	0	06
<b>Total time spent on statements</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Other matters</b>			
Points of order	29	1	32
Time for Reflection	36	2	18
Motion without notice	6	0	04
Motion of condolence	1	0	20
Oaths and Affirmations	1	0	01
Elections/Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	1	0	29
One minute's silence	0	0	00
<b>Total time spent on other matters</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total time spent during the parliamentary year</b>		<b>364</b>	<b>27</b>

### 3.2 Time for Reflection

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
Christian	4	0	4
Church of Scotland	10	0	10
Humanist	0	1	1
Hindu	1	0	1
Jewish	1	1	2
Muslim Community	2	0	2
Other Religion	1	0	1
Roman Catholic Church	7	2	9
Scottish Episcopal Church	1	0	1
United Reformed Church	1	0	1
No Religion	4	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>

### 3.3 Parliamentary Questions

#### General and themed oral questions

Themed oral questions were answered in a running rota of themes:

Week 1: Health and Wellbeing

Week 2: Rural Affairs and the Environment; Justice and Law Officers

Week 3: Finance and Sustainable Growth

Week 4: Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

Week 5: Health and Wellbeing

Week 6: Justice and Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment

Week 7: Finance and Sustainable Growth

Week 8: Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning

**3.3.1 (a) (i) General oral questions lodged**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	April 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	90	119	0	0	114	84	111	85	121	89	111	89	30	<b>1043</b>
Lab	126	168	0	0	159	123	164	123	164	123	163	123	41	<b>1477</b>
Con	44	51	0	0	58	41	52	38	56	41	51	34	14	<b>480</b>
LD	45	60	0	0	57	41	44	45	60	45	60	45	15	<b>517</b>
Green	6	6	0	0	6	5	4	6	6	6	6	6	2	<b>59</b>
Ind	1	3	0	0	2	3	2	2	4	1	2	3	1	<b>24</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3600</b>

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

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	4	9	0	0	15	7	13	8	11	10	15	10	4	<b>106</b>
Lab	11	19	0	0	15	13	15	9	9	13	12	14	6	<b>136</b>
Con	5	3	0	0	5	5	8	5	10	1	5	2	0	<b>49</b>
LD	8	4	0	0	5	3	2	7	9	3	6	3	0	<b>50</b>
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	<b>4</b>
Ind	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>349</b>

**3.3.1 (b) (i) Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture oral questions lodged**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	30	30	0	0	28	27	28	0	30	31	28	29	0	<b>261</b>
Lab	42	42	0	0	38	41	41	41	41	41	40	41	0	<b>408</b>
Con	15	13	0	0	14	15	13	0	13	13	12	12	15	<b>135</b>
LD	15	15	0	0	14	13	15	0	15	15	15	15	0	<b>132</b>
Green	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	<b>15</b>
Ind	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>957</b>

## 3.3.1 (b) (ii) Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture oral questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	0	2	0	0	2	2	3	0	2	2	4	4	0	21
Lab	6	5	0	0	2	7	5	4	4	5	1	4	0	43
Con	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	10
LD	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	15
Green	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>

## 3.3.1 (c) (i) Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning oral questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	30	30	0	0	28	27	28	0	30	31	28	28	0	260
Lab	42	42	0	0	38	41	41	0	41	41	40	41	0	367
Con	15	13	0	0	14	15	13	0	13	13	12	12	0	120
LD	15	15	0	0	14	13	15	0	15	15	15	15	0	132
Green	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	15
Ind	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>901</b>

## 3.3.1 (c) (ii) Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning oral questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	16
Lab	6	4	0	0	3	3	6	0	5	4	6	5	0	42
Con	0	2	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	13
LD	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	11
Green	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Ind	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87</b>

**3.3.1 (d) (i) Finance and Sustainable Growth oral questions lodged**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	30	29	0	0	29	30	28	29	31	0	26	28	0	260
Lab	42	42	0	0	39	41	41	41	41	0	41	41	0	369
Con	14	14	0	0	15	15	12	13	14	0	13	12	0	122
LD	15	15	0	0	14	14	15	15	15	0	15	15	0	133
Green	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	12
Ind	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>903</b>

**3.3.1 (d) (ii) Finance and Sustainable Growth oral questions selected**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	March 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	7	6	0	0	7	7	3	6	4	0	3	4	0	47
Lab	12	7	0	0	4	8	8	9	9	0	8	9	0	74
Con	0	4	0	0	5	2	2	2	4	0	4	0	0	23
LD	0	2	0	0	4	2	6	3	3	0	5	5	0	30
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177</b>

**3.3.1. (e) (i) Health and Wellbeing oral questions lodged**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	30	30	0	0	27	0	27	27	30	31	28	31	0	261
Lab	43	42	0	0	40	0	41	41	41	41	41	41	0	371
Con	15	11	0	0	16	0	13	11	14	11	14	11	0	116
LD	15	15	0	0	14	0	0	15	15	15	15	15	0	119
Green	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	14
Ind	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>886</b>



**3.3.1. (e) (ii) Health and Wellbeing oral questions selected**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	1	3	0	0	4	0	11	2	2	5	11	3	0	42
Lab	6	9	0	0	9	0	8	10	13	5	4	7	0	71
Con	4	1	0	0	5	0	1	2	4	5	0	4	0	26
LD	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	4	3	5	0	26
Green	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	7
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>171</b>

**3.3.1. (f) (i) Justice and Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment oral questions lodged**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	0	30	0	0	30	27	28	29	30	27	28	0	30	259
Lab	0	42	0	0	42	41	41	41	41	41	41	0	41	371
Con	0	14	0	0	13	14	14	13	15	14	12	0	14	123
LD	0	15	0	0	15	14	14	15	15	15	15	0	15	133
Green	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	14
Ind	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>907</b>

**3.3.1. (f) (ii) Justice and Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment oral questions selected**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	0	1	0	0	5	4	2	3	4	3	5	0	0	27
Lab	0	4	0	0	2	2	6	5	2	1	2	0	3	27
Con	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	3	2	0	0	3	15
LD	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	3	4	0	2	16
Green	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>

**3.3.1 (g) (i) Rural Affairs and the Environment; Justice and Law Officers oral questions lodged**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	0	30	0	0	30	27	28	29	30	27	28	0	30	<b>259</b>
Lab	0	42	0	0	42	41	41	41	41	41	41	0	41	<b>371</b>
Con	0	13	0	0	13	14	14	13	15	14	12	0	14	<b>122</b>
LD	0	15	0	0	15	14	14	15	15	15	15	0	15	<b>133</b>
Green	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	<b>12</b>
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>901</b>

**3.3.1 (g) (ii) Rural Affairs and the Environment; Justice and Law Officers oral questions selected**

Party	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
SNP	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	4	3	2	2	0	2	<b>20</b>
Lab	0	8	0	0	5	6	4	4	4	5	3	0	6	<b>45</b>
Con	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	5	0	1	<b>11</b>
LD	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	1	<b>14</b>
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>91</b>

The total number of oral questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **9055**

The total number of oral questions selected during the parliamentary year was **1058**

**3.3.2 (a) SPCB questions lodged**

Party	From 9 May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To 8 May 09	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

The total number of SPCB questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **11**

**3.3.2 (b) SPCB questions selected**

Party	From 9 May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To 8 May 09	Total
SNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Con	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Ind	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

The total number of SPCB questions selected during the parliamentary year was **11**

### 3.3.3 Emergency questions

No emergency questions were lodged during the parliamentary year.

### 3.3.4 First Minister's questions

Party	From 9 May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To 8 May 09	Total
SNP	25	37	0	0	37	24	27	25	37	29	37	25	3	<b>306</b>
Lab	22	25	0	0	29	23	26	26	20	14	21	14	4	<b>224</b>
Con	17	24	0	0	19	22	21	15	19	16	22	11	4	<b>190</b>
LD	12	19	0	0	13	12	19	13	21	13	18	13	5	<b>158</b>
Green	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	0	2	1	1	<b>14</b>
Ind	3	4	0	0	4	3	3	1	4	2	4	3	0	<b>31</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>923</b>

The total number of First Minister's questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **923**

### 3.3.5 Written questions

Party	From 9 May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To 8 May 09	Total
SNP	136	115	38	35	125	95	98	92	87	154	105	60	44	<b>1184</b>
Lab	582	622	291	422	388	496	642	705	639	721	699	621	157	<b>6985</b>
Con	85	104	82	58	119	111	113	95	140	151	200	113	36	<b>1407</b>
LD	127	214	92	49	132	106	94	106	156	187	122	156	86	<b>1627</b>
Green	11	18	19	14	12	6	8	5	9	4	0	42	44	<b>192</b>
Ind	0	2	1	0	12	5	0	1	3	0	4	2	0	<b>30</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>1217</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>11426</b>

The total number of written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **11426**

### 3.4 Motions

#### 3.4.1 Motions lodged by party or on behalf of bodies by party members

Party or on behalf of bodies	From 9 May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To 8 May 09	Total
SNP	71	132	31	51	80	82	79	93	101	119	120	77	28	<b>1064</b>
Lab	61	79	22	30	52	57	58	44	59	72	75	86	21	<b>716</b>
Con	18	35	3	5	14	16	20	12	19	13	24	15	3	<b>197</b>
LD	28	29	11	10	25	26	14	14	33	20	28	23	11	<b>272</b>
Green	5	4	5	5	5	3	15	2	5	11	10	8	3	<b>81</b>
Ind	1	4	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	<b>11</b>
Committee	2	5	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	5	0	0	<b>18</b>
Parliamentary Bureau	8	19	0	4	17	13	22	11	16	17	42	10	4	<b>183</b>
SPCB	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Lord Advocate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Solicitor General	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2546</b>

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **2546**

Motions lodged by the SNP include motions lodged by Government Ministers.  
 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 Minister for Parliamentary Business.  
 SPCB motions are lodged on behalf of the Corporate Body by a member of the SPCB.

#### 3.4.2 Motions without notice

Reason	Agreed	Disagreed	Total
To extend debate	5	0	5
Motion of condolence	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

#### 3.4.3 Motions to suspend Standing Orders

There were 6 motions to suspend Standing Orders during the parliamentary year:

- S3M-2272, agreed to on 26 June 2008
- S3M-2958, agreed to on 16 November 2008
- S3M-3117, agreed to on 17 December 2008
- S3M-3337, agreed to on 29 January 2009
- S3M-3379, agreed to on 4 February 2009
- S3M-4000, agreed to on 29 April 2009

### 3.4.4 Members' business motions

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

Party	Female	Male	Total
SNP	21	35	56
Lab	29	23	52
Con	5	13	18
LD	1	9	10
Green	0	1	1
Ind	2	n/a	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>139</b>

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

Party	Female	Male	Total
SNP	5	21	26
Lab	12	14	26
Con	4	6	10
LD	1	8	9
Green	0	1	1
Ind	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>72</b>

### 3.4.5 Legislative Consent Memorandums and Motions

Legislative Consent Memorandums published	Supplementary memorandums published	Legislative Consent Motions lodged	Legislative Consent Motions passed
8	2	7	7

### 3.5 Ministerial Statements

Minister/Law Officer making the statement	2008 - 2009
First Minister	5
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	11
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	3
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	7
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	2
Minister for Children and Early Years	1
Minister for Communities and Sport	2
Minister for Community Safety	2
Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution	2
Minister for Environment	1
Minister for Public Health	2
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

### 3.6 Presiding Officer's Rulings on Points of Order

From 9 May 2008	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sept 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To 8 May 2009	Total
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4

### 3.7 Electronic Votes

From 9 May 2008	June 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	April 09	To 8 May 2009	Total
16	28	15	16	20	14	23	13	34	27	9	215

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 Individuals' membership of committees

Brian Adam	EET LGC(S)	Linda Fabiani	FI PA(S)
Bashir Ahmad	PE	Patricia Ferguson	EU LGC
Bill Aitken	J SPPB SL(S)	Ross Finnie	HS RSSB FI(S) SL(S)
Wendy Alexander	EET	Joe FitzPatrick	FI RSSB HS(S)
Alasdair Allan	LGC TIC(S)	George Foulkes	AU PA EET(S)
Jackie Baillie	HS FI SL EO(S)	Murdo Fraser	AU PA FI(S)
	EU(S)	Kenneth Gibson	ELLC LGC FI(S)
Claire Baker	ELLC PE ELLC(S)	Rob Gibson	EET ELLC TIC
	PE(S)	Karen Gillon	RAE
Richard Baker	EO TIC(S)	Marlyn Glen	EO PE SPPA J(S)
Ted Brocklebank	EU ELLC(S)	Trish Godman	RSSB SPPA(S)
Gavin Brown	EET TIC(S)	Charlie Gordon	AU EU TIC
Keith Brown	EU SPPA SPPB	Christine Grahame	HS
	EU(S)	Rhoda Grant	HS PE LGC(S) RAE(S)
Robert Brown	J SPPA LGC(S)	Robin Harper	PE
Derek Brownlee	FI AU(S) PA(S)	Christopher Harvie	EET SL(S)
Bill Butler	J PE	Patrick Harvie	TIC
Aileen Campbell	ELLC SPPA J(S)	Hugh Henry	AU PA
Jackson Carlaw	SL RSSB EU(S)	Jamie Hepburn	EU RAE RSSB EO(S)
Malcolm Chisholm	EO EU SL		RAE(S)
Willie Coffey	AU EO PA EO(S)	Jim Hume	AU EU PE(S) RAE(S)
Angela Constance	J PE	Alex Johnstone	TIC EET(S)
Cathie Craigie	AU J PA SPPA	James Kelly	FI AU(S) PA(S)
Roseanna Cunningham	RAE FI(S)	Bill Kidd	EO ELLC(S) RAE(S)
Nigel Don	J PE EET(S)	Johann Lamont	LGC RSSB EO(S)
Bob Doris	LGC SL PE(S)	John Lamont	J(S)
Helen Eadie	HS SL	Marilyn Livingstone	EET SPPA PE(S)



Lewis Macdonald	EET FI(S)	Peter Peacock	RAE SPPA SPPS
Ken Macintosh	ELLC EU(S)		FI(S)
Paul Martin	J LGC(S)	Cathy Peattie	TIC ELLC(S)
Tricia Marwick	LGC(S)	Mike Pringle	J(S)
Michael Matheson	HS EU	Jeremy Purvis	ELLC FI EET(S)
Stewart Maxwell	J		EU(S)
Liam McArthur	FI RAE EET(S) FI(S)	Mike Rumbles	RAE SPPA(S)
Frank McAveety	PE HS(S)	Mary Scanlon	HS EO(S)
Tom McCabe	FI SL	John Scott	RAE PE(S)
Jamie McGrigor	SPPA HS(S) PE(S)	Tavish Scott	EET TIC(S)
Alison McInnes	TIC LGC(S) SPPA(S)	Richard Simpson	HS J(S)
Ian McKee	HS SL	Elaine Smith	EO SLC(S)
Christina McKelvie	ELLC SPPA PE(S)	Elizabeth Smith	ELLC SPPA(S)
Anne McLaughlin	PA PE	Iain Smith	EET EU AU(S) EU(S)
David McLetchie	LGC SPPS	Margaret Smith	ELLC J EO(S) SL(S)
Stuart McMillan	AU EET J PA	Shirley-Anne Somerville	TIC ELLC(S) EO(S)
Duncan McNeil	LGC	Nicol Stephen	AU PA SPPB PE(S)
Des McNulty	PE SPPA RAE(S)	David Stewart	SPPB TIC RAE(S)
Margaret Mitchell	EO LGC(S)		TIC(S)
Alasdair Morgan	EU RAE SPPS PPA(S)	Jamie Stone	SL HS(S)
Mary Mulligan	ELLC LGC SPPA(S)	Dave Thompson	EET SPPA
John Farquhar Munro	PE AU(S) PA(S)	Jim Tolson	LGC EO(S) TIC(S)
	RAE(S)	Maureen Watt	RAE
Elaine Murray	FI RAE	Andrew Welsh	AU FI PA
Alex Neil	EU FI	Sandra White	EO EU AU(S) PA(S)
Hugh O'Donnell	EO SPPA SPPS	Karen Whitefield	ELLC
	ELLC(S)	David Whitton	EET FI EET(S)
Irene Oldfather	EU HS(S)	Bill Wilson	EO RAE
John Park	SL EO(S)	John Wilson	J PE LGC PE(S)
Gil Paterson	EU SL SPPA EU(S)		

Member of only 1 Committee	37
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	29
Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	1
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	70
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	16
Member of 3 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	1
Substitute Committee Member only	8

#### 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	8
Deputy Conveners	19	7

	Lab	SNP	LD	Con	Green	Ind	NPA
Conveners	9	8	3	2	1	0	
Deputy Conveners	10	11	2	3	0	0	0

These tables are running totals for the parliamentary year.

#### 4.2 Committee Meetings

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

	From 9 May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To 8 May 09	Total
AU	2	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10
EET	3	3	0	0	3	2	3	1	3	3	5	2	1	29
ELLC	3	4	0	0	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	1	33
EO	1	2	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	18
EU	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	1	0	18
FI	3	3	0	0	4	2	4	2	2	3	3	2	1	29
HS	2	4	0	0	3	3	4	1	3	3	4	3	1	31
J	2	5	0	0	4	3	4	2	4	2	5	1	1	33
LGC	3	4	0	0	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	1	33
PA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	2	2	2	1	10
PE	3	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	20
RAE	2	2	0	0	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	0	27
RSSB	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	10
SL	3	4	0	0	5	2	3	3	4	3	5	2	1	35
SPPA	1	5	1	0	4	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	20
SPPB	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
SPPS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
TIC	2	4	0	0	2	2	4	2	4	3	3	1	1	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>387</b>

#### 4.2.2 The total time spent in committee meetings, plus the division between public and private time

	From 9 May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	To May 8 09	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
AU Public	02 45	01 28	00 00	00 00	02 03	04 49	02 13	02 01	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15 19
AU Private	00 43	00 13	00 00	00 00	01 10	00 59	01 57	01 00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	06 02
<b>AU Total</b>	<b>03 28</b>	<b>01 41</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>03 13</b>	<b>05 48</b>	<b>04 10</b>	<b>03 01</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>21 21</b>
EET Public	07 40	00 32	00 00	00 00	07 32	05 10	07 22	03 16	07 25	08 41	10 47	06 56	01 46	67 07
EET Private	01 03	06 33	00 00	00 00	00 13	00 00	02 08	00 00	00 56	00 41	02 00	00 11	00 20	14 05
<b>EET Total</b>	<b>08 43</b>	<b>07 05</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>07 45</b>	<b>05 10</b>	<b>09 30</b>	<b>03 16</b>	<b>08 21</b>	<b>09 22</b>	<b>12 47</b>	<b>07 07</b>	<b>02 06</b>	<b>81 12</b>
EELC Public	06 49	10 32	00 00	00 00	08 18	05 30	05 14	07 35	06 41	05 31	02 42	06 08	02 18	67 18
EELC Private	04 17	00 26	00 00	00 00	00 30	01 03	03 23	00 11	01 18	00 27	00 29	00 00	00 21	12 25
<b>EELC Total</b>	<b>11 06</b>	<b>10 58</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>08 48</b>	<b>06 33</b>	<b>08 37</b>	<b>07 46</b>	<b>07 59</b>	<b>05 58</b>	<b>03 11</b>	<b>06 08</b>	<b>02 39</b>	<b>79 43</b>
EO Public	01 33	00 04	00 00	00 00	05 17	03 28	02 29	02 41	00 30	03 26	03 41	02 38	02 30	28 17
EO Private	00 57	01 23	00 00	00 00	01 14	00 00	01 42	01 06	00 43	00 50	00 47	00 00	00 05	08 47
<b>EO Total</b>	<b>02 30</b>	<b>01 27</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>06 31</b>	<b>03 28</b>	<b>04 11</b>	<b>03 47</b>	<b>01 13</b>	<b>04 16</b>	<b>04 28</b>	<b>02 38</b>	<b>02 35</b>	<b>37 04</b>
EU Public	04 04	03 29	00 00	00 00	02 41	01 10	01 12	03 02	01 44	00 45	03 58	01 50	00 00	23 55
EU Private	00 03	00 24	00 00	00 00	00 04	00 15	00 51	00 33	01 11	00 37	00 54	00 33	00 00	05 25
<b>EU Total</b>	<b>04 07</b>	<b>03 53</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>02 45</b>	<b>01 25</b>	<b>02 03</b>	<b>03 35</b>	<b>02 55</b>	<b>01 22</b>	<b>04 52</b>	<b>02 23</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>29 20</b>
FI Public	05 30	03 48	00 00	00 00	02 00	03 18	08 31	05 10	00 43	02 31	02 09	05 53	00 00	39 33
FI Private	01 25	00 48	00 00	00 00	04 16	00 47	06 40	01 20	01 17	01 13	01 23	00 09	00 00	19 18
<b>FI Total</b>	<b>06 55</b>	<b>04 36</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>06 16</b>	<b>04 05</b>	<b>15 11</b>	<b>06 30</b>	<b>02 00</b>	<b>03 44</b>	<b>03 32</b>	<b>06 02</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>58 51</b>
HS Public	03 34	06 35	00 00	00 00	05 02	02 14	06 40	00 16	05 55	04 19	05 34	04 03	01 20	45 32
HS Private	01 05	00 20	00 00	00 00	00 41	02 58	02 58	03 22	00 26	01 41	04 11	03 12	01 35	22 29
<b>HS Total</b>	<b>04 39</b>	<b>06 55</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>05 43</b>	<b>05 12</b>	<b>09 38</b>	<b>03 38</b>	<b>06 21</b>	<b>06 00</b>	<b>09 45</b>	<b>07 15</b>	<b>02 55</b>	<b>68 01</b>
J Public	05 20	10 12	00 00	00 00	07 54	03 49	10 30	00 56	04 58	02 39	03 42	00 32	02 06	50 58
J Private	00 01	00 42	00 00	00 00	02 41	02 21	02 29	02 42	04 42	00 59	02 50	00 05	00 20	21 32
<b>J Total</b>	<b>05 21</b>	<b>10 54</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>10 35</b>	<b>06 10</b>	<b>12 59</b>	<b>03 38</b>	<b>09 40</b>	<b>03 38</b>	<b>06 32</b>	<b>00 37</b>	<b>02 26</b>	<b>72 30</b>
LGC Public	04 48	07 05	00 00	00 00	06 20	06 48	08 40	03 00	05 24	04 20	09 14	03 47	00 00	59 26
LGC Private	01 43	01 41	00 00	00 00	01 00	00 51	03 39	01 09	01 29	01 21	01 25	01 48	02 20	18 26
<b>LGC Total</b>	<b>06 31</b>	<b>08 46</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>07 20</b>	<b>07 39</b>	<b>12 19</b>	<b>04 09</b>	<b>06 53</b>	<b>05 41</b>	<b>10 39</b>	<b>05 35</b>	<b>02 20</b>	<b>77 52</b>
PA Public	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 44	04 45	02 19	05 01	01 20	00 00	14 09
PA Private	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	01 02	00 56	02 14	01 14	03 34	00 00	09 00
<b>PA Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>01 46</b>	<b>05 41</b>	<b>04 33</b>	<b>06 15</b>	<b>04 54</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>23 09</b>
PE Public	06 28	02 51	00 00	00 00	05 43	03 07	04 43	05 06	06 26	02 46	08 33	02 49	02 24	50 56
PE Private	00 00	02 46	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 20	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	03 06
<b>PE Total</b>	<b>06 28</b>	<b>05 37</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>05 43</b>	<b>03 07</b>	<b>05 03</b>	<b>05 06</b>	<b>06 26</b>	<b>02 46</b>	<b>08 33</b>	<b>02 49</b>	<b>02 24</b>	<b>54 02</b>

	<b>From 9 May 08</b>	<b>Jun 08</b>	<b>Jul 08</b>	<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>Oct 08</b>	<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>Dec 08</b>	<b>Jan 09</b>	<b>Feb 09</b>	<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>To May 8 09</b>	<b>Total</b>
	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
RAE Public	04 00	03 26	00 00	00 00	07 28	05 46	05 01	03 57	02 00	04 36	05 08	03 29	00 00	44 51
RAE Private	00 49	00 45	00 00	00 00	01 04	01 35	02 09	01 40	05 36	02 53	02 34	03 04	00 00	22 09
<b>RAE Total</b>	<b>04 49</b>	<b>04 11</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>08 32</b>	<b>07 21</b>	<b>07 10</b>	<b>05 37</b>	<b>07 36</b>	<b>07 29</b>	<b>07 42</b>	<b>06 33</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>67 00</b>
RSSB Public	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 03	01 39	02 51	04 25	01 03	00 01	00 00	10 02
RSSB Private	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 28	00 32	00 41	01 22	04 24	02 47	02 50	13 04
<b>RSSB Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>00 31</b>	<b>02 11</b>	<b>03 32</b>	<b>05 47</b>	<b>05 27</b>	<b>02 48</b>	<b>02 50</b>	<b>23 06</b>
SL Public	00 23	00 50	00 00	00 00	00 56	00 48	00 50	00 17	01 00	00 30	00 57	00 54	00 28	07 53
SL Private	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 49	00 47	00 25	00 02	00 03	00 14	00 14	00 17	02 51
<b>SL Total</b>	<b>00 23</b>	<b>00 50</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 56</b>	<b>01 37</b>	<b>01 37</b>	<b>00 42</b>	<b>01 02</b>	<b>00 33</b>	<b>01 11</b>	<b>01 08</b>	<b>00 45</b>	<b>10 44</b>
SPPA Public	00 07	00 58	00 00	00 00	01 14	00 08	00 11	00 39	00 12	00 01	00 01	00 07	00 00	03 38
SPPA Private	01 35	07 45	02 41	00 00	05 37	00 59	01 33	01 06	02 06	01 55	01 35	02 35	00 00	29 27
<b>SPPA Total</b>	<b>01 42</b>	<b>08 43</b>	<b>02 41</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>06 51</b>	<b>01 07</b>	<b>01 44</b>	<b>01 45</b>	<b>02 18</b>	<b>01 56</b>	<b>01 36</b>	<b>02 42</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>33 05</b>
SPPB Public	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 00	00 00	00 00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 00
SPPB Private	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 00	00 17	00 00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 17
<b>SPPB Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 17</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>00 17</b>
SPPS Public	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	00 00
SPPS Private	02 45	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	02 45
<b>SPPS Total</b>	<b>02 45</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>02 45</b>
TIC Public	03 20	03 17	00 00	00 00	02 21	04 07	10 22	03 37	09 22	09 17	08 29	00 00	01 38	55 50
TIC Private	00 00	01 55	00 00	00 00	00 18	00 35	01 55	02 53	01 19	00 42	00 43	03 25	00 00	13 45
<b>TIC Total</b>	<b>03 20</b>	<b>05 12</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>02 39</b>	<b>04 42</b>	<b>12 17</b>	<b>06 30</b>	<b>10 41</b>	<b>09 59</b>	<b>09 12</b>	<b>03 25</b>	<b>01 38</b>	<b>69 35</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>72 47</b>	<b>80 48</b>	<b>02 41</b>	<b>00 00</b>	<b>83 37</b>	<b>63 24</b>	<b>107 00</b>	<b>63 14</b>	<b>82 38</b>	<b>73 04</b>	<b>95 42</b>	<b>62 04</b>	<b>22 38</b>	<b>786 28</b>

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

	From 9 May 08		Jun 08		Jul 08		Aug 08		Sep 08		Oct 08		Nov 08		Dec 08		Jan 09		Feb 09		Mar 09		Apr 09		To 8 May 09		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
<b>AU</b>	1	44	1	41	0	00	0	00	1	37	2	54	2	05	3	01	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	08		
<b>EET</b>	1	54	2	21	0	00	0	00	2	35	2	35	3	10	3	16	2	47	3	07	2	33	3	33	2	06	2	48
<b>ELLC</b>	3	42	2	44	0	00	0	00	2	12	2	11	2	52	2	35	2	40	1	59	0	48	3	04	2	39	2	25
<b>EO</b>	2	30	0	44	0	00	0	00	2	10	3	28	2	06	1	54	1	13	2	08	2	14	2	38	2	35	2	03
<b>EU</b>	2	03	1	56	0	00	0	00	1	22	1	25	1	01	1	48	1	28	1	22	1	37	2	23	0	00	1	37
<b>FI</b>	2	18	1	32	0	00	0	00	1	34	2	02	3	48	3	15	1	00	1	15	1	11	3	01	0	00	2	02
<b>HS</b>	2	20	1	44	0	00	0	00	1	54	1	44	2	25	3	38	2	07	2	00	2	26	2	25	1	35	2	12
<b>J</b>	2	41	2	11	0	00	0	00	2	39	2	03	3	15	1	49	2	25	1	49	1	18	0	37	2	26	2	12
<b>LGC</b>	2	10	2	12	0	00	0	00	2	27	2	33	3	05	1	23	2	18	5	41	2	40	1	52	2	20	2	26
<b>PA</b>	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	1	46	2	51	2	17	3	08	2	27	0	00	2	19	
<b>PE</b>	2	09	2	49	0	00	0	00	2	52	3	07	2	32	2	31	3	13	2	46	2	51	2	49	2	24	2	42
<b>RAE</b>	2	25	2	05	0	00	0	00	2	51	2	27	2	23	2	49	2	32	2	30	2	34	2	11	0	00	2	29
<b>RSSB</b>	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	31	2	11	3	32	2	54	2	44	1	24	2	50	2	19
<b>SL</b>	0	08	0	13	0	00	0	00	0	11	0	49	0	32	0	14	0	16	0	11	0	14	0	34	0	45	0	18
<b>SPPA</b>	1	42	1	45	2	41	0	00	1	43	1	07	1	44	1	45	1	09	1	56	0	48	2	42	0	00	1	39
<b>SPPB</b>	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	17	0	00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	17
<b>SPPS</b>	1	23	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	1	23
<b>TIC</b>	1	40	1	02	0	00	0	00	1	20	2	21	3	04	3	15	2	40	3	20	3	04	3	25	1	38	2	29
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>

## 4.3 Committees

### 4.3.1 Audit Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007 - 10 December 2008

**Remit:** 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.  
 (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.7)

On 11 December 2008 the name and remit changed from Audit Committee to Public Audit Committee.

**Convener:** Hugh Henry

**Deputy Convener:** Murdo Fraser

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 10 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	10
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)
Willie Coffey	SNP	10(10)
Cathie Craigie (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	5(5)
George Foulkes	Lab	9(10)
Murdo Fraser	Con	9(10)
Charlie Gordon (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	3(5)
Hugh Henry	Lab	10(10)
Jim Hume (until 2 September 2008)	LD	3(3)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	8(10)
Nicol Stephen (from 3 September 2008)	LD	6(7)
Andrew Welsh	SNP	10(10)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Derek Brownlee	Con	1
James Kelly	Lab	1
John Farquhar Munro (from 3 September 2008)	LD	0
Iain Smith (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Sandra White	SNP	1

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Tracey Reilly  
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Joanna Hardy  
 Assistant Clerk: Rebecca Lamb

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	0
Scottish Government officials	7
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	80
Representatives of local authorities	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	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)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent 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	Government response
3rd Report 2008: Annual Report 2007- 08	106	9 June 2008	n/a

### 4.3.2 Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on the Scottish economy, enterprise, energy, tourism and all other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth apart from those covered by the remits of the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change and the Local Government and Communities Committees.

**Convener:** Iain Smith (from 10 September 2008)  
Tavish Scott (until 2 September 2008)

**Deputy Convener:** Rob Gibson (from 10 September 2008)  
Brian Adam (until 26 June 2008)

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 29 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	29
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	17
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

#### Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Brian Adam (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	6(6)
Wendy Alexander (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	20(20)
Gavin Brown	Con	27(29)
Rob Gibson (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	23(23)
Christopher Harvie	SNP	27(29)
Marilyn Livingstone	Lab	26(29)
Lewis Macdonald	Lab	29(29)
Stuart McMillan (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	6(8)
Tavish Scott (until 2 September 2008)	LD	5(6)
Iain Smith (from 3 September 2008)	LD	21(23)
Dave Thompson (until 26 February 2009)	SNP	21(21)
David Whitton (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	9(9)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Nigel Don	SNP	2
George Foulkes (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0
Alex Johnstone	Con	1
Liam McArthur (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Jeremy Purvis (from 3 September 2008)	LD	1
David Whitton (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	2



**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Stephen Imrie

Senior Assistant Clerk: Katy Orr

Assistant Clerk: Gail Grant

**Advisers:** Mr Peter Wood: Budget Scrutiny for Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 2009-10

**Visits:** 12 fact finding visits:  
 2 for the Tourism Inquiry to England and Austria;  
 10 for the Energy Inquiry to Sweden, Germany, Orkney, Brussels, Dunblane, Dunbar, Kirkintilloch and Fife.

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	3
Scottish Government officials	37
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	76
Representatives of local authorities	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	1
Representatives of trade unions	9
Representatives of professional associations	24
Other categories of witnesses	51

**Business transacted:**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Energy Technologies Institute inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Arbitration (Scotland) Bill Climate Change (Scotland) Bill Scottish Register of Tartans Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	3	1 draft affirmative, 2 negatives: SSI 2008/246; SSI 2009/6
Petitions considered	2	PE837; PE969
Divisions held	8	12 November 2008: Budget process 2009-10 (Stage 2) amendments: 6 divisions 10 September 2008: Scottish Register of Tartans Bill - Stage 2 amendments: 1 and 2
Plenary debates	1	18 September 2008: motion S3M-2543

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
3rd Report 2009: Report on the Climate Change (Scotland) Bill	243	20 March 2009	No response
2nd Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	242	20 March 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Report on the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 2	204	3 February 2009	No response
7th Report 2008: Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Energy Bill (UK Parliament Legislation)	166	6 November 2008	No response
6th Report 2008: Growing Pains - can we achieve a 50% growth in tourist revenue by 2015?	141	10 July 2008	No response
5th Report: Report on the Energy Technologies Institute	140	1 July 2008	No response
4th Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	127	12 June 2008	n/a
3rd Report 2008: Report on the Legislative consent memorandum on the Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	117	9 June 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Register of Tartans Bill	115	6 June 2008	No response

### 4.3.3 Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on (a) further and higher education, lifelong learning, schools, pre-school care, skills and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; and (b) matters relating to culture and the arts falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution.  
(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 18 March 2009)

Previous Remit: To consider and report on (a) further and higher education, lifelong learning, schools, pre-school care, skills and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; and (b) matters relating to culture and the arts falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture.

**Convener:** Karen Whitefield

**Deputy Convener:** Rob Gibson (until 26 June 2008)  
Kenneth Gibson (from 2 September 2008)

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	16
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

#### Meetings attended:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Claire Baker (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	21(21)
Aileen Campbell	SNP	33(33)
Kenneth Gibson (from 26 June 2008)	Lab	24(26)
Rob Gibson (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	7(7)
Ken Macintosh	Lab	32(33)
Christina McKelvie	SNP	30(33)
Mary Mulligan (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	11(12)
Jeremy Purvis (until 2 September 2008)	LD	7(8)
Elizabeth Smith	Con	33(33)
Margaret Smith (from 3 September 2008)	LD	22(25)
Karen Whitefield	Lab	33(33)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claire Baker (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	2
Ted Brocklebank	Con	1
Bill Kidd (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	3
Hugh O'Donnell	LD	1
Cathy Peattie (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	0
Shirley-Anne Somerville (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Eugene Windsor  
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Nick Hawthorne  
 Assistant Clerk: Andrew Proudfoot (until December 2008)  
 Linda Smith (until March 2009)  
 Emma Berry (from April 2009)

**Advisers:** Mr Peter Cooper: Budget Scrutiny for Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee, 2009-10

**Visits:** 1 fact finding visit relating to prisoner education to Motherwell College, Motherwell

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	19
Scottish Government officials	47
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	24
Representatives of local authorities	13
Representatives of voluntary sector	4
Representatives of trade unions	5
Representatives of professional associations	12
Other categories of witnesses	17

**Business transacted:**

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	1	Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	2	Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Bill
Bills considered	3	Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Bill Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill Creative Scotland Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	30	8 draft affirmatives, 1 affirmative, 21 negatives: SSI 2008/163; SSI 2008/177; SSI 2008/178; SSI 2008/204; SSI 2008/205; SSI 2008/206; SSI 2008/212; SSI 2008/213; SSI 2008/214; SSI 2008/220; SSI 2008/227; SSI 2008/235; SSI 2008/303; SSI 2008/304; SSI 2008/305; SSI 2008/388; SSI 2009/4; SSI 2009/39; SSI 2009/40; SSI 2009/102; SSI 2009/118
Petitions considered	3	PE1022; PE1046; PE1213
Divisions held	32	29 April 2009: Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendments: 10, 12, 14, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 27, 28, 29, 33 25 March 2009: Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 amendment: 18 19 November 2008, motion: S3M-2765 - that the draft Provision of School Lunches (Disapplication of the Requirement to Charge) (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved 28 May 2008: Creative Scotland Bill draft Stage 1 Report: 18 divisions
Plenary debates	0	

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
3rd Report: Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and learning Bill (LCM (S3) 19.1)	234	12 March 2009	No Response
2nd Report: Stage 1 Report on the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill	209	10 February 2009	No Response
1st Report: Subordinate Legislation	197	22 January 2009	No Response
8th Report: Subordinate Legislation	178	3 December 2008	No Response
7th Report: Subordinate Legislation	173	20 November 2008	No Response
6th Report: Subordinate Legislation	136	24 June 2008	No Response
5th Report: Subordinate Legislation	131	12 June 2008	No Response
4th Report: Annual Report 2007-08	121	2 June 2008	n/a
3rd Report: Stage 1 Report on the Creative Scotland Bill	105	2 June 2008	No Response
2nd Report: Subordinate Legislation	100	22 May 2008	No Response

### 4.3.4 Equal Opportunities Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to equal opportunities and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament.  
(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.9)

**Convener:** Margaret Mitchell

**Deputy Convener:** Marlyn Glen (from 24 March 2009)  
Elaine Smith (until 20 March 2009)

**Membership:** The committee has 7 members.

**Meetings:** There were 18 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	18
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	11
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

#### Meetings attended:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Richard Baker (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	5(5)
Malcolm Chisholm (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	12(12)
Willie Coffey (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	4(4)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	18(18)
Bill Kidd	SNP	16(18)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	18(18)
Hugh O'Donnell	LD	15(18)
Elaine Smith	Lab	5(18)
Sandra White (until 26 February 2009)	SNP	12(12)
Bill Wilson	SNP	17(18)

<b>Substitute Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended</b>
Jackie Baillie (from 30 April 2009)	Lab	0
Willie Coffey	SNP	0
Jamie Hepburn (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	0
Johann Lamont (2 October 2008 - 29 April 2009)	Lab	4
John Park (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0
Mary Scanlon	Con	0
Margaret Smith (from 3 September 2008)	LD	0
Shirley-Anne Somerville (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	0
Jim Tolson (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0

<b>Reporters:</b>	0
<b>Clerking staff:</b>	
Clerk Team Leader:	Terry Shevlin
Assistant Clerk:	Roy McMahon (until September 2008) Joanne Clinton (from September 2008) Rebecca Lamb (from January 2009)
<b>Advisers:</b>	Dr Ailsa McKay: Budget Scrutiny for Equal Opportunities Committee, 2009-10
<b>Visits:</b>	0
<b>Events:</b>	0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	2
Scottish Government officials	7
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
UK Ministers	1
UK Government Officials	1
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	14
Representatives of local authorities	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	2
Other categories of witnesses	34

#### Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Female offenders in the criminal justice system Disability Inquiry
Consultations	1	Female offenders in the criminal justice system
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SI considered	0	
SSI considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	1	25 February 2009: motion S3M-03261

#### Reports

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
3rd Report: The Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill	187	18 December 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities: Review of Progress	130	17 June 2008	12 September 2008
1st Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	112	9 June 2008	n/a



### 4.3.5 European and External Relations Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** 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. (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.8).

**Convener:** Irene Oldfather (from 7 October 2008)  
Malcolm Chisholm (until 1 October 2008)

**Deputy Convener:** Michael Matheson (from 3 March 2009)  
Alex Neil (until 12 February 2009)

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 18 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	18
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)
Ted Brocklebank	Con	16(18)
Keith Brown (13 November 2008 - 16 February 2009)	SNP	6(6)
Malcolm Chisholm (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	6(6)
Patricia Ferguson	Lab	11(18)
Charlie Gordon (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	8(12)
Jamie Hepburn (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	13(15)
Jim Hume (from 3 September 2008)	LD	13(14)
Michael Matheson (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	4(4)
Alasdair Morgan (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	4(4)
Alex Neil (until 12 February 2009)	SNP	13(14)
Irene Oldfather	Lab	15(18)
Gil Paterson (until 12 November 2008)	SNP	7(8)
Iain Smith (until 2 September 2008)	LD	2(4)
Sandra White (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	3(4)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0
Keith Brown (until 12 November 2008)	SNP	2
Jackson Carlaw	Con	1
Ken Macintosh (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	0
Gil Paterson (from 13 November 2008)	SNP	0
Jeremy Purvis (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Iain Smith (from 3 September 2008)	LD	0

**Reporters:** Alasdair Morgan: Inquiry into International Development

**Clerking staff:**

Clerk Team Leader: Jim Johnston (until September 2008)  
 Lynn Tullis (from September 2008)  
 Simon Watkins (from September 2008)

Assistant Clerks: Ian Cox (until September 2008)  
 Lucy Scharbert  
 Lewis McNaughton (from September 2008 - February 2009)

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 3 fact finding visits:  
 1 committee visit to Brussels, Belgium; 1 EC-UK Meeting, Stormont Palace, Belfast; 1 fact finding visit to the Czech republic Parliament regarding the EU Presidency, Prague, Czech Republic.

**Events:** 1 Europe Day Conference, held in the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, 120 attendees

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	11
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	4
Representatives of public bodies	40
Representatives of local authorities	3
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	4
Other categories of witnesses	6

**Business transacted:**

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Inquiries	8	Inquiry into International Development Inquiry into the Service Directive EU Budget Review Enquiry Inquiry in the Scottish Government's China Plan Lisbon Strategy Inquiry Presidency of the EU Council The Impact of the Financial Crisis on EU support for Economic Developments EC Legislative Work Programme 2008-2009
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
2nd Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	123	10 June 2008	n/a
3rd Report 2008: Inquiry into International Development	134	20 June 2008	No response

### 4.3.6 Finance Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** 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.

(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.6)

**Convener:** Andrew Welsh

**Deputy Convener:** Jackie Baillie (from 7 Oct 2008)  
Elaine Murray (until 1 October 2008)

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 29 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held outside the Parliament in the County Buildings, Ayr.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	29
Meetings held wholly in private	4
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

#### Meetings attended:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Jackie Baillie (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	17(19)
Derek Brownlee	Con	28(29)
Linda Fabiani (from 12 February 2009)	SNP	6(7)
Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	28(29)
James Kelly	Lab	29(29)
Liam McArthur (until 2 September 2008)	LD	6(6)
Tom McCabe (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	7(10)
Elaine Murray (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	10(10)
Alex Neil (until 12 February 2009)	SNP	21(22)
Jeremy Purvis (from 3 September 2008)	LD	23(23)
Andrew Welsh	SNP	28(29)
David Whitton (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	19(19)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Roseanna Cunningham (until 11 February 2009)	SNP	1
Ross Finnie (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Murdo Fraser	Con	0
Kenneth Gibson (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	2
Lewis Macdonald (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	1
Liam McArthur (from 3 September 2008)	LD	0
Peter Peacock (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Susan Duffy (until December 2008)  
 Mark Brough (January 2009 – May 2009)  
 James Johnston (from May 2009)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Mark Brough (until December 2009)  
 Lewis McNaughton (from January 2009)

Assistant Clerk: Allan Campbell

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	9
Scottish Government officials	23
Members of the Scottish Parliament	6
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	21
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	47
Representatives of local authorities	10
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	9
Representatives of professional associations	13
Other categories of witnesses	22

**Business transacted:**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Inquiry into the methods of funding capital investment projects Inquiry to Review the Budget Process
Consultations	1	Strategic scrutiny of the Scottish Government's 2010-11 budget
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Bills considered	14	Arbitration (Scotland) Bill Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill Climate Change (Scotland) Bill Creative Scotland Bill Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Bill Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill Health Boards (Membership and Elections) (Scotland) Bill Marine (Scotland) Bill Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Bill Scottish Local Government (Elections) Bill Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SIIs considered	0	
SSIIs considered	5	3 draft affirmatives, 2 negatives: SSI 2008/291; SSI 2008/376
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	2	17 December 2008: motion S3M-03100 1 April 2009: motion S3M-03822

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
1st Report 2009: The draft Budget (Scotland) Acts 2007 and 2008 Amendment Order 2009	229	11 March 2009	No response
8th Report 2008: Inquiry into methods of funding capital investment projects	182	16 December 2008	16 February 2009
7th Report 2008: Report on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2009-10	179	10 December 2008	7 January 2009
6th Report 2008: The draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2008 Amendment Order 2008	175	1 December 2008	No response
5th Report 2008: The draft Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008	168	12 November 2008	No response
4th Report 2008: Report on the Financial Memorandum of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill	161	29 October 2008	No response
3rd Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	109	9 June 2008	n/a

### 4.3.7 Health and Sport Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on (a) health policy and the NHS in Scotland and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing; and (b) matters relating to sport falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Public Health and Sport. (As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 18 March 2009)

Previous Remit: To consider and report on (a) health policy and the NHS in Scotland and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing and (b) matters relating to sport falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities and Sport.

**Convener:** Christine Grahame

**Deputy Convener:** Ross Finnie

**Membership:** The committee has 9 members.

**Meetings:** There were 31 meetings in the parliamentary year. 2 meetings were held outside the Parliament: one at Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh and one at the University of Stirling.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	2

#### Meetings attended:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Jackie Baillie (2 October 2008-29 April 2009)	Lab	14 (19)
Helen Eadie	Lab	28(31)
Ross Finnie	LD	31(31)
Christine Grahame	SNP	31(31)
Rhoda Grant (until 1 October 2008), (from 30 April 2009)	Lab	9(9)
Michael Matheson	SNP	29(31)
Ian McKee	SNP	29(31)
Mary Scanlon	Con	30(31)
Richard Simpson	Lab	27(31)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	2
Frank McAveety (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	1
Jamie McGrigor	Con	0
Irene Oldfather (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0
Jamie Stone	LD	1

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Clerk Team Leader: Tracey White (until September 2008)  
Callum Thomson (from September 2008)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Douglas Thornton

Assistant Clerk: David Slater (until April 2009)  
Sean Wixted (from April 2009)

**Advisers:** Professor Irvine Lapsley: Budget Scrutiny for Health and Sport Committee, 2009-10

**Visits:** 4 fact finding visits for the Mental health services inquiry to Barnardo's Scotland Rollercoaster Service, Dundee; Youth Project, Kirkcaldy; Barnardo's family placement service, Edinburgh and Acute psychiatric ward, Argyll and Bute

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	14
Scottish Government officials	40
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	45
Representatives of local authorities	24
Representatives of voluntary sector	40
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	18
Other categories of witnesses	26



**Business transacted**

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Inquiries	5	Balance of Healthcare Inquiry Health Inequalities Inquiry Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Inquiry Mental Health Services for Deaf and Deaf-Blind People Pathways into Sport Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Palliative Care (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	3	Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill Health Boards (Membership and Elections) (Scotland) Bill Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums SIs considered	1 1	Welfare Reform Bill 1 draft affirmative
SSIs considered	37	6 draft affirmatives, 31 negatives: SSI 2008/166; SSI 2008/176; SSI 2008/180; SSI 2008/201; SSI 2008/215; SSI 2008/216; SSI 2008/218; SSI 2008/225; SSI 2008/226; SSI 2008/224; SSI 2008/261; SSI 2008/288; SSI 2008/289; SSI 2008/290; SSI 2008/306; SSI 2008/315; SSI 2008/316; SSI 2008/322; SSI 2008/379; SSI 2008/390; SSI 2008/396; SSI 2009/19; SSI 2009/30; SSI 2009/32; SSI 2009/37; SSI 2009/72; SSI 2009/73; SSI 2009/86; SSI 2009/96; SSI 2009/90; SSI 2009/124
Petitions considered	7	PE789; PE808; PE1037; PE1042; PE1138; PE1173; PE1205
Divisions held	11	21 May 2008: Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 2 amendments: 9, 202, 202A, 202B, 203. 4 February 2009: Health Boards (Membership and Elections) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 2 amendments: 17, 25,27,33,40. 18 March 2009: S3M-03619 - National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009 (SSI2009/37).
Plenary debates	0	

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
4th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	248	2 April 2009	No response
3rd Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	239	19 March 2009	No response
2nd Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	233	12 March 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Welfare Reform Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	226	5 March 2009	No response
7th Report 2008: Stage 1 Report on the Health Boards (Membership and Elections) (Scotland) Bill	185	15 December 2008	No response
6th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	157	9 October 2008	No response
5th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	147	18 September 2008	No response
4th Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	107	9 June 2008	n/a

### 4.3.8 Justice Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on (a) the administration of criminal and civil justice, community safety, and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and (b) the functions of the Lord Advocate, other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

**Convener:** Bill Aitken

**Deputy Convener:** Bill Butler

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 33 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	23
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	33(33)
Robert Brown (from 3 September 2008)	LD	25(25)
Bill Butler	Lab	30(33)
Angela Constance (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	25(26)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	29(33)
Nigel Don	SNP	33(33)
Paul Martin	Lab	31(33)
Stewart Maxwell (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	7(7)
Stuart McMillan (until 26 February 2009)	SNP	26(26)
Margaret Smith (until 2 September 2008)	LD	7(8)
John Wilson (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	7(7)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Aileen Campbell	SNP	0
Marlyn Glen (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	1
John Lamont	Con	0
Mike Pringle	LD	0
Richard Simpson (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Douglas Wands  
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Anne Peat  
 Assistant Clerk: Euan Donald (until November 2008)  
 Andrew Proudfoot (from November 2008)

**Advisers:**

Professor Nick Fyfe: Inquiry into Community Policing  
 Professor Christopher Gane: Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill  
 Professor Eddie Frizzell, Budget Scrutiny for Justice Committee, 2009-10  
 Professor Peter Duff: Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill - Criminal Justice  
 Robert Millar: Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill - Licensing

**Visits:**

3 fact finding visits: 2 fact finding visits for the Community Policing Inquiry to Motherwell and Peebles; 1 fact finding visit on EU Justice and Home Affairs to the European Parliament

**Events:**

0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	22
Scottish Government officials	82
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	1
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	28
Representatives of local authorities	8
Representatives of voluntary sector	27
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	14
Other categories of witnesses	17

**Business transacted:**

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Inquiries	2	Budget Process 2009-10 Community Policing Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill
Bills considered	5	Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill Damages (Asbestos-related Conditions) (Scotland) Bill Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	3	Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Bill Coroners and Justice Bill Policing and Crime Bill
SIs considered	3	2 draft affirmative; 1 negative.
SSIs considered	61	11 draft affirmative; 50 negative: SSI 2008/168; SSI 2008/179; SSI 2008/194; SSI 2008/217; SSI 2008/232; SSI 2008/236; SSI 2008/237; SSI 2008/238; SSI 2008/239; SSI 2008/240; SSI 2008/293; SSI 2008/297; SSI 2008/307; SSI 2008/328; SSI 2008/330; SSI 2008/334; SSI 2008/363; SSI 2008/372; SSI 2008/374; SSI 2008/377; SSI 2008/387; SSI 2008/391; SSI 2008/393; SSI 2008/404; SSI 2008/416; SSI 2008/428; SSI 2008/430; SSI 2009/17; SSI 2009/20; SSI 2009/31; SSI 2009/41; SSI 2009/49; SSI 2009/55; SSI 2009/66; SSI 2009/68; SSI 2009/71; SSI 2009/80; SSI 2009/81; SSI 2009/87; SSI 2009/88; SSI 2009/89; SSI 2009/97; SSI 2009/98 ;SSI 2009/99; SSI 2009/103; SSI 2009/106; SSI 2009/110; SSI 2009/115; SSI 2009/121; SSI 2009/133
Petitions considered	2	PE997; PE1063
Divisions held	6	5 May 2009: SSI 2009/115 18 November 2008: SSI 2008/328 25 June 2008: SSI 2008/236; SSI 2008/237; SSI 2008/238; SSI 2008/239
Plenary debates	1	25 February 2009: motion S3M-03439

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
11th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	259	8 May 2009	No response
10th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	258	8 May 2009	No response
9th Report 2009: Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Coroners and Justice Bill - LCM(S3) 16.2	257	7 May 2009	No response
8th Report 2009: Report on Subordinate Legislation	237	18 March 2009	No response
7th Report 2009: Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Coroners and Justice Bill - LCM(S3) 16.1	232	12 March 2009	No response
6th Report 2009: Stage 1 Report on the Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill	225	5 March 2009	No response
5th Report 2009: Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Bill (LCM(S3) 15.1)	224	5 March 2009	No response
4th Report 2009: Report on Subordinate Legislation	223	4 March 2009	No response
3rd Report 2009: Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Policing and Crime Bill (LCM(S3) 17.1)	215	13 February 2009	No response
2nd Report 2009: Report on Subordinate Legislation	195	20 January 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Stage 1 Report on the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill	194	16 January 2009	No response
21st Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	172	19 November 2008	No response
20th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	162	29 October 2008	No response
19th Report 2008: Stage 1 Report on the Damages (Asbestos-related Conditions) (Scotland) Bill	158	13 October 2008	No response
18th Report 2008: Report on Inquiry into Community Policing	155	3 October 2008	No response
17th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	154	1 October 2008	No response
16th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	148	17 September 2008	No response
15th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	143	25 July 2008	No response
14th Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	126	11 June 2008	n/a
13th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	125	11 June 2008	No response
12th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	102	28 May 2008	No response

**4.3.9 Local Government and Communities Committee**

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on (a) the financing and delivery of local government and local services and planning; and (b) housing, regeneration, anti-poverty measures and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Housing and Communities.  
(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 18 March 2009)

Previous Remit: To consider and report on (a) the financing and delivery of local government and local services and planning; and (b) housing, regeneration, anti-poverty measures and other matters (apart from sport) falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities and Sport.

**Convener:** Duncan McNeil

**Deputy Convener:** Alasdair Allan (from 2 September 2008)  
Kenneth Gibson (until 26 June 2008)

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 33 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	33
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	21
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

**Meetings attended:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Alasdair Allan	SNP	32(33)
Bob Doris	SNP	32(33)
Patricia Ferguson	Lab	24(33)
Kenneth Gibson (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	7(7)
Johann Lamont (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	8(11)
David McLetchie	Con	33(33)
Duncan McNeil	Lab	33(33)
Mary Mulligan (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	22(22)
Jim Tolson	LD	31(33)
John Wilson (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	26(26)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Brian Adam (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	1
Robert Brown (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Rhoda Grant (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	2
Paul Martin (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	0
Tricia Marwick (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	0
Alison McInnes (from 3 September 2008)	LD	1
Margaret Mitchell	Con	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Martin Verity, Susan Duffy  
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Jane-Claire Judson, David McLaren  
 Assistant Clerk: Ian Cowan

**Advisers:** Professor Ronald McQuaid: Budget Scrutiny for Local Government and Communities Committee, 2009-10

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	20
Scottish Government officials	59
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	25
Representatives of local authorities	14
Representatives of voluntary sector	22
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	2
Other categories of witnesses	23

**Business transacted:**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Child Poverty Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Proposed Control of Dogs (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Bill



<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Scottish Local Government (Elections) Bill Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill
SIIs considered	0	
SSIIs considered	56	11 draft affirmatives, 45 negatives: SSI 2008/195; SSI 2008/196; SSI 2008/197; SSI 2008/198; SSI 2008/228; SSI 2008/229; SSI 2008/230; SSI 2008/283; SSI 2008/309; SSI 2008/310; SSI 2008/324; SSI 2008/358; SSI 2008/359; SSI 2008/360; SSI 2008/370; SSI 2008/371; SSI 2008/386; SSI 2008/389; SSI 2008/397; SSI 2008/402; SSI 2008/403; SSI 2008/414; SSI 2008/415; SSI 2008/426; SSI 2008/427; SSI 2008/432; SSI 2008/433; SSI 2008/434; SSI 2009/3; SSI 2009/18; SSI 2009/34; SSI 2009/35; SSI 2009/36; SSI 2009/42; SSI 2009/43; SSI 2009/48; SSI 2009/64; SSI 2009/65; SSI 2009/76; SSI 2009/93; SSI 2009/94; SSI 2009/101; SSI 2009/112; SSI 2009/117; SSI 2009/119
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	2	5 March 2009: motion S3M-03584 9 October 2008: motion S3M-02667

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
8th Report 2009: Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Local Government (Elections) Bill	252	30 April 2009	No response
7th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	240	20 March 2009	No response
6th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	235	13 March 2009	No response
5th Report 2009: Report on the National Planning Framework 2: Proposed Framework	218	25 February 2009	No response
4th Report 2009: The Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill – LCM (S3) 13.1	210	10 February 2009	No response
3rd Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	208	6 February 2009	No response
2nd Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	203	30 January 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	198	22 January 2009	No response
12th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	169	13 November 2008	No response
11th Report 2008: Stage 1 Report on the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Bill	167	13 November 2008	No response
10th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	153	26 September 2008	No response
9th Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	124	11 June 2008	n/a
8th Report 2008: Elections 2007	120	10 June 2008	No response

**4.3.10 Public Audit Committee****Established:** 10 December 2008

**Remit:** 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, or referred to it by the Parliamentary Bureau or by the Auditor General for Scotland, concerning financial control, accounting and auditing in relation to public expenditure.

(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 10 December 2008, with effect from 11 December 2008 the name and remit changed from Audit Committee to Public Audit Committee)

**Convener:** Hugh Henry (from 11 December 2008)**Deputy Convener:** Murdo Fraser (from 11 December 2008)**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.**Meetings:** There were 10 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	10
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:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Willie Coffey	SNP	10(10)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	8(10)
George Foulkes	Lab	8(10)
Murdo Fraser	Con	9(10)
Hugh Henry	Lab	10(10)
Anne McLaughlin (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	5(5)
Stuart McMillan (until 26 February 2009)	SNP	5(5)
Nicol Stephen	LD	7(10)
Andrew Welsh	SNP	9(10)

<b>Substitute Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended</b>
Derek Brownlee	Con	0
Linda Fabiani (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	1
James Kelly	Lab	4
John Farquhar Munro	LD	2
Sandra White (until 26 February 2009)	SNP	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerks: Tracey Reilly (until April 2009)  
 David McGill (from April 2009)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Joanna Hardy

Assistant Clerks: Jason Nairn (from January 2009)  
 Rebecca Lamb (until December 2008)

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	1
Scottish Government officials	7
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	3
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	20
Representatives of local authorities	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	1
Other categories of witnesses	1

**Business transacted:**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent 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	Government response
3rd Report 2009: Major Capital Projects	216	19 February 2009	No response
2nd Report 2009: Police call management	196	29 January 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Review of palliative care services in Scotland	189	14 January 2009	No response
4th Report 2008: Free personal and nursing care	183	18 December 2008	No response

### 4.3.11 Public Petitions Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider public petitions addressed to the Parliament in accordance with these Rules and, in particular, to

- (a) decide in a case of dispute whether a petition is admissible;
- (b) decide what action should be taken upon an admissible public petition;

and

- (c) keep under review the operation of the petitions system.

(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.10)

**Convener:** Frank McAveety

**Deputy Convener:** John Farquhar Munro

**Membership:** The committee has 9 members.

**Meetings:** There were 20 meetings in the parliamentary year. 4 meetings were held outside the Parliament: one in Burgh Hall, Dumbarton, one in Berwickshire High School, Duns one in John Wheatley College, Glasgow and one in Fraserburgh Academy, Fraserburgh.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	20
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	2
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	4

#### Meetings attended:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Bashir Ahmad (until 6 February 2009)	SNP	11(14)
Claire Baker (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	7(7)
Bill Butler (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	10(13)
Angela Constance (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	5(5)
Nigel Don	SNP	15(20)
Marlyn Glen (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	11(13)
Rhoda Grant (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	6(7)
Robin Harper	Green	17(20)
Frank McAveety	Lab	19(20)
Anne McLaughlin (from 26 February 2009)	SNP	5(5)
Nanette Milne	Con	18(20)
John Farquhar Munro	LD	19(20)
John Wilson (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	14(15)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claire Baker (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	0
Bob Doris (26 June 2008 - 12 November 2008)	SNP	0
Jim Hume (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Marilyn Livingstone (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0
Jamie McGrigor (from 13 November 2008)	Con	1
Christina McKelvie (from 13 November 2008)	SNP	1
John Scott (until 12 November 2008)	Con	0
Nicol Stephen (from 3 September 2008)	LD	1
John Wilson (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Clerk: Fergus Cochrane  
 Assistant Clerks: Franck David  
 Zoe Tough (until January 2009)  
 Jonathan Orr (February 2009 - April 2009)  
 Linda Smith (from April 2009)

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 1 fact finding visit in relation to the Public Petitions System to John Wheatley College, Easterhouse Campus, Glasgow

**Events:** 2 civic participation events: one at 6 June 2008: Burgh Hall, Dumbarton - 70 attendees; one at Fraserburgh Academy, Fraserburgh - 90 attendees.

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	4
Scottish Government officials	6
Members of the Scottish Parliament	77
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	7
Representatives of local authorities	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	7
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	0
Other categories of witnesses	69

**Business transacted:**

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Inquiries	1	Public Petitions
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	1	1 October 2008: motion S3M-02598

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government Response</b>
1st Report 2009: Knife Crime	246	2 April 2009	No response
3rd Report 2008: Availability on the NHS of cancer treatment drugs	133	18 June 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Equalities Report for the period 3 April 2007-8 May 2008	114	9 June 2008	No response
1st Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	113	9 June 2008	n/a

**Petitions Considered:**

	<b>no. of petitions</b>
<b>New petitions lodged from 9 May 2008 until 8 May 2008</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee</b> <i>(Note: this figure will include some of the 103 petitions lodged)</i>	
<b><i>New petitions considered:</i></b> PE1138, PE1139, PE1140, PE1141, PE1142, PE1143, PE1144, PE1145, PE1146, PE1147, PE1148, PE1149, PE1150, PE1151, PE1152, PE1153, PE1154, PE1155, PE1156, PE1157, PE1158, PE1159, PE1160, PE1161, PE1162, PE1163, PE1164, PE1165, PE1166, PE1167, PE1168, PE1169, PE1170, PE1171, PE1172, PE1173, PE1174, PE1175, PE1176, PE1177, PE1178, PE1179, PE1180, PE1181, PE1182, PE1183, PE1184, PE1185, PE1186, PE1187, PE1188, PE1189, PE1190, PE1191, PE1192, PE1193, PE1194, PE1195, PE1196, PE1197, PE1198, PE1199, PE1201, PE1202, PE1203, PE1204, PE1205, PE1206, PE1207, PE1208, PE1209, PE1210, PE1211, PE1212, PE1213, PE1214, PE1215, PE1216, PE1217, PE1218, PE1219, PE1220, PE1221, PE1222, PE1223, PE1224, PE1225, PE1226, PE1227, PE1228, PE1229, PE1230, PE1231, PE1232, PE1233, PE1234, PE1235, PE1236, PE1237, PE1238, PE1239, PE1240, PE1241, PE1242, PE1243, PE1244, PE1245, PE1246, PE1247, PE1248, PE1249	<b>111</b>

<b>Current petitions considered:</b> <i>(Note: the figure in brackets indicates the number of times the petition was considered during this period)</i>		<b>243</b>
PE504 (3), PE743, PE812 (3), PE822, PE881, PE908, PE909 (3), PE913, PE920, PE931, PE932, PE936 (3), PE944, PE953 (2), PE960 (2), PE965, PE984 (2), PE986 (3), PE988 (2), PE1003, PE1004, PE1006, PE1007 (3), PE1012, PE1013, PE1020 (2), PE1023, PE1032, PE1036 (2), PE1045, PE1047, PE1048 (3), PE1049, PE1050 (2), PE1051, PE1052 (3), PE1055 (2), PE1056 (2), PE1057 (3), PE1058, PE1059 (2), PE1061 (2), PE1066, PE1067 (2), PE1069, PE1070 (2), PE1071 (3), PE1072, PE1073 (3), PE1075, PE1076(2), PE1078 (2), PE1079 (2), PE1080 (2), PE1081, PE1082, PE1083 (2), PE1084, PE1085 (2), PE1086 (2), PE1087, PE1088, PE1089 (3), PE1090, PE1092, PE1093, PE1095 (3), PE1098(3), PE1100, PE1102 (2), PE1103, PE1104, PE1105(3), PE1107 (3), PE1108 (2), PE1109, PE1110, PE1112, PE1113 (3), PE1114 (2), PE1115 (2), PE1116 (2), PE1118, PE1119, PE1120 (3), PE1121, PE1122 (2), PE1123(2), PE1124(3), PE1125 (3), PE1126 (3), PE1128, PE1129, PE1130 (2), PE1132 (2), PE1135 (2), PE1139 (2), PE1140 (2), PE1141, PE1142, PE1143, PE1144, PE1145(2), PE1146, PE1147 (3), PE1148, PE1149 (3), PE1150 (4), PE1151, PE1152 (2), PE1155 (2), PE1156, PE1158, PE1162, PE1163, PE1166, PE1167 (2), PE1169 (2), PE1170, PE1172, PE1174 (2), PE1175 (2), PE1176, PE1177, PE1179, PE1180, PE1181, PE1182, PE1183, PE1184, PE1185, PE1188, PE1189, PE1190, PE1193, PE1195, PE1196, PE1197, PE1198, PE1199, PE1200, PE1201, PE1202 (2), PE1203 (2), PE1204 (2), PE1206 (2), PE1208, PE1209 (2), PE1211, PE1214, PE1215 (2), PE1216 (2), PE1217 (2), PE1218, PE1219, PE1220, PE1221, PE1222, PE1223, PE1225, PE1226 (2), PE1229, PE1231		
	<b>Petitions Considered:</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Written submissions requested by the Public Petitions Committee</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>a</b>	<b>From the Scottish Executive:</b> <i>(Note: the figure in brackets indicates the number of times the Committee sought a written submission)</i>	<b>188</b>
PE1007; PE1036; PE1048(2); PE1050(2); PE1055; PE1056(3); PE1057; PE1057; PE1059; PE1061; PE1069; PE1070(2); PE1071(2); PE1073(3); PE1076; PE1078; PE1079; PE1079; PE1080; PE1083; PE1085; PE1086; PE1090; PE1091; PE1095(2); PE1098(2); PE1100; PE1102; PE1103; PE1113; PE1114; PE1116; PE1122; PE1124(3); PE1126(2); PE1130; PE1132; PE1135; PE1138; PE1139; PE1139(2); PE1140; PE1141; PE1142; PE1143; PE1144; PE1144; PE1145; PE1145; PE1146; PE1147(4); PE1148(2); PE1149; PE1149; PE1150(3); PE1151; PE1152; PE1154; PE1155; PE1156; PE1158(2); PE1159(3); PE1162(2); PE1163; PE1166; PE1167; PE1169(2); PE1170; PE1171; PE1172; PE1174(2); PE1175; PE1176; PE1177; PE1179(2); PE1180(3); PE1181; PE1182(2); PE1183; PE1184; PE1185(2); PE1186; PE1188; PE1189(3); PE1190; PE1192; PE1193; PE1195; PE1196; PE1197; PE1198; PE1201; PE1202(2); PE1203; PE1204(2); PE1205; PE1206; PE1207; PE1208; PE1209; PE1210; PE1211; PE1214; PE1215(2); PE1216; PE1217(2); PE1219(2); PE1220(2); PE1222; PE1225(2); PE1226; PE1229(2); PE1231(2); PE1232; PE1233; PE1234; PE1235; PE1236; PE1237; PE1238; PE1239; PE1240; PE1241; PE1242; PE1243; PE1244; PE1245; PE1246; PE1247; PE1248; PE1249; PE504(2); PE812(2); PE909; PE936; PE936; PE953(2); PE960; PE984(2); PE986; PE986; PE988		

<b>b From other bodies<sup>2</sup>:</b>	<b>256</b>
<p>The AA (2)<sup>3</sup>  Aberdeen City Council (2)  Aberdeen Community Health Partnership  Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations  Aberdeenshire Council  Action for Prisoners' Families  Advocates for Animals  Age Concern  Anthony Nolan Trust  Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland  Argyll and Bute Council  ASH Scotland  Association of Community Health Partnerships  Association of European Producers of Steel for Packaging  Association of Scotland's Colleges (3)  Audit Scotland (2)  Auditor General for Scotland  Baywatch Campaign  BEAR Scotland  Befriending Network Scotland  Big Lottery Fund Scotland  Biological Records Centre  Bright Futures and the World of Enterprise  British Medical Association (2)  British Ports Authority  British Veterinary Association  Capability Scotland  Chief Fire Officers Association  Citizens Advice Scotland  City of Edinburgh Council  Clydeport  Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment  Commonwealth Games Federation  Community Pharmacy Scotland  Confederation of British Industry Scotland  Confederation of Passenger Transport  Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service  Department for International Development  Department for Transport  Department for Work and Pensions (2)  Diabetes Groups (Selection of local)  Disabled Student Stakeholders Group  East Renfrewshire Council  EIS (5)  ENABLE Scotland (2)</p>	

<sup>2</sup> More than 1 organisation may have been contacted for each petition.

<sup>3</sup> Refers to the number of different petitions the organisation was contacted about.



Enterprise Education Trust  
 Equality and Human Rights Commission (2)  
 Equality Network  
 Erskine Hospital  
 Faculty of Advocates  
 Families Outside (2)  
 Farm Animal Welfare Council  
 Federation Internationale de Football Association  
 Federation of Scottish Aquarist Societies  
 Federation of Small Businesses Scotland  
 Fire Brigades Union  
 FirstGroup  
 Fish Veterinary Society  
 Football Association  
 Football Association of Wales  
 Football Supporters' Federation  
 FOREST  
 Forth Ports  
 General Teaching Council for Scotland  
 Glasgow Housing Association  
 Grampian Police (2)  
 Gulf Veterans Association  
 Headway  
 Health and Safety Executive (2)  
 Health Protection Agency  
 Health Scotland  
 Highland Council (2)  
 Highlands and Islands Enterprise (3)  
 Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (2)  
 Historic Scotland (4)  
 HITRANS  
 Her Majesty's Courts Service  
 HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland  
 HM Inspectorate of Education  
 Home Office (2)  
 Home Secretary  
 Homes for Scotland  
 Humanist Society of Scotland  
 Irish Football Association  
 Law Society of Scotland (2)  
 Learn Direct Scotland  
 Learning and Teaching Scotland  
 Lord President of the Court of Session  
 Lothian Buses  
 Medical Committees (Selection of local)  
 Momentum Scotland  
 Money Advice Scotland  
 National Biodiversity Network  
 National Federation for Biological Recording  
 National Federation of Retail Newsagents

National Museums Scotland  
National Screening Committee  
National Trust for Scotland (2)  
NHS Boards (Selection of)  
NHS Borders  
NHS Grampian  
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (5)  
NHS Health Scotland  
NHS Highland (2)  
NHS Highland Royal College of Anaesthetists Board in Scotland  
NHS National Services Scotland  
NHS QIS (2)  
North Ayrshire Council  
North of Scotland Epilepsy Network  
Northern Constabulary  
Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association  
Pagan Federation (Scotland)  
Patricia Fergusson MSP  
Perth and Kinross Council  
Police Forces (Selection of)  
Police Forces and Police Boards (Selection of)  
Postwatch  
Practical Fishkeeping  
Prince's Trust Scotland  
Princess Royal Trust for Carers  
Private Rented Housing Panel  
Property Managers Association Scotland  
Public Transport Users Committee for Scotland  
RAC (2)  
Remote Practitioners' Association of Scotland  
Renfrewshire Council (2)  
Road Haulage Association  
Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland (2)  
Royal College of Nursing Scotland  
Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons  
Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain  
Royal Town Planning Institute (Scotland) (2)  
Sacro  
School Leaders Scotland  
Scotland Patients Association  
Scotland TranServ  
Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People (2)  
ScotRail  
Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Managed Clinical Network  
Scottish Ambulance Service  
Scottish Association for Care and Re-settlement of Offenders  
Scottish Association for Mental Health  
Scottish Athletics  
Scottish Borders Council (2)  
Scottish Catholic Education Service

Scottish Chambers of Commerce  
Scottish Children's Reporter Association  
Scottish Consumer Council (2)  
Scottish Council for Voluntary Associations (3)  
Scottish Countryside Alliance  
Scottish Courts Service  
Scottish Crofting Federation  
Scottish Enterprise  
Scottish Federation of Housing Associations  
Scottish Football Association (2)  
Scottish Funding Council (2)  
Scottish Gamekeepers Association  
Scottish General Practitioners Committee  
Scottish Head Injury Forum  
Scottish Ice Rinks Association  
Scottish Interfaith Council  
Scottish Law Commission  
Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman  
Scottish Library and Information Council  
Scottish Licensed Trade Association  
Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service  
Scottish Natural Heritage  
Scottish Networks International  
Scottish Paediatric Epilepsy Network  
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (2)  
Scottish Police Federation  
Scottish Police Services Authority (2)  
Scottish Premier League  
Scottish Prison Officers Association (Scotland)  
Scottish Prison Service  
Scottish Prisons Commission  
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (2)  
Scottish Retail Consortium  
Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (2)  
Scottish Trades Union Congress  
Scottish Water  
Scottish Youth Parliament  
Secretary of State for Scotland  
Serco Group plc  
SESTRAN  
Sheriffs' Association  
Skills Development Scotland  
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives  
SportScotland (2)  
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (2)  
Strathclyde Police  
Supporters Direct  
Tay Road Bridge Joint Board  
Transport Scotland (7)  
UK Department of Health

	Union of European Football Associations UNISON (2) Unite the Union - Amicus University of Glasgow (2) University of London University of Stirling Victim Support Scotland Violence Reduction Unit of Scotland VisitScotland Waste Aware Scotland West Dunbartonshire Council West of Scotland and Tayside Epilepsy Network West of Scotland Archaeology Service (2) Young Enterprise Scotland Young Scot	
<b>2</b>	<b>Petitions referred to Scottish Parliamentary Committees:</b> Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee PE1213 Health and Sport Committee PE1138, PE1173, PE1205 Justice Committee PE1187, PE1191 Local Government and Communities Committee PE1231 Rural Affairs and Environment Committee PE1047, PE1081, PE1207 Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee PE1181	<b>11</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Petitions referred for information only to Scottish Parliamentary</b> Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee PE1170	<b>1</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Petitions closed (without further consideration):</b> PE1160, PE1161, PE1164, PE1165, PE1178, PE1194, PE1227	<b>7</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Petitions withdrawn at the request of petitioner:</b>	<b>0</b>

**4.3.12 Review of SPCB Supported Bodies Committee**

**Established:** 13 November 2008

**Remit:** To consider and report on whether alterations should be made to the terms and conditions of the office-holders and the structure of the bodies supported by the SPCB; to consider how any proposals, including the addition of any new functions, for future arrangements should be taken forward, including by way of a Committee Bill, and to make recommendations accordingly.

Duration: Until the Parliament has concluded consideration of the committee's report and any Bill which may follow thereon.  
(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 13 November 2008, revised by resolution of the Parliament on 25 March 2009)

**Convener:** Trish Godman (from 18 November 2008)

**Deputy Convener:** Jamie Hepburn (from 18 November 2008)

**Membership:** The committee has 6 members.

**Meetings:** There were 10 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	10
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	8
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

**Meetings attended:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Jackson Carlaw	Con	9(10)
Ross Finnie	LD	10(10)
Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	10(10)
Trish Godman	Lab	10(10)
Jamie Hepburn	SNP	10(10)
Johann Lamont	Lab	8(10)

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:** David Cullum  
Claire Menzies Smith

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Scottish Government Ministers	2
Scottish Government officials	2
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	15
Representatives of local authorities	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Other categories of witnesses	6

**Business transacted:** The only appropriate business was the consideration of the review of SPCB supported bodies.

**Reports:** None

### 4.3.13 Rural Affairs and Environment Committee

**Established:** 7 June 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on agriculture, fisheries and rural development and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment.

**Convener:** Maureen Watt (from 25 February 2009)  
Roseanna Cunningham (until 11 February 2009)

**Deputy Convener:** John Scott

**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.

**Meetings:** There were 27 meeting in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held outside the Parliament in Melrose.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	27
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	26
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

**Meetings attended:**

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Roseanna Cunningham (until 11 February 2009)	SNP	13(13)
Karen Gillon	Lab	7(27)
Jamie Hepburn (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	4(4)
Liam McArthur (from 3 September 2008)	LD	21(22)
Des McNulty (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	5(8)
Alasdair Morgan (from 26 June 2008)	SNP	23(23)
Elaine Murray (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	19(19)
Peter Peacock	Lab	27(27)
Mike Rumbles (until 2 September 2008)	LD	3(5)
John Scott	Con	26(27)
Maureen Watt (from 12 February 2009)	SNP	7(7)
Bill Wilson	SNP	27(27)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Rhoda Grant (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	16
Jamie Hepburn (from (26 June 2008)	SNP	0
Jim Hume (from 3 September 2008)	LD	1
Bill Kidd (until 26 June 2008)	SNP	0
Nanette Milne	Con	1
John Farquhar Munro (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
David Stewart (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Peter McGrath

Senior Assistant Clerk: Roz Wheeler

**Advisers:** Ms Jan Polley: Budget Scrutiny for Rural Affairs and Environment Committee, 2009-10

**Visits:** 2 fact finding visits for the Rural Housing inquiry to East Lothian and Arran.

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	12
Scottish Government officials	42
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	16
Representatives of local authorities	5
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	24
Other categories of witnesses	35

**Business transacted:**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	Rural Housing Inquiry Pig Industry Inquiry The Crown Estate Inquiry Rural Housing Inquiry Flooding and Flood Management inquiry
Consultations	1	Marine (Scotland) Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill
Bills considered	2	Climate Change (Scotland) Bill Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Marine and Coastal Access Bill
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	47	3 draft affirmatives; 44 negatives: SSI 2008/159; SSI 2008/151; SSI 2008/153; SSI 2008/154; SSI 2008/155; SSI 2008/157; SSI 2008/162; SSI 2008/170; SSI 2008/184;



<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
		SSI 2008/202; SSI 2008/203; SSI 2008/221; SSI 2008/222; SSI 2008/233; SSI 2008/263; SSI 2008/266; SSI 2008/294; SSI 2008/295; SSI 2008/296; SSI 2008/298; SSI 2008/299; SSI 2008/300; SSI 2008/302; SSI 2008/317; SSI 2008/326; SSI 2008/342; SSI 2008/350; SSI 2008/368; SSI 2008/378; SSI 2008/394; SSI 2008/395; SSI 2008/410; SSI 2008/417; SSI 2008/418; SSI 2008/419; SSI 2008/423; SSI 2008/425; SSI 2009/1; SSI 2009/7; SSI 2009/8; SSI 2009/21; SSI 2009/38; SSI 2009/75; SSI 2009/85
Petitions considered	4	PE749; PE1207; PE1047; PE1081
Divisions held	11	25 June 2008: Work programme, fact finding visit to Brussels 4 March 2009: Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill - Stage 2 amendments: 85, 66, 79 and 83 11 March 2009: Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill - Stage 2 amendments: 71, 72, 74, 123, 125, 126
Plenary debates	1	26 June 2008: motion S3M-02208

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
5th Report 2009: Rural Housing	256	7 May 2009	No response
4th Report 2009: Report on Subordinate Legislation	241	19 March 2009	No response
3rd Report 2009: Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Marine and Coastal Access Bill - LCM (S3) 14.1	222	3 March 2009	No response
2nd Report 2009: Report on Subordinate Legislation	201	29 January 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Stage 1 Report on the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill	191	15 January 2009	No response
4th Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	128	13 June 2008	n/a
3rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	110	5 June 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Flooding and Flood Management	96	16 May 2008	13 June 2008

**4.3.14 Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill Committee****Established:** 13 November 2008 - 22 January 2009**Remit:** To consider the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill at Stage 2;  
and  
(b) that "4" be substituted for "5" in Rule 6.3.2 of Standing Orders for the purpose of the membership of the committee.  
(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 13 November 2008)**Convener:** Keith Brown (from 3 December 2008)**Deputy Convener:** David Stewart (from 3 December 2008)**Membership:** The committee has 4 members.**Meetings:** There was 1 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	1
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:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Bill Aitken	Con	1(1)
Keith Brown	SNP	1(1)
Nicol Stephen	LD	1(1)
David Stewart	Lab	1(1)

**Reporters:** 0**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Sarah Robertson

**Advisers:** 0**Visits:** 0**Events:** 0**Witnesses:** None**Business transacted:** The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Bill**Reports:** None

### 4.3.15 Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Committee

**Established:** 27 June 2007 - 22 January 2009

**Remit:** To inquire into and report with recommendations for a Committee Bill on a replacement for the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme rules and the Grants to Members and Officeholders Order.

**Convener:** Alasdair Morgan

**Deputy Convener:** Peter Peacock

**Membership:** The committee has 4 members.

**Meetings:** There were 2 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	2
Meetings held wholly in private	2
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)
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	2 (2)
David McLetchie	Con	2 (2)
Hugh O'Donnell	LD	1 (2)
Peter Peacock	Lab	2 (2)

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: David Cullum  
 Senior Assistant Clerks: Ruth Cooper  
 Derek Stein

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

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

**Business transacted:** The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme.

**Plenary debates:** 12 November 2008: motion S3M-02594  
26 June 2008: motion S3M-02068

**Reports:**

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
1st Report, 2008: Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme	103	29 May 2008	No response

### 4.3.16 Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

**Established:** 28 September 2007

**Remit:** To consider and report on—  
 (a) the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business;  
 (b) 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;  
 (c) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members; and  
 (d) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland.  
 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.

**Convener:** Gil Paterson (from 18 November 2008)  
 Keith Brown (until 12 November 2008)

**Deputy Convener:** Marilyn Livingstone (from 28 October 2008)  
 Cathie Craigie (until 1 October 2008)

**Membership:** The committee has 6 members.

**Meetings:** There were 20 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	20
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	17
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

**Meetings attended:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Keith Brown (until 12 November 2008)	SNP	12(12)
Robert Brown (from 3 September 2008)	LD	11(12)
Aileen Campbell (from 13 November 2008)	SNP	8(8)
Cathie Craigie (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	10(11)
Marlyn Glen (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	11(11)
Marilyn Livingstone (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	7(9)
Jamie McGrigor (until 12 November 2008)	Con	9(12)
Christina McKelvie (until 12 November 2008)	SNP	12(12)
Nanette Milne (from 13 November 2008)	Con	7(8)
Hugh O’Donnell (until 2 September 2008)	LD	7(8)
Gil Paterson (from 13 November 2008)	SNP	8(8)
Peter Peacock (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	7(9)
Dave Thompson	SNP	19(20)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Trish Godman (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	1
Alison McInnes (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	0
Mary Mulligan (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	1
Mike Rumbles (from 3 September 2008)	LD	0
Elizabeth Smith	Con	0

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Clerk: Gillian Baxendine  
Alison Walker (joint Clerk from January 2009)

Senior Assistant Clerks: Mary Dinsdale  
Jane Williams

Assistant Clerk: Catherine Fergusson

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	0
Scottish Government officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	1
Representatives of local authorities	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Other categories of witnesses	1

**Business transacted:**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Hybrid Bills Review of Section 2 of the Code of Conduct
Consultations	0	
Draft Bills considered	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	2	26 June 2008: that the Committee agree to recommend sanctions in relation to a breach of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006; to recommend sanctions in relation to the breach of the Code of Conduct
Plenary debates	9	4 September 2008: motion S3M-02442 10 December 2008: motions S3M-02987 and S3M-02988 25 March 2009: motions S3M-03755, S3M-03756 and S3M-03757 22 April 2009: motions S3M-03924, S3M-03925 and S3M-03926

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
5th Report 2009: Accuracy of contributions in parliamentary proceedings	254	5 May 2009	No response
4th Report 2009: Review of equal opportunities in the work of committees	244	30 March 2009	No response
3rd Report 2009: The Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 (asp 1): Proposed Standing Order Rule Changes	230	12 March 2009	No response
2nd Report 2009: Changes to the Code of Conduct arising from the Re-imbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme	217	18 February 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Members' Bills-cut-off date for introduction	205	3 February 2009	No response
11th Report 2008: Review of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct (Cross-Party Groups)	186	17 December 2008	No response
10th Report 2008: Points of Order	177	2 December 2008	No response
9th Report 2008: Review of Section 8 of the Code of Conduct	176	27 November 2008	No response
8th Report 2008: Audit Committee - Title and Remit	151	29 September 2008	No response
7th Report 2008: Complaint against Wendy Alexander MSP	150	26 September 2008	No response
6th Report 2008: Complaint against Wendy Alexander MSP	142	10 July 2008	No response
5th Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	116	9 June 2008	n/a
4th Report 2008: Complaint against Andy Kerr MSP	111	6 June 2008	No response
3th Report 2008: Complaint against Campbell Martin, former MSP	97	16 May 2008	No response

**4.3.17 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:** Jamie Stone**Deputy Convener:** Ian McKee (from 18 November 2008)  
Gil Paterson (until 12 November 2008)**Membership:** The committee has 7 members.**Meetings:** There were 35 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	35
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

**Meetings attended:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Jackie Baillie (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	6(12)
Jackson Carlaw	Con	23(35)
Malcolm Chisholm (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	20(23)
Bob Doris (from 13 November 2008)	SNP	18(19)
Helen Eadie	Lab	27(35)
Tom McCabe (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	18(23)
Ian McKee	SNP	33(35)
John Park (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	7(12)
Gil Paterson (until 12 November 2008)	SNP	15(16)
Jamie Stone	LD	32(35)



Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bill Aitken	Con	0
Christopher Harvie	SNP	4
Elaine Smith	Lab	0
Margaret Smith (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
Ross Finnie (from 3 September 2008)	LD	1

**Reporters:** 0

**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Gillian Baxendine (until May 2008)  
 Shelagh McKinlay (from June 2008)  
 Senior Assistant Clerk: David McLaren (until September 2008)  
 Assistant Clerk: Jake Thomas

**Advisers:** 0

**Visits:** 0

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	1
Scottish Executive officials	8
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
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:**

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
Inquiries	0	Regulatory Framework Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Bill
Bills considered	18	Arbitration (Scotland) Bill Budget (Scotland) (No 2) Bill Budget (Scotland) (No 3) Bill Climate Change (Scotland) Bill Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill Damages (Asbestos-related Conditions) (Scotland) Bill Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Bill Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Bill Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill Health Boards (Membership and Elections) (Scotland) Bill Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Bill Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill Scottish Register of Tartans Bill Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	6	Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill Borders, Citizenship and Immigration [HL] Bill Coroners and Justice Bill Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction [HL] Bill Marine and Coastal Access [HL] Bill Welfare Reform Bill
SIs considered	4	3 draft affirmatives, 1 negative: SI 2008/1788
SSIs considered	253	51 draft affirmatives, 5 affirmatives and 197 negatives: SSI 2008/177, SSI 2008/178, SSI 2008/179, SSI 2008/180, SSI 2008/184, SSI 2008/186, SSI 2008/187, SSI 2008/194, SSI 2008/195, SSI 2008/196, SSI 2008/197, SSI 2008/198, SSI 2008/201, SSI 2008/202, SSI 2008/203, SSI 2008/204, SSI 2008/205, SSI 2008/206, SSI 2008/212, SSI 2008/213, SSI 2008/214, SSI 2008/215, SSI 2008/216, SSI 2008/217, SSI 2008/218, SSI 2008/220, SSI 2008/221,

Business	No	Details
		SSI 2008/222, SSI 2008/224, SSI 2008/225, SSI 2008/226, SSI 2008/227, SSI 2008/228, SSI 2008/229, SSI 2008/230, SSI 2008/232, SSI 2008/233, SSI 2008/235, SSI 2008/236, SSI 2008/237, SSI 2008/238, SSI 2008/239, SSI 2008/240, SSI 2008/243, SSI 2008/244, SSI 2008/246, SSI 2008/247, SSI 2008/248, SSI 2008/253, SSI 2008/261, SSI 2008/263, SSI 2008/266; SSI 2008/283, SSI 2008/288, SSI 2008/289, SSI 2008/290, SSI 2008/291, SSI 2008/293, SSI 2008/294, SSI 2008/295, SSI 2008/296, SSI 2008/297, SSI 2008/298, SSI 2008/299, SSI 2008/300, SSI 2008/302, SSI 2008/303, SSI 2008/304, SSI 2008/305, SSI 2008/306, SSI 2008/307, SSI 2008/309, SSI 2008/310, SSI 2008/315, SSI 2008/316, SSI 2008/317, SSI 2008/322, SSI 2008/324, SSI 2008/326, SSI 2008/328, SSI 2008/330, SSI 2008/334, SSI 2008/342, SSI 2008/350, SSI 2008/358, SSI 2008/359, SSI 2008/360, SSI 2008/363, SSI 2008/368, SSI 2008/370, SSI 2008/371, SSI 2008/372, SSI 2008/374, SSI 2008/376, SSI 2008/377, SSI 2008/378, SSI 2008/379, SSI 2008/386, SSI 2008/387, SSI 2008/388, SSI 2008/389, SSI 2008/390, SSI 2008/391, SSI 2008/393, SSI 2008/394, SSI 2008/395, SSI 2008/396, SSI 2008/397, SSI 2008/402, SSI 2008/403, SSI 2008/404, SSI 2008/410, SSI 2008/414, SSI 2008/415, SSI 2008/416, SSI 2008/417, SSI 2008/418, SSI 2008/419, SSI 2008/423, SSI 2008/425, SSI 2008/426, SSI 2008/427, SSI 2008/428, SSI 2008/430, SSI 2008/432, SSI 2008/433, SSI 2008/434, SSI 2009/1, SSI 2009/3, SSI 2009/4, SSI 2009/6, SSI 2009/7, SSI 2009/8, SSI 2009/17, SSI 2009/18, SSI 2009/19, SSI 2009/20, SSI 2009/21, SSI 2008/26, SSI 2009/30, SSI 2009/31, SSI 2009/32, SSI 2009/34, SSI 2009/35, SSI 2009/36, SSI 2009/37, SSI 2009/38, SSI 2009/39, SSI 2009/40, SSI 2009/41, SSI 2009/42, SSI 2009/43, SSI 2009/48, SSI 2009/49, SSI 2009/55, SSI 2009/64, SSI 2009/65, SSI 2009/66, SSI 2009/68, SSI 2009/71, SSI 2009/72, SSI 2009/73, SSI 2009/74, SSI 2009/75, SSI 2009/76, SSI 2009/80, SSI 2009/81, SSI 2009/85, SSI 2009/86, SSI 2009/87, SSI 2009/88, SSI 2009/89, SSI 2009/90, SSI 2009/91, SSI 2009/93, SSI 2009/94, SSI 2009/96, SSI 2009/97,

<b>Business</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Details</b>
		SSI 2009/98, SSI 2009/99, SSI 2009/101, SSI 2009/102, SSI 2009/103, SSI 2009/106, SSI 2009/110, SSI 2009/112, SSI 2009/115, SSI 2009/117, SSI 2009/118, SSI 2009/119, SSI 2009/121, SSI 2009/124, SSI 2009/133, SSI 2009/142, SSI 2009/151, SSI 2009/156, SSI 2009/160
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
25th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	255	5 May 2009	No response
24th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	253	29 April 2009	No response
23rd Report 2009: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Coroners and Justice Bill	251	24 April 2009	No response
22nd Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	250	24 April 2009	No response
21st Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	247	2 April 2009	No response
20th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	245	27 March 2009	No response
19th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	238	18 March 2009	No response
18th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	236	12 March 2009	No response
17th Report 2009: Health Boards (Membership and Elections) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	231	11 March 2009	No response
16th Report 2009: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Bill	228	6 March 2009	No response
15th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	227	6 March 2009	No response
14th Report 2009: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Welfare Reform Bill	221	26 February 2009	No response
13th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	220	26 February 2009	No response
12th Report 2009: Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Marine and Coastal Access Bill	214	12 February 2009	No response
11th Report 2009: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Bill	213	12 February 2009	No response
10th Report 2009: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Coroners and Justice Bill	212	12 February 2009	No response
9th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	211	11 February 2009	No response
8th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	207	5 February 2009	No response
7th Report 2009: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill	206	4 February 2009	No response
6th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	202	29 January 2009	No response
5th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	200	28 January 2009	No response
4th Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	195	23 January 2009	No response
3rd Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	193	16 January 2009	No response

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Government response
2nd Report 2009: Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill	192	14 January 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Subordinate Legislation	190	8 January 2009	No response
44th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	188	17 December 2008	No response
43rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	184	12 December 2008	No response
42nd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	180	4 December 2008	No response
41st Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	174	21 November 2008	No response
40th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	170	13 November 2008	No response
39th Report 2008: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Energy Bill	165	5 November 2008	No response
38th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	164	5 November 2008	No response
37th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	163	31 October 2008	No response
36th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	159	9 October 2008	No response
35th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	156	2 October 2008	No response
34th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	152	25 September 2008	No response
33rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	149	18 September 2008	No response
32nd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	146	12 September 2008	No response
31st Report 2008: Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	145	12 September 2008	No response
30th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	144	3 September 2008	No response
29th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	139	26 June 2008	No response
28th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	135	20 June 2008	No response
27th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	129	12 June 2008	No response
26th Report 2008: Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2	119	9 June 2008	No response
25th Report 2008: Annual Report 2007- 08	118	9 June 2008	n/a
24th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	108	5 June 2008	No response
23rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	104	28 May 2008	No response
22nd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	99	21 May 2008	No response
21st Report 2008: Legislative consent memorandum on the Energy Bill	98	21 May 2008	No response
20th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	95	14 May 2008	No response

**4.3.18 Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee****Established:** 7 June 2007**Remit:** To consider and report on matters relating to transport, infrastructure and climate change falling within the remit of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth.**Convener:** Patrick Harvie**Deputy Convener:** Cathy Peattie**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.**Meetings:** There were 28 meeting in the parliamentary year.

	<b>Number</b>
Total meetings of the Committee	28
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	14
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

**Meetings attended:**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended (possible total)</b>
Rob Gibson	SNP	27(28)
Charlie Gordon	Lab	24(28)
Patrick Harvie	Green	27(28)
Alex Johnstone	Con	23(28)
Alison McInnes	LD	21(28)
Des McNulty (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	19(20)
Cathy Peattie	Lab	23(28)
Shirley-Anne Somerville	SNP	20(28)
David Stewart (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	6(8)

<b>Substitute Members</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended</b>
Alasdair Allan	SNP	3
Richard Baker (until 1 October 2008)	Lab	0
Gavin Brown	Con	0
Tavish Scott (until 2 September 2008)	LD	0
David Stewart (from 2 October 2008)	Lab	0
Jim Tolson (from 3 September 2008)	LD	2

**Reporters:** 0**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: Steve Farrell

Senior Assistant Clerk: Alastair Macfie

Assistant Clerk: Clare O'Neill

**Advisers:** Mr Ian Thomson: Budget Scrutiny for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee, 2009-10

**Visits:** 1 fact finding visit for the Ferry Inquiry to Mallaig.

**Events:** 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	6
Scottish Government officials	30
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
UK Ministers	0
UK Government Officials	2
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of public bodies	10
Representatives of local authorities	7
Representatives of voluntary sector	6
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	20
Other categories of witnesses	15

**Business transacted:**

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	Inquiry into the potential benefits of high-speed rail services National Planning Framework 2 Ferry Services in Scotland Inquiry
Consultations	2	Climate Change (Scotland) Bill Inquiry into the potential benefits of high-speed rail services
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Climate Change (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	10	10 negatives: SSI 2008/186; SSI 2008/187; SSI 2008/243; SSI 2008/244; SSI 2008/247; SSI 2008/248; SSI 2008/253; SSI 2009/26; SSI 2009/74; SSI 2009/151
Petitions considered	3	PE894; PE1035; PE1181
Divisions held	2	10 June 2008: Motion S3M-2022 to annul SSI 2008/186; Motion S3M-2023 to annul SSI 2008/187
Plenary debates	1	10 September 2008: motion S3M-02496

**Reports:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>SP Paper number</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Government response</b>
2nd Report 2009: Stage 1 Report on the Climate Change (Scotland) Bill	249	23 April 2009	No response
1st Report 2009: Report on the Inquiry into the potential benefits of high-speed rail services	219	27 February 2009	No response
4th Report 2008: Ferry Services in Scotland	138	27 June 2008	No response
3rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	132	12 June 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Annual Report 2007-08	121	9 June 2008	n/a
1st Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	94	12 May 2008	No response



# 5. Legislation

## 5.1 Bills and Proposed Bills

### 5.1.1 Summary

#### Proposals for Bills

<b>Members' Bills proposals</b>	<b>Number</b>
Draft Proposals lodged	9
Draft Proposals which fell	1
Draft Proposals withdrawn	1
Final Proposals lodged after no consultation	1
Final Proposals lodged after consultation	2
Final Proposals which fell	0
Final Proposals withdrawn	1

#### Bills

<b>Bills introduced</b>	<b>Number</b>
Executive Bills	14
Members' Bills	2
Committee Bills	1
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Bills fell</b>	<b>Number</b>
Executive Bills	2
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bills withdrawn</b>	<b>Number</b>
Executive Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bills passed</b>	<b>Number</b>
Executive Bills	5
Members' Bills	2
Committee Bills	1
Private Bills	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

#### Acts of the Scottish Parliament

<b>Royal Assent</b>	<b>Number</b>
Royal Assent Received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	9
Average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	232

## 5.1.2 Progress of Public Bills during the second parliamentary year of Session 3, 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	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill	3							After Stage 1: SL 13 May 08	HS 14 May 08 HS 21 May 08	12 Jun 08	12 Jun 08	90	16 Jul 08	266	2008 asp 5
Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill	4												10 Jun 08	215	2008 asp 4
Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill	6						14 May 08	After Stage 1: SL 3 Jun 08	J 10 Jun 08 After Stage 2: SL 9 Sep 08 SL 23 Sep 08	25 Sep 08	25 Sep 08	55	29 Oct 08	274	2008 asp 6
Creative Scotland Bill	7				ELLC 14 May 08 ELLC 21 May 08 ELLC 28 May 08	FI 27 May 08	SP 105	Bill Fell: 18 Jun 08							
Scottish Register of Tartans Bill	8				EET 14 May 08 EET 28 May 08 EET 4 Jun 08	SL 13 May 08	SP 115	19 Jun 08	EET 10 Sep 08	9 Oct 08	9 Oct 08	9	13 Nov 08	234	2008 asp 7
Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill	9	MB	3	19 May 08	J 2 Sep 08 J 2 Dec 08 J 16 Dec 08 J 6 Jan 09 J 13 Jan 09 J 20 Jan 09 J 27 Jan 09 J 10 Feb 09	EO 9 Sep 08 EO 4 Nov 08 EO 18 Nov 08 EO 2 Dec 08 EO 16 Dec 08	SP 187 (EO) SP 225 (J)	18 Mar 09	J 28 Apr 09						

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	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
					J 24 Feb 09 J 3 Mar 09	SL 3 Jun 08 SL 17 Jun 08									
Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Bill	10	MB	11	2 Jun 08	LGC 18 Jun 08 LGC 2 Sep 08 LGC 24 Sep 08 LGB 1 Oct 08 LGC 8 Oct 08 LGC 29 Oct 08	FI 10 Jun 08 FI 16 Sep 08 FI 30 Sep 08 SL 2 Sep 08	SP 167	26 Nov 08	LGC 17 Dec 08	26 Feb 09	26 Feb 09	11	1 Apr 09	304	2009 asp 3
Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill	11	Ex	44	17 Jun 08	J 30 Sep 08 J 28 Oct 08 J 4 Nov 08 J 11 Nov 08 J 18 Nov 08 J 25 Nov 08 J 2 Dec 08 J 16 Dec 08 J 6 Jan 09 J 13 Jan 09	EO 30 Sep 08 FI 24 Jun 08 SL 9 Sep 08 SL 7 Oct 08 SL 28 Oct 08 SL 4 Nov 08	SP 194	12 Feb 09 After Stage 1 SL 3 Mar 09	Pre Stage 2: J 10 Mar 09 J 17 Mar 09 J 24 Mar 09 J 31 Mar 09						
Damages (Asbestos-related Conditions) (Scotland) Act	12	Ex	2	23 Jun 08	J 2 Sep 08 J 9 Sep 08 J 16 Sep 08 J 30 Sep 08 J 7 Oct 08 J 9 Oct 08	SL 2 Sep 08	SP 158	5 Nov 08	J 2 Dec 08	11 Mar 09	11 Mar 09	2	17 Apr 09	299	2009 asp 4
Health Boards (Membership and Elections) (Scotland) Act	13	Ex	8	25 Jun 08	HS 24 Sep 08 HS 5 Nov 08 HS 12 Nov 08 HS 19 Nov 08 HS 26 Nov 08 HS 10 Dec 08	FI 16 Sep 08 FI 28 Oct 08 FI 4 Nov 08 FI 18 Nov 08 SL 23 Sep 08 SL 28 Oct 08 SL 4 Nov 08 SL 11 Nov 08 SL 18 Nov 08	SP 185	15 Jan 09 After Stage 1 SL 27 Jan 09	HS 4 Feb 09 After Stage 2 SL 3 Mar 09 SL 10 Mar 09  Report: SP 231	12 Mar 09	12 Mar 09	11	22 Apr 09	302	2009 asp 5

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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	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Bill	14	CB	55	22 Sep 08		FI 30 Sep 08 FI 7 Oct 08 FI 28 Oct 08  SL 7 Oct 08 SL 28 Oct 08	SP 161	12 Nov 08	Pre Stage 2: SPPA 18 Nov 08  Stage 2: SPPB 3 Dec 08  After Stage 2: SPPA 13 Jan 09	22 Jan 09	22 Jan 09	57	25 Feb 09	157	2009 asp 1
Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act	15	Ex	55	29 Sep 08	RAE 8 Oct 08 RAE 29 Oct 08 RAE 19 Nov 08 RAE 26 Nov 08 RAE 10 Dec 08 RAE 17 Dec 08 RAE 7 Jan 09 RAE 14 Jan 09	FI 7 Oct 08 FI 18 Nov 08 FI 25 Nov 08 FI 9 Dec 08  SL 4 Nov 08 SL 2 Dec 08 SL 24 Feb 09	SP 191	22 Jan 09	RAE 4 Mar 09 RAE 11 Mar 09 RAE 18 Mar 09  After Stage 2: SL 5 May 09						
Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act	16	Ex	6	6 Oct 08	ELLC 3 Dec 08 ELLC 10 Dec 08 ELLC 17 Dec 08 ELLC 14 Jan 09 ELLC 21 Jan 09 ELLC 28 Jan 09 ELLC 4 Feb 09	FI 28 Oct 08  SL 4 Nov 08	SP 209	4 Mar 09	ELLC 25 Mar 09 ELLC 22 Apr 09 ELLC 29 Apr 09						
Climate Change (Scotland) Bill	17	Ex	39	4 Dec 08	TIC 16 Dec 08 TIC 20 Jan 09 TIC 27 Jan 09 TIC 3 Feb 09 TIC 10 Feb 09 TIC 24 Feb 09 TIC 3 Mar 09 TIC 10 Mar 09 TIC 31 Mar 09 TIC 21 Apr 09	EET 4 Feb 09 EET 4 Mar 09 EET 11 Mar 09 EET 18 Mar 09  FI 13 Jan 09 FI 10 Feb 09 FI 3 Mar 09  RAE 17 Dec 08 RAE 7 Jan 09 RAE 28 Jan 09	SP 243(EET) SP 249(TIC)	6 May 09 7 May 09							

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	Date	Length of passage (calendar days)	Act number
						RAE 4 Feb 09 RAE 11 Feb 09 RAE 25 Feb 09 RAE 4 Mar 09									
						SL 27 Jan 09 SL 24 Feb 09									
Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill	18	BB	21	8 Jan 09		SL 13 Jan 09	SP 192	14 Jan 09	FI 20 Jan 09	Bill Fell: 28 Jan 09					
Arbitration (Scotland) Bill	19	Ex	43	29 Jan 09	EET 18 Mar 09	FI 10 Feb 09  SL 10 Mar 09 SL 24 Mar 09									
Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill	20	BB	21	29 Jan 09		SL 3 Feb 09	SP 206	4 Feb 09	CW 4 Feb 09	4 Feb 09	4 Feb 09	21	10 Mar 09	41	2009 asp 2
Scottish Local Government (Elections) Bill	21	Ex	3	3 Feb 09	LGC 25 Mar 09 LGC 1 Apr 09 LGC 22 Apr 09	FI 10 Feb 09 FI 10 Mar 09 FI 24 Mar 09	SP 252								
						SL 10 Mar 09									
Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Bill	22	Ex	21	25 Feb 09	HS 29 Apr 09	FI 24 Mar 09									
						SL 28 Apr 09									
Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Bill	23	Ex	20	2 Mar 09	ELLC 22 Apr 09 ELLC 6 May 09	FI 24 Mar 09									
						SL 31 Mar 09 SL 5 May 09									
Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill	24	Ex	159	5 Mar 09	J 5 May 09	FI 10 Mar 09 FI 21 Apr 09 SL 5 May 09									
Marine (Scotland) Bill	25	Ex	90	29 Apr 09		FI 5 May 09									

\* Length is the number of pages in the Bill excluding contents pages and back sheets

**5.1.3 Progress of Private Bills during the second parliamentary year of Session 3**

No Private Bills were introduced during the parliamentary year

**5.2 Subordinate Legislation****Subordinate Legislation Received in the Chamber Desk**

	From 9 May 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	To 8 May 2009	Total
<b>Affirmative Instruments</b>	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Draft Affirmative Instruments</b>	0	3	0	1	4	2	3	3	12	7	3	4	3	45
<b>Negative Instruments</b>	0	24	1	14	33	15	31	14	15	28	32	17	2	226
<b>Draft Negative Instruments</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Instruments Not Laid</b>	0	4	5	5	8	15	8	9	4	8	13	5	1	85
<b>Other</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Total Number of Instruments</b>	0	33	6	20	47	33	44	26	33	45	48	26	6	367

## 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 2008	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	April 2009	To 8 May 2009
4	23	35	10	44	40	23	43	14	9	42	27	0

### 6.2 Rule 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
3	3.7.1	Paragraph amended, 11.12.08, 1 <sup>st</sup> Report 2008 (S3)
6	6.1.5	Paragraph amended, 11.12. 08, 8 <sup>th</sup> Report 2008 (S3)
	6.7	Rule heading amended, 11.12.08, 8 <sup>th</sup> Report 2008 (S3)
	6.7.1	Paragraph amended, 11.12. 08, 8 <sup>th</sup> Report 2008 (S3)
8	8.3.2	Paragraph amended, 24.4.09, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Report 2009, (S3)
	8.11A	Rule inserted 24.4.09, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Report 2009 (S3)
9	9.14.15	Paragraph amended, 24.4.09, 1 <sup>st</sup> Report 2009 (S3)
10	10.10.1	Paragraph amended, 24.4.09, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Report 2009 (S3)
17	17.2A.1	Paragraph amended, 24.4.09, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Report 2009 (S3)

## 7. Staff

### 7.1 MSPs and their staff (as at 31 March 2009)

	Total	Gender (M-F)
Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)	129	84-45
MSP staff - on payroll	454	198-256
Total MSP staff	454	198-256

### 7.2 Parliamentary staff in post by Directorate (as at 31 March 2009) \*

Directorate/Office	Total Staff	Gender (M-F)
<b>Clerk/Chief Executive's Group</b>		
- Office of the Clerk/Chief Executive	8	2-6
- Office of the Presiding Officer	5	4-1
- Strategy and Development	4	2-2
<b>Legal Services Directorate</b>	3	1-2
<b>Clerking and Reporting Directorate</b>		
- Office of the Director	3	1-2
- Chamber Office (Includes Legislation, Standards, Procedures & Public Appointments, Petitions and Subordinate Legislation Committees and the Non-Executive Bills Unit)	36	17-19
- Committee Office	47	24-23
- Official Report	35	20-15
<b>Technology and Facilities Management Directorate</b>		
- Office of the Director	3	2-1
- Facilities Management Office	32	21-11
- Business Information Technology (BIT)	44	31-13
<b>Access and Information Directorate</b>		
- Office of the Director	2	1-1
- Head of Public Affairs	1	0-1
- Broadcasting	5	2-3
- External Liaison Unit	4	3-1
- Events and Exhibitions	7	4-3
- Corporate Publications	2	1-1
- Media Office	11	4-7
- Public Information	6	3-3
- Education and Community Partnerships	17	3-14
- Visitor Services	17	5-12
- Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe)		
- Information Services	25	8-17
- Research Services	26	15-11
- Security Office	102	66-36
<b>Directorate of Resources &amp; Governance</b>		
- Office of the Director	3	2-1
- Personnel Office	22	7-15
- Allowances & Office Holders	8	1-7
- Financial Resources	1	1-0
- Finance	9	5-4
- Procurement	15	2-13
<b>Total Parliament Staff in post (permanent posts)</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>259-245</b>

\* These figures are based on head count and therefore a number of these staff will be working on a part-time basis. These figures do not include secondees.



## 8. Access

### 8.1 Public Visitors and Contacts

	Visitor numbers	Booked tour numbers	Public enquiries	Switchboard calls	Shop numbers	Average spend per visitor
May 2008	28362	2414	752	6575	3636	£2.26
June 2008	37913	2107	872	7117	3622	£2.55
July 2008	26644	3880	717	4527	2991	£1.55
August 2008	37615	3111	836	4916	3201	£1.61
September 2008	38285	1905	929	7622	3303	£2.04
October 2008	26057	2172	1052	6570	2944	£1.98
November 2008	26028	1739	723	6252	2853	£2.63
December 2008	18442	914	594	5319	2243	£4.28
January 2009	19053	684	717	6844	1752	£2.28
February 2009	18474	605	736	6499	1733	£2.12
March 2009	35495	1176	901	8033	2877	£2.68
April 2009	32808	2186	645	5919	2716	£1.70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>345,176</b>	<b>22,893</b>	<b>9,474</b>	<b>76,193</b>	<b>33, 871</b>	<b>£2.31</b>

### 8.2 Educational Visits, by Academic Year 2008 - 2009

#### 8.2.1 Group and visitor numbers to the Parliament

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils	FE Institutions	FE Students	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 08	23	648	25	681	0	0	48	1329
Oct 08	9	275	6	148	2	163	17	586
Nov 08	26	666	23	637	2	25	51	1328
Dec 08	18	533	18	420	3	59	39	1012
Jan 09	26	759	6	142	1	53	33	954
Feb 09	18	477	11	272	0	0	29	749
Mar 09	36	994	16	444	3	80	55	1518
Apr 09	32	868	5	77	1	45	38	990
May 09	33	858	12	302	0	0	45	1160
Jun 09	41	1051	6	165	1	30	48	1246
<b>Totals</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>7129</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3288</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>10872</b>

#### 8.2.2 Visits to the Parliament by region

	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Total
Central Scotland	3	1	6	8	4	2	5	4	3	2	<b>38</b>
Glasgow	0	1	6	2	6	7	7	6	0	1	<b>36</b>
Highlands and Islands	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	5	6	<b>24</b>
Lothians	17	7	20	10	7	8	11	5	19	13	<b>117</b>
Mid Scotland and Fife	8	0	5	7	8	7	16	5	7	7	<b>70</b>
North East Scotland	9	1	2	3	1	0	3	0	3	5	<b>27</b>
South Scotland	4	1	4	3	3	6	4	6	5	5	<b>41</b>
West Scotland	5	3	5	2	8	3	7	8	12	7	<b>60</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>413</b>

### 8.3 Outreach Sessions

#### 8.3.1 Education outreach events, by academic year

	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Total
Outreach Events	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Delegates / Participants	0	20	64	0	0	0	30	0	0	8	122
Teacher Seminars	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
Delegates	5	0	0	6	0	0	22	0	0	6	39

#### 8.3.2 Education outreach visits by region, by academic year

	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Total Visits	Total Pupils
Central Scotland	2	3	2	0	4	0	2	2	2	3	20	743
Glasgow	0	2	1	0	1	6	4	2	2	0	18	695
Highlands & Islands	1	3	7	1	3	9	0	2	6	1	33	1105
Lothians	4	3	7	1	3	6	6	2	2	3	37	1983
Mid Scotland & Fife	2	1	4	0	6	5	4	3	7	1	33	1630
North East Scotland	2	2	0	1	3	0	4	0	3	2	17	646
South of Scotland	1	2	5	0	1	5	0	4	0	1	20	727
West of Scotland	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	0	17	682
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>195</b>	
<b>Total Pupils</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>631</b>		<b>8211</b>

#### 8.3.3 Community outreach

A new community outreach pilot was launched in August 2008. The Community Partnerships Project aims to enable groups from typically under represented sections of society (ethnic minority groups, disability rights organisations, and difficult-to-reach-young-people) to engage with the Scottish Parliament and to have their issues raised within appropriate parliamentary processes. The pilot stage of the Community Partnerships Project will run from August 2008 to March 2010. The three partner organisations in the pilot stage are: Haggeye (formerly the RNIB Youth Forum), Action for Children Scotland, and Multi-Ethnic Aberdeen Ltd.

### 8.4 Partner Libraries

Number of Partner Libraries	May 2009
	80

Currently, 1 in 9 public libraries in Scotland is a Partner Library.

### 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
<b>30 Apr 08</b> 22:59:59 - <b>30 May 08</b> 22:59:53	7,573,100	244,293	30.46	1,197,602	38,632	4.82	248,665	8021
<b>31 May 08</b> 23:00:00 - <b>28 Jun 08</b> 22:59:51	7,366,665	254,022	28.83	1,296,623	44,711	5.07	255,495	8,810
<b>30 Jun 08</b> 23:00:04 - <b>29 Jul 08</b> 22:59:59	4,907,500	163,583	24.14	881,359	29,378	4.34	203,254	6,775
<b>31 Jul 08</b> 23:00:07 - <b>29 Aug 08</b> 22:59:58	5,127,609	170,920	25.67	824,802	27,493	4.13	199,741	6,658
<b>31 Aug 08</b> 23:00:15 - <b>27 Sep 08</b> 22:59:39	7,548,466	269,588	34.04	1,085,630	38,772	4.9	221,758	7,919
<b>30 Sep 08</b> 23:00:07 - <b>31 Oct 08</b> 23:59:56	7,619,889	238,121	25.73	1,082,978	33,843	3.66	296,121	9,253
<b>01 Nov 08</b> 00:00:01 - <b>29 Nov 08</b> 23:59:56	8,340,794	287,613	27.9	1,231,202	42,455	4.12	298,912	10,307
<b>01 Dec 08</b> 00:00:01 - <b>29 Dec 08</b> 23:59:49	7,154,683	246,713	33.7	1,464,794	50,510	6.9	212,321	7,321
<b>01 Jan 09</b> 00:00:09 - <b>30 Jan 09</b> 23:59:58	8,905,355	296,845	32.63	1,345,483	44,849	4.93	272,895	9,096
<b>01 Feb 09</b> 00:00:13 - <b>27 Feb 09</b> 23:59:43	8,240,761	305,213	30.94	1,121,171	41,524	4.21	266,313	9,863
<b>28 Feb 09</b> 23:59:59 - <b>30 Mar 09</b> 22:59:58	9,197,734	296,701	30.42	1,291,177	41,650	4.27	302,352	9,753
<b>31 Mar 09</b> 23:00:00 - <b>30 Apr 09</b> 22:59:52	7,346,838	236,994	26.76	1,256,126	40,520	4.58	274,497	8,854

## 8.6 Freedom of Information Statistics

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 the Scottish Parliament to review their 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. The outcomes of appeals can be found on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/>

	FOI requests	FOI reviews	FOI appeals
From 9 May 2008	18	0	0
June 2008	16	0	0
July 2008	11	2	0
August 2008	16	1	1
September 2008	7	0	0
October 2008	18	1	0
November 2008	9	3	0
December 2008	22	0	0
January 2009	10	3	0
February 2009	17	0	0
March 2009	8	1	0
April 2009	30	0	0
To 8 May 2009	6	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

## 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 9 May 2008	5	0	1
June 2008	8	0	3
July 2008	3	0	2
August 2008	1	0	2
September 2008	9	0	1
October 2008	12	0	3
November 2008	7	0	0
December 2008	4	0	0
January 2009	5	0	1
February 2009	2	0	0
March 2009	13	0	2
April 2009	4	0	1
To 8 May 2009	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>

\* includes Parliament officials

### 9.2 Official gifts

Gifts	Number
received by the Parliament	42

### 9.3 Memberships of Other Bodies

#### 9.3.1 British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA)

The BIPA (formerly known as 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 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

Brian Adam  
 Hugh Henry  
 David McLetchie  
 Alasdair Morrison  
 Iain Smith

### Associate Members

Alasdair Allan  
 Malcolm Chisholm (until 1 Oct 2008)  
 Michael McMahon  
 Shirley-Anne Somerville

### 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

Keith Brown  
 Irene Oldfather

#### Alternate Members

Alison McInnes  
 Ted Brocklebank

### 9.3.3 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

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

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

#### Executive Committee

##### President

Alex Ferguson

##### Vice Presidents

Alex Salmond  
 Iain Gray

##### Elected Members

Ted Brocklebank  
 Karen Gillon  
 Jamie Stone  
 Sandra White

### 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 can attend the plenary meeting. The Scottish Parliament has observer status only, as membership could require the Presiding Officer to make commitments on behalf of the Scottish Parliament. 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

Alex Neil

#### Substitute Member

Malcolm Chisholm (until 1 Oct 2008)





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