



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Scottish Parliament Statistics 2007 - 2008

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The statistics in this volume generally cover the first Parliamentary year of Session 3, 9 May 2007-8 May 2008

Abbreviations

asp	Act of Scottish Parliament
AU	Audit Committee
BB	Budget Bill
C	Committee Convener or Committee, as in Bills
CB	Committee Bill
Con	Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party
CW	Committee of the Whole Parliament
EB	Emergency Bill
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
Ex	Executive, as in Bills
F	Female
FE	Further Education
FI	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FY	Financial year
Green	Scottish Green Party
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
LCM	Legislative Consent Memorandum or Motion
LD	Scottish Liberal Democrats
LGC	Local Government and Communities Committee
M	Male
MB	Member's Bill
Mins	Minutes
MSPs	Members of the Scottish Parliament
n/a	not applicable, or not available
NPA	No Party Affiliation
P	Private, as in Bills
PB	Parliamentary Bureau
PE	Public Petition
PE	Public Petitions Committee
PR	Procedures Committee
PY	Parliamentary year (9 May 2007-8 May 2008)
RAE	Rural Affairs and Environment Committee
S	Substitute Committee Member
S3	Third Session of Parliament
S3M	Session 3 Motion
SI	Statutory Instrument

SL	Subordinate Legislation Committee
SNP	Scottish National Party
SPCB	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body
SPPA	Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
SPPS	Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Scheme Committee
SSI	Scottish Statutory Instrument
ST	Standards and Public Appointments Committee
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.

Scottish Parliament Election, 3 May 2007 results

1.1.1 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
Total	335	2,016,978	100%	73	

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
Total	715	2,042,804	100%	56	

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

1.1.2 Scottish Parliament By-Elections

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

1.2 State of the Parties

At 9 May 2007, start of the first parliamentary year of Session 3

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	21	26	47
Scottish Labour Party	37	9	46
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	4	13	17
Scottish Liberal Democrats	11	5	16
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	1	1
TOTAL	73	56	129

At 14 May 2007, following the election of the Presiding Officer

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	21	26 ^a	47
Scottish Labour Party	37 ^a	9	46
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3 ^b	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
TOTAL	73	56	129

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

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post.

At 31 August 2007, following the resignation of Stefan Tymkewycz when Shirley-Anne Somerville replaced him as an SNP MSP for Lothians.

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	Total
Scottish National Party	21	26 ^a	47
Scottish Labour Party	37 ^a	9	46
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3 ^b	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
TOTAL	73	56	129

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

^b Excludes the Presiding Officer, who has no party allegiance while in post.

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 ^a

^aIncludes Nigel Don who resigned as 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

	Female	Male	Total
	43	86	129
From ethnic minorities	0	1	1

1.3.3 Female MSPs by party

Female MSPs by party 9 May 2007-30 August 2007

	Constituency	Regional	Total	As % of all party MSPs	As % of all MSPs
Scottish Labour Party	20	3	23	50%	18%
Scottish National Party	5	7	12	26%	9%
Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party	0	5	5	31%	4%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	1	2	13%	2%
Independent	0	1	1	100%	1%
Total	26	17	43	33%	33%

Female MSPs by party 31 August 2007-8 May 2008

Following the resignation of Stefan Tymkewycz Shirley-Anne Somerville replaced him as an SNP MSP for Lothians.

	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 & Unionist Party	0	5	5	31%	4%
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	1	2	13%	2%
Independent	0	1	1	100%	1%
Total	26	18	44	34%	34%

1.3.4 MSP age profile

Average ages of MSPs at 9 May 2007

	Average age
<i>By Party</i>	
Scottish National Party	49
Scottish Labour Party	49
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	50
Scottish Liberal Democrats	50
Scottish Green Party	50
Independent	64
<i>By gender</i>	
Females- all parties	49
Males- all parties	50
All MSPs	50

Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties

Average ages of MSPs at 8 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
All MSPs	50

Presiding Officer is included in No Party Affiliation

Deputy Presiding Officers are included in their parties

1.4 Officers of the Parliament

1.4.1 Presiding Officers

The **Presiding Officer** is elected by other Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) and is in charge of ensuring that the business of the Parliament is conducted effectively, on time, fairly, and within the rules and in an orderly manner. The Presiding Officer has no party allegiance whilst in the chair. There are also two **Deputy Presiding Officers** who must also act impartially

when they are chairing parliamentary meetings; when they are not chairing parliamentary meetings they can play a full part in parliamentary business.

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

	Party	Dates of election
Presiding Officer		
George Reid	NPA	7 May 2003
Alex Fergusson	NPA	14 May 2007
Deputy Presiding Officers		
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
George Reid	NPA	7 May 2003-14 May 2007
Duncan McNeil	Lab	21 May 2003- 14 May 2007
John Scott	Con	21 May 2003- 14 May 2007
Robert Brown	LD	21 May 2003- 14 May 2007
Andrew Welsh	SNP	21 May 2003- 14 May 2007
Alex Fergusson	NPA	14 May 2007-
Alex Johnstone	Con	14 May 2007-
Tricia Marwick	SNP	14 May 2007-
Tom McCabe	Lab	14 May 2007-
Mike Pringle	LD	14 May 2007-

	Number of meetings attended	
	May 2007-8	May 2008 (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Alex Fergusson)	17	(18)
Alex Johnstone	18	(18)
Tom McCabe	17	(18)
Tricia Marwick	18	(18)
Mike Pringle	17	(18)

1.4.3 Parliamentary Bureau

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

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

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

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

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

	Party	Dates of membership
Alex Fergusson	NPA	14 May 2007-
Robert Brown	LD	24 May 2007-
Bruce Crawford	SNP	15 May 2007-
David McLetchie	Con	10 May 2007-
Michael McMahon	Lab	14 April 2008-
Jackie Baillie	Lab	18 September 2007-14 April 2008
Cathy Jamieson	Lab	10 May 2007-18 September 2007
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	10 May 2007- 15 May 2007
Tavish Scott	LD	10 May 2007- 24 May 2007

	Number of meetings attended	
	May 2007-8	May 2008 (possible total)
Presiding Officer (Alex Fergusson)	32	(37)
Bruce Crawford	36	(37)
David McLetchie	34	(37)
Cathy Jamieson	7	(10)
Tavish Scott	1	(2)
Alasdair Morgan	1	(1)
Robert Brown	34	(35)
Jackie Baillie	21	(23)
Michael McMahon	4	(4)
Bruce Crawford	32	(37)

1.5 Oaths and affirmations 9 May 2007-8 May 2008

Oaths and Affirmations

By Gender

	Oath	Affirmation	Total
Male	49	37	86
Female	26	18	44
Total	75	55	130

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	14	34	48
Independent	1	0	1
Total	75	55	130

MSPs who repeated the oath or affirmation in another language:

	Gaelic	Doric	Urdu	Scots
Scottish National Party	4	3	1	1
Scottish Liberal Democrats	1	0	0	0
Total	5	3	1	1

Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament

The following 58 Groups were either re-established from Session 2 (no date given) or were re-approved, renamed (including established Groups which combined and were renamed) or the Groups were established for the first time in the first parliamentary year of Session 3 (date given).

Cross Party Group in alphabetical order by the topic of the Group	Date (as explained above)
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Alzheimer's Disease	30/10/07
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	13/08/07
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	22/04/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Chronic Pain	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Civil Nuclear Energy	23/02/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Climate Change	15/01/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Coeliac Disease and DH	30/10/07
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Construction	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Crofting	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Cuba	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Culture and Media	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on 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	15/01/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Human Rights and Civil Liberties	20/11/07
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	22/04/08
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Malawi	
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	22/04/08

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 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Science and Technology	26/02/08
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 Sexual Health	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Sports	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on 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 Visual Impairment	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Wastes Management	

2 Plenary meetings

2.1 Calendar

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
							Hrs	Mins
Wed 9 May 2007	09:30	10:08	10:30	11:05	11:30	12:07	1	50
Mon 14 May 2007	15:00	15:33	16:15	16:31	16:35	16:48		
Mon 14 May 2007 cont.			16:52	17:04	17:07	17:22	1	29
Wed 16 May 2007	10:00	10:00	10:30	11:23			0	53
Thurs 17 May 2007	11:15	11:52					0	37
Wed 23 May 2007	14:30	16:32					2	02
Thurs 24 May 2007	09:15	10:33	14:15	16:56			3	59
Wed 30 May 2007	14:30	17:02					2	32
Thurs 31 May 2007	09:15	12:33	14:15	17:05			6	08
Total from 7 May 2007							19	30
Wed 6 June 2007	14:30	17:32					3	02
Thurs 7 June 2007	9:15	12:28	14:15	17:46			6	44
Wed 13 June 2007	14:30	17:38					3	08
Thurs 14 June 2007	9:15	12:31	14:15	16:59	17:00	17:55	6	55
Wed 20 June 2007	14:30	17:31					3	01
Thurs 21 June 2007	09:15	12:33	14:15	18:03			7	06
Wed 27 June 2007	14:30	17:49					3	19
Thurs 28 June 2007	09:15	12:30	14:15	16:53	17:00	17:37	6	30
Total June 2007							39	45
Wed 5 September 2007	14:30	17:48					3	18
Thurs 6 September 2007	09:15	09:59	10:00	12:32	14:15	16:46		
Thurs 6 September 2007 cont.	17:00	17:48					6	35
Wed 12 September 2007	14:30	18:10					3	40
Thurs 13 September 2007	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:34			6	35
Wed 19 September 2007	14:30	17:58					3	28
Thurs 20 September 2007	09:15	11:38	11:40	12:30	14:15	17:49	6	47
Wed 26 September 2007	14:30	18:04					3	34
Thurs 27 September 2007	09:15	12:32	14:15	17:49			6	51
Total September 2007							40	48
Wed 3 October 2007	14:30	17:36					3	06
Thurs 4 October 2007	09:15	12:32	14:15	17:46			6	48
Wed 24 October 2007	14:00	17:49					3	49
Thurs 25 October 2007	09:15	12:32	14:15	17:56			6	58
Wed 31 October 2007	14:00	17:44					3	44
Total October 2007							24	25
Thurs 1 November 2007	09:15	12:30	14:15	17:35			6	35
Wed 7 November 2007	14:15	18:02					3	47
Thurs 8 November 2007	09:15	11:33	11:40	12:33	14:15	17:40	6	36
Wed 14 November 2007	14:00	18:31					4	31
Thurs 15 November 2007	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:41			6	42

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
							Hrs	Mins
Wed 21 November 2007	14:30	17:38					3	08
Thurs 22 November 2007	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:43			6	44
Wed 28 November 2007	14:30	17:48					3	18
Thurs 29 November 2007	09:15	12:32	14:15	18:08			7	10
Total November 2007							48	31
Wed 5 December 2007	14:00	17:49					3	49
Thurs 6 December 2007	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:37			6	38
Wed 12 December 2007	14:30	17:46					3	16
Thurs 13 December 2007	09:15	12:31	14:15	18:20			7	21
Wed 19 December 2007	14:30	17:55					3	25
Thurs 20 December 2007	09:15	13:13	14:15	15:09	15:15	16:29		
Thurs 20 December 2007 cont.			16:30	16:34			6	10
Total December 2007							30	39
Wed 9 January 2008	14:00	17:42					3	42
Thurs 10 January 2008	09:15	12:32	14:15	17:50			6	52
Wed 16 January 2008	14:00	17:37					3	37
Thurs 17 January 2008	09:15	12:38	14:15	16:50	17:01	17:42	6	39
Wed 23 January 2008	14:00	18:04					4	04
Thurs 24 January 2008	09:15	13:07	14:15	16:58	17:00	18:05	7	40
Wed 30 January 2008	14:00	17:44					3	44
Thurs 31 January 2008	09:15	11:38	11:40	12:31	14:15	17:57	6	56
Total January 2008							43	14
Wed 6 February 2008	14:00	14:46	14:51	17:41			3	36
Thurs 7 February 2008	09:15	12:31	14:15	17:40			6	41
Wed 20 February 2008	14:30	17:47					3	17
Thurs 21 February 2008	09:15	12:32	14:15	16:58	17:00	17:40	6	40
Wed 27 February 2008	14:30	17:41					3	11
Thurs 28 February 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	16:58	16:59	17:55	6	54
Total February 2008							30	19
Wed 5 March 2008	14:00	17:43					3	43
Thurs 6 March 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	17:35			6	35
Wed 12 March 2008	14:00	17:32					3	32
Thurs 13 March 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	17:46			6	46
Wed 19 March 2008	14:30	17:47					3	17
Thurs 20 March 2008	09:15	11:39	11:40	12:32	14:15	17:59	7	00
Wed 26 March 2008	14:30	17:55					3	25
Thurs 27 March 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	16:57	17:00	17:36	6	33
Total March 2008							40	51
Wed 16 April 2008	14:00	17:41					3	41
Thurs 17 April 2008	09:15	12:31	14:00	16:58	17:00	17:42	6	56
Wed 23 April 2008	14:30	17:45					3	15
Thurs 24 April 2008	09:15	12:30	14:15	18:07			7	07
Wed 30 April 2008	14:30	17:34					3	04
Total April 2008							24	03

Date	Start	End	Start/ Restart	End	Start/ Restart	End	Total	
							Hrs	Mins
Thurs 1 May 2008	09:15	12:32	14:15	18:06			7	08
Wed 7 May 2008	14:30	17:53					3	23
Thurs 8 May 2008	09:15	12:32	14:15	16:59	17:00	17:42	6	43
Total to 8 May 2008							17	14
Parliamentary year total in hours							359	19

2.2 Recess Dates

Start	End
30 June 2007	2 September 2007
6 October 2007	21 October 2007
22 December 2007	4 January 2008
9 February 2008	17 February 2008
29 March 2008	13 April 2008

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
Bills			
Executive Bills			
Stage 1	5	11	37
Stage 2 (Committee of the Whole Parliament)	0	0	00
Stage 3	4	1	50
Business Motions	3	0	03
Financial Resolutions	2	0	02
Motion to pass	4	5	42
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Executive Bills		19	14
Members Bills			
Stage 1	0	0	00
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Members Bills		0	00
Committee Bills			
Stage 1	0	0	00
Stage 2	0	0	00
Stage 3	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Committee Bills		0	00
Private Bills			
Preliminary Stage	0	0	00
Final Stage	0	0	00
Financial Resolutions	0	0	00
Motion to pass	0	0	00
Reconsideration Stage	0	0	00
Total time spent on Private Bills		0	00
Statutory Instruments			
Motion to approve (affirmative)	15	1	52
Motion to annul (negative)	0	0	00
Total time spent on Statutory Instruments		1	52

Other Motions relating to Legislation			
Legislative Consent Motions	9	1	55
Total time spent on other Motions		1	55
Parliamentary Bureau Motions			
Business motions (not including Bills)	38	1	24
Committee Establishment and Membership	11	0	17
Designation of lead committee	3	0	11
Decision Time	67	5	34
Suspension of Standing Orders	6	0	02
Total time spent on Parliamentary Bureau Motions		7	28
Motions for debate			
Scottish Executive	48	109	29
Scottish Labour	14	29	59
Conservative	4	9	28
Liberal Democrats	3	7	14
Green	1	2	26
Margo MacDonald	0	0	00
All Party	0	0	00
Committee	3	2	37
Members' Business	65	42	20
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	2	1	05
Total time spent on motions		204	38
Debate without motion			
Scottish Executive	13	25	30
Scottish Labour	0	0	0
Conservative	0	0	0
Liberal Democrat	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0
Total time spent on debate without motion		25	30
Oral Questions			
Scottish Executive	35	34	07
First Minister	34	17	43
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	1	0	14
Emergency	0	0	00
Total time spent on questions		52	04
Statements			
Scottish Executive (including debates on statements)	42	36	49
Presiding Officer (including rulings)	6	0	18
Total time spent on statements		37	07
Other matters			
Points of order	35	1	52
Time for Reflection	34	2	21
Motion without notice	7	0	04
Oaths and Affirmations	2	1	51

Elections/Appointment of Ministers and Junior Ministers	2	1	29
Elections/Appointment of Presiding Officer/Deputy Presiding Officers	2	1	29
Election to Committee of the Regions/Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe	2	0	01
Election of Law Officers	1	0	21
Election to SPCB	1	0	03
Addresses to Parliament:	0	0	00
HM The Queen	0	0	00
Others	0	0	00
One Minute's Silence	0	0	00
Total time spent on other matters		9	31
Total time spent during the parliamentary year			
		359	19

3.2 Time for reflection 9 May 2007 to 8 May 2008

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
Baptist	1	0	1
Buddhist	0	1	1
Christian	3	2	5
Church of Scotland	8	4	12
Hindu	0	1	1
Muslim Community	2	0	2
Religious Society of Friends	0	1	1
Roman Catholic Church	6	1	7
Scottish Episcopal Church	1	0	1
Sikh	1	0	1
No religion	1	1	2
Total	23	11	34

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; Rural Affairs and the Environment

Week 2: Finance and Sustainable Growth; Justice and Law Officers

Week 3: Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

Week 4: Rural Affairs and the Environment; Health and Wellbeing

Week 5: Justice and Law Officers; Finance and Sustainable Growth

Week 6: Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning

3.3.1 (a) (i) General Oral questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	46	179	171	86	215	129	172	129	169	84	42	1422
SNP	6	57	58	49	115	72	98	80	108	54	25	722
Con	13	55	56	28	64	39	45	40	56	27	14	437
LD	15	60	58	28	70	42	59	45	60	30	15	482
Green	2	8	6	4	8	6	6	4	8	2	2	56
Margo MacDonald	1	2	4	2	3	3	3	1	3	1	1	24
Totals	83	361	353	197	475	291	383	299	404	198	99	3143

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

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	6	22	11	5	23	12	16	18	19	10	4	146
SNP	1	10	10	5	11	9	12	5	9	5	3	80
Con	2	6	7	3	8	4	7	2	6	2	1	48
LD	1	1	10	3	7	3	5	4	5	2	1	42
Green	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	6
Margo MacDonald	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	10	39	40	17	50	30	40	30	40	19	9	324

3.3.1 (b) (i) Education and Lifelong Learning oral questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	45	41	43	86	0	43	43	42	42	0	385
SNP	0	15	9	23	51	0	25	27	28	26	0	204
Con	0	14	12	13	25	0	11	12	15	14	0	116
LD	0	15	15	14	28	0	15	15	15	15	0	132
Green	0	2	0	2	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	14
Margo MacDonald	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	6
Totals	0	91	78	96	196	0	97	99	103	97	0	857

3.3.1 (b) (ii) Education and Lifelong Learning oral questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	4	5	5	9	0	4	5	5	4	0	41
SNP	0	2	1	3	5	0	5	4	1	1	0	22
Con	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	9
LD	0	2	2	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	12
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	10	10	10	19	0	10	10	7	8	0	84

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

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	45	88	0	86	43	43	43	42	0	0	390
SNP	0	11	39	0	38	24	24	27	27	0	0	190
Con	0	15	29	0	23	11	13	13	13	0	0	117
LD	0	15	29	0	28	14	15	15	15	0	0	131
Green	0	2	4	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	14
Margo MacDonald	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	0	88	191	0	178	95	98	98	99	0	0	847

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

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	5	13	0	10	5	4	3	5	0	0	45
SNP	0	1	4	0	3	2	2	4	2	0	0	18
Con	0	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	11
LD	0	3	1	0	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	14
Green	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	10	20	0	20	10	10	10	10	0	0	90

3.3.1 (d) (i) Health and Wellbeing oral questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	89	42	43	43	43	43	43	42	0	42	430
SNP	0	29	13	25	27	24	24	27	27	0	25	221
Con	0	26	15	12	15	14	11	15	14	0	14	136
LD	0	30	14	14	14	14	14	15	15	0	15	145
Green	0	4	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	18
Margo MacDonald	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	8
Totals	0	180	87	97	101	98	92	103	101	0	99	958

3.3.1 (d) (ii) Health and Wellbeing oral questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	9	5	6	5	7	9	9	9	0	8	67
SNP	0	3	0	3	3	6	6	5	7	0	4	37
Con	0	2	2	0	2	3	5	2	2	0	2	20
LD	0	5	2	1	0	4	1	3	2	0	3	21
Green	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Margo MacDonald	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	0	20	10	10	10	20	21	20	20	0	18	149

3.3.1 (e) (i) Finance and Sustainable Growth oral questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	45	88	0	86	43	43	0	43	42	0	390
SNP	0	10	38	0	35	24	25	0	26	28	0	186
Con	0	15	29	0	23	14	10	0	14	13	0	118
LD	0	15	29	0	28	14	15	0	15	15	0	131
Green	0	2	4	0	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	14
Margo MacDonald	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	6
Totals	0	87	190	0	175	98	96	0	101	98	0	845

3.3.1 (e) (ii) Finance and Sustainable Growth oral questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	5	10	0	4	8	10	0	10	10	0	57
SNP	0	2	3	0	1	4	5	0	4	4	0	23
Con	0	1	5	0	7	2	3	0	3	1	0	22
LD	0	2	1	0	3	2	0	0	4	5	0	17
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	0	10	19	0	15	16	20	0	21	20	0	121

3.3.1. (f) (i) Rural Affairs and the Environment oral questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	89	42	43	43	43	43	43	42	0	0	388
SNP	0	26	12	24	26	24	24	27	27	0	0	190
Con	0	15	15	12	15	11	13	13	13	0	0	107
LD	0	30	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	0	0	131
Green	0	4	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	16
Margo MacDonald	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
Totals	0	166	86	96	100	95	98	98	99	0	0	838

3.3.1. (f) (ii) Rural Affairs and the Environment oral questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	6	6	3	3	4	2	5	4	0	0	33
SNP	0	4	0	3	2	3	5	1	2	0	0	20
Con	0	6	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	15
LD	0	3	2	3	3	0	2	2	3	0	0	18
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	0	19	9	10	10	10	10	10	9	0	0	87

3.3.1. (g) (i) Europe, External Affairs and Culture oral questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	45	41	43	86	0	43	43	42	42	0	385
SNP	0	14	9	23	51	0	25	27	28	26	0	203
Con	0	14	12	13	25	0	11	12	15	14	0	116
LD	0	15	15	14	28	0	15	15	15	15	0	132
Green	0	2	0	2	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	14
Margo MacDonald	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	7
Totals	0	90	78	96	196	0	97	99	103	98	0	857

3.3.1. (g) (ii) Europe, External Affairs and Culture oral questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	4	3	5	9	0	3	5	3	5	0	37
SNP	0	1	3	3	2	0	4	3	3	3	0	22
Con	0	3	2	0	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	14
LD	0	2	2	2	1	0	2	1	4	2	0	16
Green	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	10	10	10	20	0	10	10	11	10	0	91

The total number of oral questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **8345**

The total number of oral questions selected during the parliamentary year was **946**

3.3.2 (a) SPCB questions lodged

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNP	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Con	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
Green	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

3.3.2. (b) SPCB questions selected

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Lab	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNP	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Con	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
Green	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Margo MacDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

3.3.3 Emergency Questions

(a) Lodged and taken

There have been no emergency questions taken in this parliamentary year.

(b) Lodged and not taken

Party	June 2007	October 2007	November 2007	
Conservatives	0	0	1	1
Liberal Democrats	1	0	0	1
SNP	0	1	0	1
Totals	1	1	1	3

3.3.4 First Minister's questions

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
SNP	7	16	22	12	33	27	26	27	33	17	8	228
Lab	10	24	20	7	24	17	25	17	26	12	6	188
Con	6	29	21	10	15	9	20	17	19	6	3	155
LD	2	12	10	7	19	14	15	11	20	10	4	124
Green	0	1	2	1	0	3	3	0	1	1	1	13
Margo MacDonald	1	4	3	2	5	3	4	3	4	2	1	32
Totals	26	86	78	39	96	73	93	75	103	48	23	740

The total number of First Minister's questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **740**

3.3.5 Written questions

Party	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
SNP	115	199	280	223	166	126	186	88	137	210	144	128	10	2012
Lab	163	735	402	710	442	675	899	580	730	742	409	662	154	7303
Con	97	216	128	83	129	158	109	96	119	70	147	123	39	1514
LD	72	171	108	121	175	110	216	78	169	196	151	162	32	1761
Green	22	4	27	12	8	2	5	26	19	26	19	9	12	191
Margo MacDonald	1	1	0	0	0	6	1	0	6	5	1	0	0	21
Totals	470	1326	945	1149	920	1077	1416	868	1180	1249	871	1084	247	12802

The total number of written questions lodged during the parliamentary year was **12802**

3.4 Motions

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

Party or on behalf of bodies by Party Members	From 9 May 2007	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
SNP	31	63	24	25	49	69	97	68	84	76	92	79	18	775
Lab	34	53	14	26	55	58	64	34	70	58	61	40	23	590
Con	5	16	5	7	11	21	21	15	26	18	22	11	7	185
LD	27	36	9	13	25	23	29	21	32	21	32	24	8	300
Green	5	8	1	5	7	4	5	7	5	7	10	8	3	75
Margo MacDonald	4	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	15
Committee	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	6
Parliamentary Bureau	8	14	0	1	36	19	19	7	11	20	16	14	2	167
SPCB	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Lord Advocate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	114	197	54	78	186	194	236	152	231	202	233	177	62	2116

The total number of motions lodged during the parliamentary year was **2116**

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 change decision time	1	0	1
To suspend Standing Orders	1	0	1
To extend debate	5	0	5
Total	7	0	7

3.4.3 Motions to suspend Standing Orders

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

S3M-1, agreed to on 9 May 2008

S3M-62, agreed to on 23 May 2007

S3M-1061, agreed to on 19 December 2007

S3M-1109, agreed to on 9 January 2008

S3M-1259, agreed to on 30 January 2008

S3M-1312, agreed to on 6 February 2008

3.4 4 Members' business motions

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

Party	Female	Male	Total
SNP	40	42	82
Lab	52	19	71
Con	8	8	16
LD	4	17	21
Green	0	1	1
Ind	1	0	1
Total	105	87	192

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

Party	Female	Male	Total
SNP	7	16	23
Lab	13	10	23
Con	6	3	9
LD	2	7	9
Green	0	1	1
Ind	1	1	2
Total	29	38	67

3.4.5 Legislative consent memorandums and motions

Legislative consent memorandums published	Supplementary memorandums published	Legislative consent motions lodged	Legislative consent motions passed
10	2	8	8

3.5 Ministerial statements

Minister/Law Officer making the statement	2007- 2008
First Minister	9
Minister for Parliamentary Business	0
Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture	1
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	10
Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism	1
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change	4
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning	3
Minister for Schools and Skills	0
Minister for Children and Early Years	2
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing	10
Minister for Public Health	0
Minister for Communities and Sport	1
Cabinet Secretary for Justice	2
Minister for Community Safety	0
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment	5
Minister for Environment	1
Lord Advocate	1
Solicitor General for Scotland	0
Total	50

3.6 Presiding Officer's Rulings on Points of Order

From 7 May 200	June 2007	Sept 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Total
0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	6

3.7 Electronic votes

From 9 May 2007	June 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
13	27	21	19	17	15	38	25	29	11	11	226

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

3.8 Presiding Officer's exercise of a casting vote

Date	Motion	Result
21 June 2007	S3M-204.1, in the name of Johann Lamont on the Olympic Games	Disagreed
26 September 2007	S3M-539.1, in the name of Johann Lamont, as amended, which seeks to amend motion S3M-539, in the name of Nicola Sturgeon, on the Glasgow Housing Association inspection report	Disagreed
26 September 2007	S3M-539 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon, on the Glasgow Housing Association inspection report	Disagreed
1 May 2008	S3M-1812.1, in the name of Robert Brown which seeks to amend motion S3M-1812, in the name of David McLetchie, on housing	Disagreed (casting vote taken by Deputy Presiding Officer Alasdair Morgan)

4. Committees

4.1.1 Committee Membership

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

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

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

4.1.1 Committee Membership

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

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

Member of only 1 Committee	30
Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	16
Member of 3 Committees simultaneously	6
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	62
Member of 1 Committee and a Substitute Member of 2 Committees simultaneously	3
Member of 2 Committees and a Substitute Member of 1 Committee simultaneously	9
Substitute Committee Member only	4

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	14	5
Deputy Conveners	10	6

	Lab	SNP	LD	Con	Green
Conveners	7	7	2	2	1
Deputy Conveners	8	5	2	2	0

These tables are running totals for the parliamentary year

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

	From 9 May 07	Jun 07	Sept 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	April 08	To 8 May 08	Total
AU	n/a	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	17
EET	n/a	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	4	1	1	21
ELLC	n/a	2	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	1	25
EO	n/a	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	16
EU	n/a	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	0	18
FI	n/a	2	2	2	4	3	4	2	2	3	1	25
HS	n/a	2	3	2	3	4	4	2	3	3	1	27
J	n/a	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	4	2	0	25
LGC	n/a	2	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	2	1	27
PE	n/a	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	0	17
PR	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
RAE	n/a	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	0	19
SPPA	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	10
SPPS	n/a	n/a	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	7
SL	n/a	2	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	1	31
ST	n/a	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
TIC	n/a	1	4	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	23
TOTAL	n/a	26	35	31	41	35	35	31	39	30	9	312

RAE Public	n/a	02 00	03 34	02 35	04 40	03 32	04 04	04 48	04 30	03 48	00 00	33 31
RAE Private	n/a	00 00	00 00	00 23	00 00	02 40	00 33	00 37	00 35	03 37	00 00	08 25
RAE Total	n/a	02 00	03 34	02 58	04 40	06 12	04 37	05 25	05 05	07 25	00 00	41 56
SPPA Public	n/a	n/a	n/a	00 36	00 25	00 30	00 57	03 25	02 43	00 31	00 00	09 07
SPPA Private	n/a	n/a	n/a	01 00	00 08	00 56	00 26	00 55	01 43	02 01	00 00	07 09
SPPA Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	01 36	00 33	01 26	01 23	04 20	04 26	02 32	00 00	16 16
SPPS Public	n/a	n/a	00 31	00 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	01 50	02 08	00 00	00 00	04 29
SPPS Private	n/a	n/a	00 00	00 14	00 00	00 00	00 00	02 22	01 33	00 00	02 04	06 13
SPPS Total	n/a	n/a	00 31	00 14	00 00	00 00	00 00	04 12	03 41	00 00	02 04	10 42
SL Public	n/a	00 26	01 07	00 36	00 59	02 08	01 29	00 28	00 43	00 48	00 13	08 57
SL Private	n/a	00 00	00 36	00 53	00 13	00 19	00 30	00 56	00 34	00 00	00 00	04 01
SL Total	n/a	00 26	01 43	01 29	01 12	02 27	01 59	01 24	01 17	00 48	00 13	12 58
ST Public	n/a	00 08	00 00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00 08
ST Private	n/a	00 00	00 11	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00 11
ST Total	n/a	00 08	00 11	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	00 19
TIC Public	n/a	00 51	07 18	02 27	04 42	02 20	03 29	01 37	05 33	03 46	03 48	35 51
TIC Private	n/a	00 00	01 05	03 15	00 51	01 28	00 00	00 12	00 00	00 00	00 00	06 51
TIC Total	n/a	00 51	08 23	05 42	05 33	03 48	03 29	01 49	05 33	03 46	03 48	42 42
TOTALS	n/a	23 36	48 06	48 33	76 35	80 06	71 37	57 39	83 59	63 18	20 51	574 20

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

	From 9 May 07		Jun 07		Sep 07		Oct 07		Nov 07		Dec 07		Jan 08		Feb 08		Mar 08		Apr 08		To 8 May 08		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
AU	n/a		1	10	1	50	1	07	1	42	2	40	2	55	2	29	2	34	2	11	0	00	2	07
EET	n/a		0	49	2	05	1	56	2	40	2	05	1	43	3	28	2	20	2	36	2	40	2	10
ELLC	n/a		1	33	1	40	1	41	2	17	3	27	1	29	2	07	2	48	2	46	2	09	2	15
EO	n/a		0	08	0	40	1	30	2	16	2	14	2	01	2	20	2	27	2	25	2	46	1	58
EU	n/a		0	44	1	08	1	49	1	47	2	13	2	01	1	44	2	14	2	14	0	00	1	46
FI	n/a		0	39	1	10	1	08	1	09	2	04	2	04	1	12	0	53	2	53	3	07	1	40
HS	n/a		0	56	1	30	2	06	2	35	2	00	2	28	1	54	2	09	1	31	2	20	1	58
J	n/a		1	20	1	41	2	25	2	53	2	24	1	41	0	27	2	38	1	32	0	00	2	04
LGC	n/a		1	42	1	05	1	49	2	01	3	06	4	07	2	23	2	35	2	12	1	44	2	21
PE	n/a		1	08	2	16	2	08	2	02	2	22	2	12	3	17	2	32	3	01	0	00	2	19
PR	n/a		0	07	0	03	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		0	05
RAE	n/a		1	00	1	47	1	29	2	20	3	06	2	19	2	43	2	33	2	28	0	00	2	12
SPPA	n/a		n/a		n/a		0	48	0	33	1	26	1	23	2	10	2	13	2	32	0	00	1	38
SPPS	n/a		n/a		0	31	0	14	0	00	0	00	0	00	2	06	1	51	0	00	2	04	1	32
SL	n/a		0	13	0	26	0	30	0	18	0	49	0	30	0	28	0	19	0	16	0	13	0	25
ST	n/a		0	08	0	11	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		0	10
TIC	n/a		0	51	2	06	1	54	1	23	1	54	1	45	0	55	2	47	1	53	3	48	1	51
Annual Average																							1	50
Monthly Average	n/a		0	54	1	22	1	34	1	52	2	17	2	03	1	52	2	09	2	07	2	19		

4.3.1 Audit Committee

Established: 7 June 2007

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.

No member of the Scottish Executive or junior Scottish Minister may be a member of the Committee and no member who represents a political party which is represented in the Scottish Executive may be convener of the Committee.

(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.7)

Convener: Hugh Henry (26 September 2007-)
Charlie Gordon (20 June 2007- 20 September 2007)

Deputy Convener: Murdo Fraser (20 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 17 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held outside the Parliament in Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Chamber, Stornoway, Western Isles.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	17
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	15
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Claire Baker (20 September 2007-1 May 2008)	Lab	14(14)
Willie Coffey	SNP	15(17)
George Foulkes (3 October 2007-)	Lab	12(13)
Murdo Fraser	Con	15(17)
Trish Godman (20 September 2007-3 October 2007)	Lab	1(1)
Charlie Gordon (13 June 2007-20 September 2007); (1 May 2008-)	Lab	3(3)
Hugh Henry (20 September 2007-)	Lab	12(14)
Jim Hume	LD	13(17)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	16(17)
Mary Mulligan (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	3(3)
Richard Simpson (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	3(3)
Andrew Welsh	SNP	16(17)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Derek Brownlee (27 June 2007-)	Con	0
James Kelly (27 June 2007-)	Lab	3
Iain Smith (21 June 2007-)	LD	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Tracey Reilly (nee Hawe)

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	2
Scottish Government officials	17
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	122
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	1
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Inquiry into the Report on the 2006/07 Audit of the Western Isles Health Board
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SI's considered	0	
SSI's considered	1	1 draft affirmative
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
2nd Report 2008: Report on the 2006/07 Audit of the Western Isles Health Board	90	6 May 2008	No response
1st Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	82	26 March 2008	No response

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: Tavish Scott (20 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Brian Adam (20 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 21 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held outside the Parliament in Aberdeen City Chambers.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	21
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Brian Adam	SNP	21(21)
Gavin Brown	Con	19(21)
Iain Gray (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	4(4)
Christopher Harvie	SNP	20(21)
Marilyn Livingstone	Lab	14(21)
Lewis Macdonald (20 September 2007-)	Lab	17(17)
Tavish Scott	LD	20(21)
Dave Thompson	SNP	21(21)
David Whitton	Lab	20(21)

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Nigel Don (14 June 2007-)	SNP	0
George Foulkes (20 September 2007-)	Lab	1
Alex Johnstone (27 June 2007-)	Con	0
Liam McArthur (21 June 2007-)	LD	0
Irene Oldfather (27 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Stephen Imrie
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Katy Orr (20 June 2007-)
 Gail Grant (3 October 2007-)
 Assistant Clerk: Douglas Thornton

Advisers

Peter Wood (Budget scrutiny)
 Professor John Lennon (Tourism Inquiry)

Visits: 0

Events: 1 joint event ‘The Scottish Workplace and the Productivity Challenge’ with Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee and the Scottish Trades Union Congress.

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	7
Scottish Government officials	18
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	31
Representatives of local authorities	15
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	14
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	52

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Role of the Energy Technologies Institute Inquiry Tourism Inquiry
Consultations	1	Tourism Inquiry
Proposed Members’ Bills considered	1	Scottish Register of Tartans Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Scottish Register of Tartans Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Dormant Bank and Building Societies Accounts Bill
SI considered	0	
SSI considered	2	2 draft affirmatives
Petitions considered	2	PE837; PE969
Divisions held	1	5 March 2008: motion S3M-01275
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1st Report, 2008 Subordinate Legislation	71	7 March 2008	No Response
Budget scrutiny Process 2008-09 (Stage 2) Written Submission from the Scottish Enterprise Network	n/a electronic only	21 December 2007	n/a
1st Report, 2007 (Session 3) Report on the Legislative Consent memorandum on Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	42	21 December 2007	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 Europe, External Affairs and Culture.

Convener: Karen Whitefield (20 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Rob Gibson (20 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 25 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	25
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	8
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Aileen Campbell	SNP	24(25)
Rob Gibson	SNP	23(25)
Ken Macintosh	Lab	19(25)
Christina McKelvie	SNP	22(25)
Pauline McNeill (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	3(4)
Mary Mulligan (20 September 2007-)	Lab	20(21)
Jeremy Purvis	LD	23(25)
Elizabeth Smith	Con	24(25)
Karen Whitefield	Lab	24(25)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claire Baker (1 May 2008-)	Lab	0
Richard Baker (20 September 2007-1 May 2008)	Lab	8
Ted Brocklebank (27 June 2007-)	Con	0
George Foulkes (27 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	0
Hugh O'Donnell (21 June 2007-)	LD	0
Shirley-Anne Somerville (6 September 2007-)	SNP	1
Stefan Tymkewycz (14 June 2007-31 August 2007)	SNP	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Eugene Windsor
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Sarah Robertson
 Assistant Clerk: Nick Hawthorne
 Andrew Proudfoot (from 19 September 2007-)

Advisers: Peter Cooper (Budget scrutiny)

Visits: 0

Events: 1 joint event 'The Scottish Workplace and the Productivity Challenge' with Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee and the Scottish Trades Union Congress

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	8
Scottish Government officials	21
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	29
Representatives of local authorities	9
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	2
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	5
Representatives of professional associations	10
Representatives of voluntary sector	6
Other categories of witnesses	12

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	2	Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill Creative Scotland Bill
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	2	Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill Creative Scotland Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Education and Skills Bill
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	12	3 draft affirmatives and 9 negatives as follows: SSI 2007/315; SSI 2007/396; SSI 2007/407; SSI 2007/417; SSI 2007/426; SSI 2007/487; SSI 2007/503; SSI 2008/1; SSI 2008/6
Petitions considered	4	PE853; PE872; PE1022; PE1046
Divisions held	4	26 September 2007: Motion S3M-419; 12 December 2007: Draft Stage 1 Report Graduate Endowment (Abolition) Scotland Bill; 23 January 2008: Bill Amendment: 2 divisions
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1st Report 2008 Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Education and Skills Bill-LCM (S3) 6.1	51	25 January 2008	No Response
3rd Report 2007 (Session 3) Stage 1 Report on the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill	37	13 December 2007	No Response
2nd Report 2007 (Session 3) Subordinate Legislation	22	8 November 2007	No Response
1st Report 2007 (Session 3) Subordinate Legislation	15	1 October 2007	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 (19 June 2007-)**Deputy Convener:** Elaine Smith (19 June 2007-)**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.**Meetings:** There were 16 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	16
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:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Richard Baker (1 May 2008-)	Lab	1(1)
Helen Eadie (13 June 2007-14 June 2007)	Lab	0(0)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	16(16)
Bill Kidd	SNP	15(16)
Michael McMahon (20 September 2007-1 May 2008)	Lab	7(13)
Margaret Mitchell	Con	16(16)
Hugh O'Donnell	LD	15(16)
Elaine Smith	Lab	14(16)
Sandra White	SNP	13(16)
Bill Wilson	SNP	16(16)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Claire Baker (27 June 2007-1 May 2008)	Lab	0
Jamie Hepburn (14 June 2007-)	SNP	0
John Park (1 May 2008-)	Lab	0
Mary Scanlon (27 June 2007-)	Con	0
Jim Tolson (21 June 2007-)	LD	0

Reporters: Sandra White: Age
 Bill Kidd: Disability
 Elaine Smith: Gender
 Marlyn Glen: Race
 Hugh O'Donnell: Religion or belief

Clerking staff:
 Committee Clerk: Steve Farrell;
 Terry Shevlin (11 September 2007-)
 Assistant Clerk: Roy McMahon

Advisers: Dr Ailsa McKay (Budget scrutiny)

Visits: 0

Events: 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	5
Scottish Government officials	13
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	8
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	1
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	1
Other categories of witnesses	27

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Proposed Sentencing of Offences Aggravated by Prejudice (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent	0	
Memorandums		
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	3	PE695; PE1036; PE1069
Divisions held	1	26 February 2008: proposed evidence session on female offenders in the criminal justice system
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
Report to the Finance Committee on the Draft Budget 2008-09	n/a electronic only	16 January 2008	n/a
Budget Process 2008-09 submissions received	n/a electronic only	7 January 2008	n/a
Budget Process 2008-09 submissions received	n/a electronic only	29 November 2007	n/a
Budget Process 2008-09 – Letter from John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth	n/a electronic only	26 November 2007	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 6.8.1)

Convener: Jackie Baillie (19 June 2007-20 September 2007)
 Malcolm Chisholm (2 October 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Alex Neil (19 June 2007-)

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	4
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	4 (4)
Ted Brocklebank	Con	17 (18)
Malcolm Chisholm (2 October 2007-)	Lab	14 (14)
Patricia Ferguson (1 May 2008-)	Lab	0 (0)
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	16 (18)
Alex Neil	SNP	16 (18)
Irene Oldfather	Lab	18 (18)
John Park (13 June 2007-1 May 2008)	Lab	17 (18)
Gil Paterson	SNP	18 (18)
Iain Smith	LD	15 (18)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jackie Baillie (20 September 2007-)	Lab	0
Keith Brown (14 June 2007-)	SNP	2
Jackson Carlaw (27 June 2007-)	Con	0
Karen Gillon (27 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	0
Jeremy Purvis (21 June 2007-)	LD	0

Reporters: Irene Oldfather, Alex Neil and Iain Smith: Transposition of EU Directives Inquiry

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jim Johnston
Assistant Clerks: Emma Berry
Lewis McNaughton

Advisers: 0

Visits: 4 fact finding visits for the Transposition of EU directives inquiry to: Barcelona, Brussels, Munich and Stuttgart
1 fact finding visit for the International development inquiry: Malawi
1 fact finding visit to Westminster
1 Committee visit to Brussels

Events: 1 event arranged with students from 8 schools to discuss the International Development Inquiry

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	5
Scottish Government officials	13
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	5
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	5
Representatives of trade unions	2
Representatives of professional associations	1
Representatives of voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	18

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Transposition of EU Directives inquiry International Development Inquiry
Consultations	2	Transposition of EU Directives inquiry International development inquiry
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative consent Memorandums	0	
SI's considered	0	
SSI's considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1st Report, 2008: Report on an inquiry into the transposition of EU directives	89	2 May 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.
 The Committee may also consider and, where it sees fit, report to the Parliament on the timetable for the Stages of Budget Bills and on the handling of financial business.
 (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.6)

Convener: Andrew Welsh (19 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Elaine Murray (19 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 25 meetings in the parliamentary year. 1 meeting was held outside the Parliament in Dundee.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	25
Meetings held wholly in private	3
Meetings held partly in private	13
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Derek Brownlee	Con	25(25)
Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	24(25)
James Kelly	Lab	25(25)
Liam McArthur	LD	23(25)
Tom McCabe	Lab	19(25)
Elaine Murray	Lab	25(25)
Alex Neil	SNP	21(25)
Andrew Welsh	SNP	24(25)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Roseanna Cunningham	SNP	3
Ross Finnie	LD	1
Murdo Fraser	Con	0
Peter Peacock	Lab	1

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Susan Duffy
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Mark Brough
 Assistant Clerk: Clare O'Neill
 Allan Campbell (11 September 2007-)

Advisers: Professor David Bell (Budget process)
 Nathan Goode (Inquiry into Funding of Capital Investment Projects in Scotland)

Visits: 0

Events: 10 December 2007 Taking the Budget to the people event held in Dundee

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

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	5
Scottish Executive officials	22
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	12
Representatives of local authorities	3
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	5
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	25

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Methods of funding capital investment projects
Consultations	1	Methods of funding capital investment projects
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	7	Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill Scottish Register of Tartans Bill Creative Scotland Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SI considered	0	
SSIs considered	4	2 draft affirmatives and 2 negatives: SSI 2007/565 and SSI 2008/94
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	12	15 January 2008: Committee report on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2008-09, 12 divisions on amendments to the text
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
Report on the Financial Memorandum of the Creative Scotland Bill	n/a electronic only	6 May 2008	No response
2nd Report, 2008 Subordinate Legislation	64	26 February 2008	No response
1st Report, 2008 Stage 2 of the 2008-09 Budget Process	44	16 January 2008	29 January 2008
1st Report, 2007 (Session 3) Subordinate Legislation	28	23 November 2007	No response

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 Communities and Sport

Convener: Christine Grahame (20 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Ross Finnie (20 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 26 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	27
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	22
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Malcolm Chisholm (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	3 (4)
Helen Eadie (20 September 2007-)	Lab	23 (23)
Ross Finnie	LD	25 (27)
Karen Gillon (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	2 (4)
Christine Grahame	SNP	27 (27)
Rhoda Grant (20 September 2007-)	Lab	19 (23)
Lewis Macdonald (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	4 (4)
Michael Matheson	SNP	24 (27)
Ian McKee	SNP	26 (27)
Mary Scanlon	Con	27 (27)
Richard Simpson (20 September 2007-)	Lab	19 (23)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Helen Eadie (27 June 2007 – 20 September 2007)	Lab	2
Joe FitzPatrick	SNP	3
Jamie McGrigor	Con	0
Irene Oldfather	Lab	1
Jamie Stone	LD	2

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Karen O'Hanlon
Simon Watkins

Senior Assistant

Clerk: Douglas Wands

Assistant Clerk: David Simpson

Advisers:

Professor Matt Sutton (Mental Health Budget Scrutiny)
Dr John Curnow (Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill)

Visits: 0

Events: 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	11
Scottish Executive officials	34
Members of the Scottish Parliament	1
Representatives of public bodies	36
Representatives of local authorities	5
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	3
Representatives of Voluntary sector	5
Other categories of witnesses	7

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	Balance of Health Care Health Inequalities Pathways into Sport Adequacy of mental health services for young people
Consultations	1	Role of rehabilitation services
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	1	Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill 19 September 2007
Bills considered	2	Budget (Scotland) Bill Public Health etc (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Health and Social Care Bill
SIIs considered	0	
SSIIs considered	47	4 draft affirmatives and 43 negatives: SSI 2007/303; SSI 2007/316; SSI 2007/317; SSI 2007/325; SSI 2007/338; SSI 2007/357; SSI 2007/363; SSI 2007/383; SSI 2007/389; SSI 2007/390; SSI 2007/391; SSI 2007/392; SSI 2007/393; SSI 2007/412; SSI 2007/413; SSI 2007/422; SSI 2007/424; SSI 2007/433; SSI 2007/435; SSI 2007/458; SSI 2007/470; SSI 2007/471; SSI 2007/483; SSI 2007/492; SSI 2007/493; SSI 2007/500; SSI 2007/501; SSI 2007/502; SSI 2007/515; SSI 2007/522; SSI 2007/534; SSI 2007/537; SSI 2007/538; SSI 2007/549; SSI 2008/12; SSI 2008/13; SSI 2008/14; SSI 2008/27; SSI 2008/60; SSI 2008/87; SSI 2008/92; SSI 2008/96; SSI 2008/97; SSI 2008/98; SSI 2008/105; SSI 2008/106; SSI 2008/127; SSI 2008/147; SSI 2008/148
Petitions considered	5	PE789; PE808; PE1037; PE1042; PE1108
EU documents scrutinised	0	
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
3rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	85	24 April 2008	No response
Response to Scottish Government on Glasgow 2014- delivering a lasting legacy for Scotland	n/a electronic only	23 April 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Stage 1 Report on the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill	76	18 March 2008	No response
1st Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	60	20 February 2008	No response
Report to the Finance Committee on the Draft Budget 2008-09	n/a electronic only	16 January 2008	n/a
Budget Process 2008-09: submissions received	n/a electronic only	7 January 2008	n/a
3rd Report, Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Health and Social Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation)	40	14 December 2007	No response
2nd Report, Subordinate Legislation	16	2 October 2007	No response
1st Report, Subordinate Legislation	9	13 September 2007	No response

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 (19 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Bill Butler (19 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 25 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	25
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	18
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	25(25)
Bill Butler	Lab	25(25)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	23(25)
Nigel Don	SNP	25(25)
Paul Martin	Lab	25(25)
Stuart McMillan	SNP	24(25)
Margaret Smith	LD	20(25)
John Wilson	SNP	25(25)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Aileen Campbell	SNP	1
Marlyn Glen (20 September 2007-)	Lab	0
John Lamont	Con	0
Mary Mulligan (27 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	0
Mike Pringle	LD	3

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Callum Thomson (19 June 2007-3 September 2007);
Douglas Wands (from 4 September 2007-)

Senior Assistant Clerk: Anne Peat;
Terry Shevlin (19 June 2007-11 September 2007)

Assistant Clerk: Euan Donald

Advisers: Professor Eddie Frizzell (Budget scrutiny)
Nicholas Fyfe (Inquiry into Effective Use of Police Resources)

Visits: 0

Events: 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	16
Scottish Executive officials	63
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	9
Representatives of local authorities	4
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	3
Representatives of professional associations	23
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	19

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	2	Community Policing Effective Use of Police Resources
Consultations	1	Effective Use of Police Resources
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	4	Serious Crime Bill Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill Pensions Bill Statute Law Repeals Bill
SI considered	1	1 draft affirmative
SSIs considered	85	19 draft affirmative and 66 negatives: SSI 2007/309; SSI 2007/311; SSI 2007/313; SSI 2007/318; SSI 2007/319; SSI 2007/320; SSI 2007/321; SSI 2007/322; SSI 2007/324; SSI 2007/332; SSI 2007/336/ SSI 2007/354; SSI 2007/355; SSI 2007/358; SSI 2007/359; SSI 2007/394; SSI 2007/395; SSI 2007/397; SSI 2007/398; SSI 2007/425; SSI 2007/436; SSI 2007/438; SSI 2007/452; SSI 2007/453; SSI 2007/454; SSI 2007/461; SSI 2007/480; SSI 2007/508; SSI 2007/513; SSI 2007/528; SSI 2007/533; SSI 2007/535; SSI 2007/545; SSI 2007/550; SSI 2007/553; SSI 2007/560; SSI 2007/573; SSI 2007/574; SSI 2007/576; SSI 2008/5; SSI 2008/7; SSI 2008/8; SSI 2008/20; SSI 2008/31; SSI 2008/35; SSI 2008/36; SSI 2008/40; SSI 2008/46; SSI 2008/47; SSI 2008/48; SSI 2008/50; SSI 2008/51; SSI 2008/52; SSI 2008/53; SSI 2008/55; SSI 2008/56; SSI 2008/59; SSI 2008/72; SSI 2008/75; SSI 2008/79; SSI 2008/82; SSI 2008/93; SSI 2008/103; SSI 2008/104; SSI 2008/117; SSI 2008/118; SSI 2008/128
Petitions considered	4	PE767; PE997; PE1000; PE1063
EU documents scrutinised	0	
Divisions held	2	4 March 2008: S3M-1287: Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment of Specified Days) Scotland Order 2008 (Draft); S3M-1459: Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/36)
Plenary debates	1	16 April 2008: motion S3M-01629

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive Response
11th Report, 2008: Stage 1 Report on the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill	91	2 May 2008	8 May 2008
10th Report, 2008: Legislative Consent memorandum on the Statute Law Repeals Bill-LCM (S3) 11.1	80	26 March 2008	No Response
9th Report, 2008: Subordinate Legislation	79	26 March 2008	No Response
8th Report, 2008: Subordinate Legislation	77	18 March 2008	No Response
7th Report, 2008: Subordinate Legislation	70	6 March 2008	No Response
6th Report, 2008: Legislative consent Memorandum on the Pensions Bill-LCM (S3) 8.1	67	5 March 2008	No Response
5th Report, 2008: Subordinate Legislation	59	20 February 2008	No Response
4th Report, 2008: Report on Inquiry into the Effective Use of Police Resources	50	24 January 2008	28 March 2008 21 May 2008
3rd Report, 2008: Subordinate Legislation	49	23 January 2008	No Response
Report to the Finance Committee on the Draft Budget 2008-09	n/a electronic only	16 January 2008	n/a
2nd Report, 2008: Legislative Consent memorandum on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill-LCM (S3) 7.1	46	16 January 2008	No Response
1st Report, 2008: Subordinate Legislation	45	16 January 2008	No Response
Written evidence received on the budget process	n/a electronic only	4 January 2008	n/a
6th Report, 2007: Subordinate Legislation	33	5 December 2007	No Response
5th Report, 2007: Subordinate Legislation	26	21 November 2007	No Response
4th Report, 2007: Subordinate Legislation	24	14 November 2007	No Response
3rd Report, 2007: Subordinate Legislation	18	24 October 2007	No Response
2nd Report, 2007: Subordinate Legislation	10	13 September 2007	No Response
1st Report, 2007: Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Serious Crime Bill (LCM (S3) 2.2)	4	29 June 2007	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 (apart from sport) falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities and Sport.

Convener: Duncan McNeil (20 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Kenneth Gibson (20 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 27 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	27
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:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Alasdair Allan	SNP	27 (27)
Bob Doris	SNP	27 (27)
Patricia Ferguson (20 September 2007-)	Lab	23 (23)
Kenneth Gibson	SNP	26 (27)
Johann Lamont	Lab	27 (27)
David McLetchie	Con	27 (27)
Michael McMahon (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	3(4)
Duncan McNeil	Lab	27 (27)
Jim Tolson	LD	25 (27)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Brian Adam (26 June 2007-)	SNP	0
Robert Brown (21 June 2007-)	LD	2
Rhoda Grant (27 June 2007-)	Lab	0
Tricia Marwick (14 June 2007-)	SNP	0
Margaret Mitchell (27 June 2007-)	Con	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Martin Verity
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Jane McEwan
 Jane-Claire Judson

Advisers: Professor Ronald McQuaid (Budget scrutiny)

Visits: 0

Events: 1 roundtable meeting for the Child Poverty inquiry held in Glasgow

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

Category	Number
Scottish Government Ministers	16
Scottish Government officials	44
Members of the Scottish Parliament	2
Representatives of public bodies	12
Representatives of local authorities	2
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	2
Other categories of witnesses	6

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	4	Affordable Housing Child Poverty Fuel Poverty Planning Application Processes (Menie Estate)
Consultations	1	Fuel poverty
Proposed Members' Bills considered	2	Proposed Sunbed Licensing (Scotland) Bill Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	1	Housing and Regeneration Bill
SIIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	23	4 draft affirmatives and 19 negatives: SSI 2007/379; SSI 2007/419; SSI 2007/475; SSI 2007/484; SSI 2007/510; SSI 2007/514; SSI 2007/531; SSI 2007/575; SSI 2008/28; SSI 2008/32; SSI 2008/34; SSI 2008/38; SSI 2008/74; SSI 2008/83; SSI 2008/84; SSI 2008/85; SSI 2008/160; SSI 2008/161; SSI 2008/165
Petitions considered	1	PE903
EU documents scrutinised	0	
Divisions held	1	30 January 2008: S3M-1117 19 March 2008: to propose to the Conveners Group that there should be a debate in the Chamber on the Planning Application Processes (Menie Estate) Report
Plenary debates	1	24 April 2008: S3M-01712

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
7th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	87	28 April 2008	No response
6th Report 2008: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Housing and Regeneration Bill LCM (S3) 10.1	75	14 March 2008	No response
5th Report 2008: Planning Application Processes (Menie Estate)	73	14 March 2008	27 March 2008
4th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	68	5 March 2008	No response
3rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	61	21 February 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Stage 1 Report on the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill	58	15 February 2008	No response
1st Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	53	31 January 2008	No response
1st Report 2007 (Session 3): Subordinate Legislation	11	19 September 2007	No response

4.3.10 Procedures Committee

Established: 7 June 2007-28 September 2007

Remit: To consider and report on the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business.
(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 7 June 2007).
(Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.4)

Convener: Keith Brown (26 June 2007-28 September 2007)

Deputy Convener: Cathie Craigie (26 June 2007-28 September 2007)

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 2 meetings in the parliamentary year.

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

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Keith Brown	SNP	2(2)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	2(2)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	2(2)
Jamie McGrigor	Con	1(2)
Christina McKelvie	SNP	2(2)
Hugh O' Donnell	LD	2(2)
Dave Thompson	SNP	2(2)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alison McInnes	LD	0
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	0
Elizabeth Smith	Con	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jennifer Smart

Senior Assistant Clerk: Mary Dinsdale

Advisers: 0

Visits: 0

Events: 0

Witnesses: 0

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Plenary debates	1	27 September 2007: Motion S3M-00497

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1st Report,2007: Merging the Procedures Committee and the Standards and Public Appointments Committee	7	14 September 2007	n/a

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 (19 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: John Farquhar Munro (19 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 9 members.

Meetings: There were 17 meetings in the parliamentary year.

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

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Bashir Ahmad	SNP	16 (17)
Claire Baker	Lab	17 (17)
Angela Constance	SNP	6 (17)
Nigel Don (31 October 2007-)	SNP	10 (11)
Rhoda Grant	Lab	14 (17)
Robin Harper	Green	14 (17)
Frank McAveety	Lab	17 (17)
Tricia Marwick (13 June 2007-31 October 2007)	SNP	6 (6)
Nanette Milne	Con	16 (17)
John Farquhar Munro	LD	14 (17)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Jim Hume (21 June 2007 -)	LD	1
Marilyn Livingstone (27 June 2007 -)	Lab	0
John Scott (27 June 2007 -)	Con	0
John Wilson (14 June 2007 -)	SNP	12

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Fergus Cochrane
Peter McGrath

Assistant Clerk: Richard Hough
Franck David
Zoé Tough

Advisers: 0

Visits: 0

Events: 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	0
Scottish Executive officials	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	16
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	3
Other categories of witnesses	32

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports: 0

Petitions considered:

	<i>no. of petitions</i>
New petitions lodged from 1 April 2007 until 8 May 2008	102
Petitions still open from Session 2	32
Petitions considered by the Public Petitions Committee	
(Note: this figure will include some of the 102 petitions lodged)	
<p>New petitions considered: PE1022, PE1023, PE1025, PE1032, PE1033, PE1034, PE1035, PE1036, PE1037, PE1038, PE1039, PE1040, PE1041, PE1042, PE1043, PE1044, PE1045, PE1046, PE1047, PE1048, PE1049, PE1050, PE1051, PE1052, PE1053, PE1054, PE1055, PE1056, PE1057, PE1058, PE1059, PE1060, PE1061, PE1062, PE1063, PE1064, PE1065, PE1066, PE1067, PE1068, PE1069, PE1070, PE1071, PE1072, PE1073, PE1074, PE1075, PE1076, PE1077, PE1078, PE1079, PE1080, PE1081, PE1082, PE1083, PE1084, PE1085, PE1086, PE1087, PE1088, PE1089, PE1090, PE1091, PE1092, PE1093, PE1094, PE1095, PE1096, PE1097, PE1098, PE1099, PE1100, PE1101, PE1102, PE1103, PE1104, PE1105, PE1106, PE1107, PE1108, PE1109, PE1110, PE1112, PE1113, PE1114, PE1115, PE1116, PE1117, PE1118, PE1119, PE1120, PE1121, PE1122, PE1123, PE1124, PE1125, PE1126, PE1127, PE1128, PE1129, PE1130, PE1131, PE1132, PE1133, PE1134, PE1135, PE1136.</p>	107
<p>Current petitions considered: (Note: the figure in brackets indicates the number of times the petition was considered during the period) PE504 (2), PE535 (2), PE544, PE616, PE695, PE743 (2), PE765, PE767, PE768, PE789 (2), PE795, PE798, PE808 (2), PE812 (2), PE822 (2), PE829, PE837, PE858, PE859, PE867 (3), PE873 (2), PE881 (2), PE886 (2), PE888, PE894, PE898, PE899 (3), PE908 (3), PE909 (3), PE911 (2), PE920 (2), PE922 (2), PE923 (2), PE929, PE931 (2), PE932 (2), PE934 (2), PE936 (2), PE937, PE944(2), PE953(2), PE960(2), PE964, PE965(2), PE966 (2), PE969, PE978 (2), PE981, PE984 (3), PE986, PE988, PE990 (3), PE991, PE994, PE997, PE999, PE1000, PE1001, PE1002, PE1003 (2), PE1004 (3), PE1005, PE1006, PE1007 (3), PE1008, PE1009, PE1010, PE1012 (2), PE1013 (2), PE1015, PE1018 (2), PE1019, PE1020 (2), PE1021, PE1022, PE1023 (2), PE1026, PE1027, PE1031, PE1032 (2), PE1034, PE1035, PE1036 (2), PE1038, PE1039, PE1040 (2), PE1041 (2), PE1044 (2), PE1045, PE1047, PE1048, PE1049, PE1050, PE1051, PE1052, PE1055, PE1056, PE1057, PE1058, PE1059, PE1061 (2), PE1062, PE1063, PE1065, PE1066, PE1067, PE1068, PE1069 (2), PE1070, PE1071, PE1072, PE1073, PE1075, PE1076, PE1078, PE1079, PE1080, PE1081, PE1082, PE1083, PE1084, PE1085, PE1086 (2), PE1087, PE1088, PE1089, PE1090, PE1091, PE1092, PE1093, PE1094, PE1095, PE1096, PE1097, PE1098, PE1099, PE1100, PE1101, PE1102, PE1103, PE1104, PE1105, PE1108, PE1109, PE1110</p>	146

1.	Further information requested by the Public Petitions Committee prior to any action being agreed	
<i>a</i>	Petitioner	
	Comments are sought from petitioners on all responses received in relation to their petition.	
<i>b</i>	Scottish Ministers:	
	Minister for Justice	2
	Minister for Communities	1
	Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport	1
	Minister for Health and Community Care	2
<i>c</i>	Scottish Executive	130
	PE535, PE743 (2), PE765, PE789, PE795, PE798, PE808, PE812 (2), PE822 (2), PE867 (2), PE873, PE881 (2), PE886, PE888, PE899, PE908 (4), PE909 (2), PE911, PE913 (2), PE920 (2), PE922 (2), PE923, PE931 (2), PE932 (2), PE934, PE936, PE937, PE944 (3), PE953 (3), PE960, PE965 (2), PE966 (2), PE984 (3), PE986, PE988, PE990 (2), PE1003, PE1004 (3), PE1006, PE1007 (3), PE1008, PE1012, PE1013, PE1018 (2), PE1022, PE1023 (3), PE1032, PE1035, PE1036 (3), PE1039, PE1040 (2), PE1041 (2), PE1044 (2), PE1045, PE1047, PE1048 (2), PE1049 (2), PE1050, PE1051 (2), PE1052 (2), PE1055 (2), PE1056 (2), PE1057 (2), PE1058 (2), PE1059, PE1061 (2), PE1062, PE1065, PE1068, PE1069 (2), PE1070 (2), PE1071 (2), PE1072 (2), PE1073 (2), PE1075 (2), PE1076, PE1077, PE1078 (2), PE1079 (2), PE1080 (2), PE1081, PE1082 (2), PE1083 (2), PE1084 (2), PE1085 (2), PE1086, PE1087, PE1088 (2), PE1089 (2), PE1090 (2), PE1091, PE1092 (2), PE1093 (2), PE1094, PE1095 (2), PE1096, PE1097, PE1098 (2), PE1099, PE1100, PE1101, PE1102 (2), PE1103 (2), PE1104 (2), PE1105 (2), PE1106, PE1107, PE1108, PE1109 (2), PE1110 (2), PE1102 (2), PE1113, PE1114, PE1115, PE1116, PE1118, PE1119, PE1120, PE1121, PE1122, PE1123, PE1124, PE1125, PE1126, PE1128, PE1129, PE1130, PE1132 (2), PE1133, PE1135	
<i>d</i>	Other bodies:	207
	Aberdeen City Council	
	Aberdeenshire Council	
	Accountant in Bankruptcy	
	Accounts Commission	
	Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs	
	Age Concern Scotland	
	The Alexander Clinic	
	Angus Council	
	Argyll and Bute Council	
	Association of British Insurers	
	Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS)	
	Association of Directors of Education	
	Association of Directors of Social Work	
	Association of Scottish Colleges	
	Audit Scotland	
	Big Lottery Fund	

Bloodbank
Bowel Cancer UK
British and Irish Ombudsman Association
British Association of Shooting and Conservation (Scotland)
British Dental Association
British Medical Association
British Veterinary Association
Cairngorms National Park Authority
Caledonian MacBrayne
Cancer Prevention Coalition
Care Commission
Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
Chamber of Commerce
Chief Fire Officers Association (Scotland)
Chief Scientist Office
Child Poverty Action Group
Children 1 st (2)
Citizens Advice Scotland
Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park
Communities Scotland
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)
Council for Scottish Archaeology
Cross Party Group on Diabetes
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform
Department for Communities and Local Government
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Department of Transport
Department of Work and Pensions
Dumfries and Galloway Council
Dundee City Council
East Ayrshire Council
East Dunbartonshire Council
East Lothian Council
East Renfrewshire Council (2)
Edinburgh City Council
Edinburgh Rail
Endometriosis UK
Educational Institute for Scotland
Equality and Human Rights Commission
Equality Network
European Commission
Faculty of Advocates
Falkirk Council
Family Mediation Scotland
Federation of Small Businesses
Fields in Trust
Fife Council
First Group plc
First ScotRail
Food Standards Agency

Forth Ports Authority
Glasgow City Council (2)
Greenpeace
Gun Trade Association
Health and Safety Executive
Health Protection Scotland
Hebridean and Clyde Ferries
Highland Council (2)
Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland
Historic Scotland
HM Treasury
Home Secretary (UK Government) (2)
Independent Midwives Association
Inverclyde Council
Invertebrate Conservation Trust
Joint United Kingdom Blood Transfusion Services
Kirkwall Fuel Storage Depot
Language Network Scotland
Law Society of Scotland
Learndirect Scotland
LifeBlood
Local Authority Scotland Accounts Advisory Committee
Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority
Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland
Lothian Buses
Macaulay Institute
Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Mental Welfare Commission
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland
Money Advice Scotland
Moray Council
National Association of Funeral Directors
National Association of Funeral Directors
National Endometriosis Society
National Farmers Union Scotland
National Group on Homeworking
National Hairdressers' Federation
National Institute of Biological Standards and Control Professional Advisory Committee
National Institute of Biological Standards and Control Professional Advisory Committee
National Screening Committee
National Workforce Committee
Network Rail
Neurological Alliance of Scotland
NHS 24
NHS Boards
NHS Grampian
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
NHS Quality Improvement Scotland

NHS Tayside
North Lanarkshire Council
Ofcom
Office of Fair Trading
Ofgem
Perth and Kinross Council
Planning Aid Scotland
Post Office Ltd
Postal Services Commission (Postcomm)
Postwatch
Public Transport Users Committee
Rape Crisis Scotland
Road Safety Scotland
Royal College of GPs (Scotland)
Royal College of Midwives
Royal College of Nursing (Scotland)
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Royal College of Radiologists
Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Royal Town Planning Institute (Scotland)
Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People
Scottish Ambulance Service
Scottish Arts Council Youth Music Initiative
Scottish Association of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams
Scottish Borders Council
Scottish Broadcasting Commission (2)
Scottish Care
Scottish Care at Home
Scottish Centre for Language Teaching and Research
Scottish Child Law Centre
Scottish Consumer Council
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)
Scottish Countryside Alliance
Scottish Crofting Foundation
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Estates Business Group
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
Scottish Funding Council
Scottish Gamekeepers Association
Scottish Independence Advocacy Alliance
Scottish Inter Faith Council
Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network
Scottish Licensed Trade Association
Scottish Medicines Consortium
Scottish Museums Council
Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service
Scottish Natural Heritage
Scottish Out of School Care Network

	Scottish Parliament Arts Advisory Group	
	Scottish Pre School Play Association	
	Scottish Prison Service	
	Scottish Renewables	
	Scottish Retail Consortium	
	Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	
	Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC)	
	Scottish Wildlife Trust	
	Scottish Women's Aid	
	Scottish Youth Parliament	
	Sector Skills Development Agency	
	Shetland Islands Council	
	Social Work Inspection Agency	
	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB)	
	sportscotland	
	Stirling Council	
	Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership	
	Terrance Higgins Trust	
	Turning Point	
	UHI Millennium Institute	
	UK Department for Transport	
	UK Government	
	Universities Scotland	
	University College Union	
	University of Aberdeen	
	University of Edinburgh	
	University of Glasgow	
	University of Glasgow - Psoriasis and Clinical Genetics Research Group	
	University of Glasgow - Centre for Drug Misuse Research	
	Victim Information and Advice	
	University of Stirling - Occupational and Environmental Health Research Group	
	Victim Support Scotland (2)	
	Waste Aware Scotland	
	Welsh Assembly Government	
	West Lothian Council	
	Western Ferries (Clyde) Ltd	
	Women's Support Project	
	Woodland Trust for Scotland	
	World Health Organisation	
	Young Scot	
	Zero Tolerance Charitable Trust	

2.	Petitions referred for further consideration to:	
<i>a)</i>	<i>Scottish Parliamentary Committees:</i>	
	Rural Affairs & Environment (PE749, PE799, PE954, PE982, PE1011)	5
	Local Government & Communities (PE903)	1
	Health & Sport (PE954, PE789, PE808, PE990, PE966, PE1041, PE1108)	7
	Justice (PE997, PE1000, PE1063)	3
	Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture (PE853, PE872, PE1046, PE1022)	4
	Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (PE894, PE1064, PE1035)	3
	Economy, Energy & Tourism (PE837, PE969)	2
3.	Petitions referred for information only to:	
<i>a</i>	<i>Scottish Parliamentary Committees:</i>	
	Health & Sport (PE931)	1
	Local Government & Communities (PE829, PE1049)	2
	Education, Lifelong Learning & Culture (PE1055, PE1071)	2
	Equal Opportunities (PE695, PE1036)	2
	Rural Affairs & Environment (PE929)	1
<i>b</i>	<i>UK Government Ministers</i>	0
<i>c</i>	<i>Other bodies:</i>	
	Scottish Government (PE1009, PE1019)	2
	Scottish Broadcasting Commission (PE1026)	1
	Cross Party Group on Men’s Violence Against Women and Children (PE1103)	1
	Futures Forum (PE1000)	1
	Scottish Law Commission (PE1134)	1
4.	Petitions closed (without further consideration) PE1134	1
5.	Petition withdrawn at the request of petitioner PE1136	1

4.3.12 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:** Roseanna Cunningham (20 June 2007-)**Deputy Convener:** John Scott (20 June 2007-)**Membership:** The committee has 8 members.**Meetings:** There were 19 meetings in the parliamentary year. One meeting was held outside the Parliament in Moray College, Elgin

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	19
Meetings held wholly in private	1
Meetings held partly in private	9
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	1

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Richard Baker (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	4(4)
Sarah Boyack (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	4(4)
Roseanna Cunningham	SNP	19(19)
Karen Gillon (20 September 2007-)	Lab	12(15)
Jamie Hepburn	SNP	19(19)
Des McNulty (20 September 2007-)	Lab	14(15)
Peter Peacock	Lab	19(19)
Mike Rumbles	LD	19(19)
John Scott	Con	19(19)
Bill Wilson	SNP	19(19)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bill Kidd	SNP	0
Nanette Milne	Con	0
John Farquhar Munro	LD	0
David Stewart	Lab	2

Reporters: John Scott: Ticks and tick-borne diseases
 Roseanna Cunningham: Rural housing

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Andrew Mylne
 Senior Assistant Clerk: Mark Roberts
 Assistant Clerk: Katherine Wright (until 22 January 2008)

Advisers Jan Polley (Budget scrutiny)

Visits: 3 fact finding visits for the Flooding and Flood Management Inquiry to Perth, Glasgow and Elgin
 1 fact finding visits for the Rural Housing Inquiry to Rannoch/ Blair Atholl

Events: 1 event for the Rural Housing Inquiry held in Aviemore

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

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	7
Scottish Executive officials	27
Members of the Scottish Parliament	4
Representatives of public bodies	31
Representatives of local authorities	6
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	8
Representatives of Voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	10

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	5	Flooding and Flood Management Inquiry Rural Housing Inquiry The Crown Estate Inquiry Pig industry inquiry Fisheries Council Inquiry
Consultations	2	Work programme Flooding and Flood Management Inquiry
Proposed Members' Bills considered	1	Proposed Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Legislative Consent Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	1	1 negative: SI 2008/1035
SSIs considered	58	2 draft affirmatives, 2 draft negatives and 54 negatives: SSI 2007/304, SSI 2007/305, SSI 2007/306, SSI 2007/307, SSI 2007/312, SSI 2007/314, SSI 2007/330, SSI 2007/375, SSI 2007/376, SSI 2007/377, SSI 2007/386, SSI 2007/410, SSI 2007/414, SSI 2007/415, SSI 2007/416, SSI 2007/418, SSI 2007/420, SSI 2007/421, SSI 2007/427, SSI 2007/428, SSI 2007/439, SSI 2007/460, SSI 2007/473, SSI 2007/481, SSI 2007/485, SSI 2007/494, SSI 2007/498, SSI 2007/499, SSI 2007/506, SSI 2007/518, SSI 2007/520, SSI 2007/521, SSI 2007/523, SSI 2007/529, SSI 2007/536, SSI 2007/552, SSI 2007/559, SSI 2007/562, SSI 2007/577, SSI 2008/11, SSI 2008/17, SSI 2008/29, SSI 2008/54, SSI 2008/58, SSI 2008/64, SSI 2008/65, SSI 2008/66, SSI 2008/99, SSI 2007/100, SSI 2008/101, SSI 2008/102, SSL 2008/129, SSI 2008/135, SSI 2008/156
Petitions considered	5	PE749; PE799; PE956; PE982; PE1011
Divisions held	3	5 September 2007: S3M-393 19 September 2008: S3M-458; 16 April 2008: Proposed Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
1st Report, 2008: Subordinate Legislation	56	7 February 2008	No Response
2nd Report, 2007: Voluntary Modulation Rates (SSI 2007/414)	13	26 September 2007	No Response
1st Report, 2007: The Cattle Identification (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007	6	18 September 2007	No Response

4.3.13 Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Scheme Committee**Established:** 27 June 2007**Remit:** To inquire into and report with recommendations for a Committee Bill on a replacement for the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Scheme rules**Convener:** Alasdair Morgan (18 September 2007-)**Deputy Convener:** Peter Peacock (18 September 2007-)**Membership:** The committee has 4 members.**Meetings:** There were 7 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	7
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	4
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
David McLetchie	Con	7 (7)
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	7 (7)
Hugh O'Donnell	LD	7 (7)
Peter Peacock	Lab	7 (7)

The Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Scheme Committee has no Committee substitutes.

Reporters: 0**Clerking staff:**

Committee Clerk: David Cullum

Senior Assistant Clerk: 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
Representatives of public bodies	4
Representatives of local authorities	0
UK Ministers	0
UK government officials	0
Members of the UK Parliament	1
Representatives from other legislatures	1
Representatives of trade unions	0
Representatives of professional associations	0
Representatives of voluntary sector	0
Other categories of witnesses	1

Business transacted: The only appropriate business was the consideration of the Bill.

Reports: No reports were published.

4.3.14 Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**Established:** 28 September 2007

Remit:

1. 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.
2. Where the Committee considers it appropriate, it may by motion recommend that a member's rights and privileges be withdrawn to such extent and for such period as are specified in the motion. (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.4)
(As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 27 September 2007)

Convener: Keith Brown (2 October 2007-)**Deputy Convener:** Cathie Craigie (2 October 2007-)**Membership:** The committee has 7 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)
Keith Brown	SNP	10(10)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	9(10)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	10(10)
Jamie McGrigor	Con	8(10)
Christina McKelvie	SNP	10(10)
Hugh O' Donnell	LD	10(10)
Dave Thompson	SNP	8(10)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Trish Godman	Lab	1
Alison McInnes	LD	0
Alasdair Morgan	SNP	2
Elizabeth Smith	Con	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jennifer Smart;
Peter McGrath (from 11 December 2007)
Senior Assistant Clerk: Mary Dinsdale (25 February 2008 to April 2008)
Jane Sutherland
Assistant Clerk: Catherine Fergusson

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	0
Members of the Scottish Parliament	17
Representatives of public bodies	5
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	2

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	3	Points of Order (Procedures) Inquiry Title and Remit of the Audit Committee Inquiry Review of Vol 2 Section 8 of the Code of Conduct Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	0	
Sewel Memorandums	0	
SIs considered	0	
SSIs considered	0	
Petitions considered	0	
Divisions held	1	15 January 2008: Course of action in relation to report from the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland
Plenary debates	1	6 March 2008: S3M-1464

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
2nd Report, 2008: Draft Public Appointments Equalities Strategy-Diversity Delivers	65	28 February 2008	No response
1st Report, 2008: Elections to the Parliamentary Corporate Body	47	18 January 2008	No response

4.3.15 Standards and Public Appointments Committee

Established: 7 June 2007-28 September 2007

Remit: 1. To consider and report on—
 (a) whether a member’s conduct is in accordance with these Rules and any Code of Conduct for members, matters relating to members’ interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their Parliamentary duties;
 (b) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members ; and
 (c) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland.
 2. Where the Committee considers it appropriate, it may by motion recommend that a member’s rights and privileges be withdrawn to such extent and for such period as are specified in the motion.
 (Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament, Rule 6.5)
 (As agreed by resolution of the Parliament on 7 June 2007)

Convener: Keith Brown (19 June 2007-28 September 2007)

Deputy Convener: Cathie Craigie (19 June 2007-28 September 2007)

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 2 meetings in the parliamentary year.

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

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Keith Brown	SNP	2(2)
Cathie Craigie	Lab	2(2)
Marlyn Glen	Lab	2(2)
Jamie McGrigor	Con	2(2)
Christina McKelvie	SNP	2(2)
Hugh O’Donnell	LD	2(2)
Dave Thompson	SNP	2(2)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bob Doris	SNP	0
Mike Rumbles	LD	0
David Whitton	Lab	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Jennifer Smart
Senior Assistant Clerk: Jane Sutherland

4.3.16 Subordinate Legislation Committee

Established: 7 June 2007

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 (19 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Gil Paterson (19 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 7 members.

Meetings: There were 31 meetings in the parliamentary year.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	31
Meetings held wholly in private	0
Meetings held partly in private	11
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	0

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Jackie Baillie (1 May 2008-)	Lab	1 (1)
Richard Baker (20 September 2007-1 May 2008)	Lab	23 (25)
Jackson Carlaw	Con	20 (31)
Helen Eadie (13 June 2007-14 June 2007) (27 June 2007-)	Lab	25 (29)
George Foulkes (13 June 2007-26 June 2007)	Lab	0 (2)
Ian McKee	SNP	28 (31)
John Park (27 June 2007 -)	Lab	21 (29)
Gil Paterson	SNP	30 (31)
Richard Simpson (27 June 2007 – 20 September 2007)	Lab	3 (3)
Elaine Smith (13 June 2007 – 26 June 2007)	Lab	2 (2)
Jamie Stone	LD	27 (31)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Bill Aitken	Con	0
Christopher Harvie	SNP	0
Elaine Smith (20 September 2007 -)	Lab	0
Margaret Smith	LD	0

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Gillian Baxendine

Senior Assistant Clerk: David McLaren

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	0
Scottish Executive officials	3
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	3

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	0	
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	7	Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill Budget (Scotland) Bill Creative Scotland Bill Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill Public Health etc (Scotland) Bill Scottish Register of Tartans Bill
Legislative Consent Memorandums	4	Climate Change Bill Dormant Bank and Building Societies Accounts Bill Energy Bill Pensions Bill
SIs considered	4	1 draft affirmative; 1 affirmative and 2 negatives: SI 2007/2139; 2008/1035
SSIs considered	273	42 draft affirmatives; 6 affirmatives and 225 negatives: SSI 2007/303; SSI 2007/304; SSI 2007/305; SSI 2007/306; SSI 2007/307; SSI 2007/309; SSI 2007/311; SSI 2007/312; SSI 2007/313; SSI 2007/314; SSI 2007/315; SSI 2007/316; SSI 2007/317; SSI 2007/318; SSI 2007/319; SSI 2007/320; SSI 2007/321; SSI 2007/322; SSI 2007/324; SSI 2007/325; SSI 2007/330; SSI 2007/332; SSI 2007/336; SSI 2007/338; SSI 2007/354; SSI 2007/355; SSI 2007/357; SSI 2007/358; SSI 2007/359; SSI 2007/363; SSI 2007/375; SSI 2007/376; SSI 2007/377; SSI 2007/379; SSI 2007/383; SSI 2007/386; SSI 2007/389; SSI 2007/390; SSI 2007/391; SSI 2007/392; SSI 2007/393; SSI 2007/394; SSI 2007/395; SSI 2007/396; SSI 2007/397; SSI 2007/398; SSI 2007/399; SSI 2007/407; SSI 2007/410; SSI 2007/411; SSI 2007/412; SSI 2007/413; SSI 2007/414; SSI 2007/415; SSI 2007/416; SSI 2007/417; SSI 2007/418; SSI 2007/419; SSI 2007/420; SSI 2007/421; SSI 2007/422; SSI 2007/424; SSI 2007/425; SSI 2007/426; SSI 2007/427; SSI 2007/428; SSI 2007/433; SSI 2007/435; SSI 2007/436; SSI 2007/438; SSI 2007/439; SSI 2007/446; SSI 2007/452; SSI 2007/453; SSI 2007/454; SSI 2007/460; SSI 2007/461; SSI 2007/470; SSI 2007/471; SSI 2007/473; SSI 2007/475;

SSI 2007/480; SSI 2007/481; SSI 2007/483;
 SSI 2007/484; SSI 2007/485; SSI 2007/487;
 SSI 2007/492; SSI 2007/493; SSI 2007/494;
 SSI 2007/498; SSI 2007/499; SSI 2007/500;
 SSI 2007/501; SSI 2007/502; SSI 2007/503;
 SSI 2007/506; SSI 2007/508; SSI 2007/510;
 SSI 2007/513; SSI 2007/514; SSI 2007/515;
 SSI 2007/517; SSI 2007/518; SSI 2007/520;
 SSI 2007/521; SSI 2007/522; SSI 2007/523;
 SSI 2007/528; SSI 2007/529; SSI 2007/531;
 SSI 2007/533; SSI 2007/534; SSI 2007/535;
 SSI 2007/536; SSI 2007/537; SSI 2007/538;
 SSI 2007/545; SSI 2007/549; SSI 2007/550;
 SSI 2007/552; SSI 2007/553; SSI 2007/559;
 SSI 2007/560; SSI 2007/562; SSI 2007/565;
 SSI 2007/573; SSI 2007/574; SSI 2007/575;
 SSI 2007/576; SSI 2007/577; SSI 2008/1;
 SSI 2008/2; SSI 2008/3; SSI 2008/4;
 SSI 2008/5; SSI 2008/6; SSI 2008/7;
 SSI 2008/8; SSI 2008/10; SSI 2008/11;
 SSI 2008/12; SSI 2008/13; SSI 2008/14;
 SSI 2008/16; SSI 2008/17; SSI 2008/20;
 SSI 2008/ 27; SSI 2008/28; SSI 2008/29;
 SSI 2008/31; SSI 2008/32; SSI 2008/34;
 SSI 2008/35; SSI 2008/36; SSI 2008/38;
 SSI 2008/40; SSI 2008/43; SSI 2008/44;
 SSI 2008/46; SSI 2008/47; SSI 2008/48;
 SSI 2008/50; SSI 2008/51; SSI 2008/52;
 SSI 2008/53; SSI 2008/54; SSI 2008/55;
 SSI 2008/56; SSI 2008/58; SSI 2008/59;
 SSI 2008/60; SSI 2008/64; SSI 2008/65;
 SSI 2008/66; SSI 2008/72; SSI 2008/74;
 SSI 2008/75; SSI 2008/79; SSI 2008/82;
 SSI 2008/83; SSI 2008/84; SSI 2008/85;
 SSI 2008/87; SSI 2008/88; SSI 2008/89;
 SSI 2008/92; SSI 2008/93; SSI 2008/94;
 SSI 2008/96; SSI 2008/97; SSI 2008/98;
 SSI 2008/99; SSI 2008/100; SSI 2008/101;
 SSI 2008/102; SSI 2008/103; SSI 2008/104;
 SSI 2008/105; SSI 2008/106; SSI 2008/117;
 SSI 2008/118; SSI 2008/125; SSI 2008/127;
 SSI 2008/128; SSI 2008/129; SSI 2008/135;
 SSI 2008/147; SSI 2008/148; SSI 2008/151;
 SSI 2008/153; SSI 2008/154; SSI 2008/155;
 SSI 2008/156; SSI 2008/157; SSI 2008/159;
 SSI 2008/160; SSI 2008/161; SSI 2008/162;
 SSI 2008/163; SSI 2008/165; SSI 2008/166;
 SSI 2008/168; SSI 2008/170; SSI 2008/176

Petitions considered	0
EU Documents scrutinised	
Divisions held	0
Plenary debates	0

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
19th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	93	8 May 2008	No response
18th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	92	2 May 2008	No response
17th Report 2008: Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill	88	25 April 2008	No response
16th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	86	24 April 2008	No response
15th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	83	17 April 2008	No response
14th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	81	26 March 2008	No response
13th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	78	20 March 2008	No response
12th Report 2008: Inquiry into the Regulatory Framework in Scotland	74	18 March 2008	No response
11th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	72	13 March 2008	No response
10th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	69	6 March 2008	No response
9th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	66	29 February 2008	No response
8th Report 2008: Legislative consent memorandum on the Pensions Bill	63	21 February 2008	No response
7th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	62	21 February 2008	No response
6th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	57	7 February 2008	No response
5th Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	55	31 January 2008	No response
4th Report 2008: Budget (Scotland) Bill	54	31 January 2008	No response
3rd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	52	24 January 2008	No response
2nd Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	48	18 January 2008	No response
1st Report 2008: Subordinate Legislation	43	10 January 2008	No response
17th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	41	20 December 2007	No response
16th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	38	13 December 2007	No response
15th Report 2007: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill	35	5 December 2007	No response
14th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	34	5 December 2007	No response

13th Report 2007: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Climate Change Bill	30	28 November 2007	No response
12th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	29	28 November 2007	No response
11th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	27	21 November 2007	No response
10th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	25	16 November 2007	No response
9th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	23	9 November 2007	No response
8th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	20	1 November 2007	No response
7th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	19	25 October 2007	No response
6th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	17	5 October 2007	No response
5th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	14	27 September 2007	No response
4th Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	12	20 September 2007	No response
3rd Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	8	13 September 2007	No response
2nd Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	5	5 September 2007	No response
1st Report 2007: Subordinate Legislation	3	27 June 2007	No response

4.3.17 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 (19 June 2007-)

Deputy Convener: Cathy Peattie (19 June 2007-)

Membership: The committee has 8 members.

Meetings: There were 23 meetings in the parliamentary year. Two meetings were held outside the Parliament in Oban and Lerwick.

	Number
Total meetings of the Committee	23
Meetings held wholly in private	2
Meetings held partly in private	9
Joint meetings with other Committees	0
Meetings held outside the Parliament	2

Meetings attended:

Members	Party	Number of meetings attended (possible total)
Rob Gibson	SNP	23(23)
Charlie Gordon (20 September 2007-)	Lab	17(19)
Patrick Harvie	Green	22(23)
Alex Johnstone	Con	21(23)
Alison McInnes	LD	22(23)
Des McNulty (13 June 2007-20 September 2007)	Lab	4(4)
Cathy Peattie	Lab	22(23)
Shirley-Anne Somerville (6 September 2007-)	SNP	20(21)
David Stewart	Lab	22(23)
Stefan Tymkewycz (13 June 2007-31 August 2007)	SNP	1(1)

Substitute Members	Party	Number of meetings attended
Alasdair Allan	SNP	0
Richard Baker	Lab	0
Gavin Brown	Con	0
Malcolm Chisholm	Lab	0
John Park	Lab	0
Tavish Scott	LD	1

Reporters: 0

Clerking staff:

Committee Clerk: Steve Farrell

Senior Assistant Clerk: Alistair Macfie

Assistant Clerk: Clare O'Neill (from 4 September 2007)

Advisers: Dr Iain Docherty (Budget scrutiny)

Visits: 0

Events: 0

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

Category	Number
Scottish Executive Ministers	6
Scottish Executive officials	14
Members of the Scottish Parliament	0
Representatives of public bodies	26
Representatives of local authorities	10
UK Ministers	2
UK government officials	4
Members of the UK Parliament	0
Representatives from other legislatures	0
Representatives of trade unions	4
Representatives of professional associations	8
Representatives of Voluntary sector	3
Other categories of witnesses	0

Business transacted:

Business	No	Details
Inquiries	1	Ferry Services in Scotland Inquiry
Consultations	0	
Proposed Members' Bills considered	0	
Draft Bills considered (Pre-legislative discussion)	0	
Bills considered	1	Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill
Legislative Consent	1	Climate Change Bill
Memorandums		
SIs considered	1	1 negative: SI 2007/2139
SSIs considered	16	4 draft affirmatives and 12 negatives: SSI 2007/399; SSI 2007/411; SSI 2007/446; SSI 2007/517; SSI 2008/2; SSI 2008/3; SSI 2008/4; SSI 2008/16; SSI 2008/43; SSI 2008/44; SSI 2008/88; SSI 2008/89
Petitions considered	2	PE894; PE1064
Divisions held	0	
Plenary debates	0	

Reports:

Title	SP Paper number	Date of publication	Executive response
3rd Report, 2007: Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Climate Change Bill-LCM (S3) 4.1	36	12 December 2007	No response
2nd Report, 2007: Subordinate Legislation	32	3 December 2007	No response
1st Report, 2007: Stage 1 Report on the Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill	21	7 November 2007	13 November 2008

5. Legislation

5.1 Bills and Proposed Bills

5.1.1 Summary

Proposals for Bills

Members' Bills proposals	Number
Draft Proposals lodged	12
Draft Proposals which fell	0
Draft Proposals withdrawn	0
Final Proposals lodged after no consultation	0
Final Proposals lodged after consultation	0
Final Proposals which fell	0
Final Proposals withdrawn	0

Bills

Bills introduced	Number
Executive Bills	7
Members' Bills	1
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	8

Bills fell	Number
Executive Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

Bills withdrawn	Number
Executive Bills	0
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	0

Bills passed	Number
Executive Bills	4
Members' Bills	0
Committee Bills	0
Private Bills	0
Total	4

Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Royal Assent	Number
Royal Assent received (Acts of Scottish Parliament)	3
Average number of days taken to pass Bills (from date of introduction to date of Royal Assent)	122

5.1.2 Progress of Public Bills during the first 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
Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill	1	Ex	4	3 Sept 07	TIC 11 Sep 07 18 Sep 07 25 Sep 07 2 Oct 07 23 Oct 07 30 Oct 07	FI 11 Sep 07 25 Sep 07 23 Oct 07 SL 18 Sep 07	SP 21	15 Nov 07	TIC 4 Dec 07	20 Dec 07	20 Dec 07	4	24 Jan 08	144	2008 asp 1
Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill	2	Ex	2	22 Oct 07	ELLC 7 Nov 07 14 Nov 07 28 Nov 07 5 Dec 07 12 Dec 07	FI 30 Oct 07 6 Nov 07 20 Nov 07	SP 37	20 Dec 07	ELLC 23 Jan 08	28 Feb 08	28 Feb 08	3	4 Apr 08	166	2008 asp 3
Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill	3	Ex	72	25 Oct 07	HS 9 Jan 08 16 Jan 08 30 Jan 08 20 Feb 08 5 Mar 08 12 Mar 08	FI 6 Nov 07 4 Dec 07 15 Jan 08 SL 27 Nov 07 11 Dec 07 18 Dec 07	SP 76	17 Apr 08 After Stage 1: HS 30 Apr 2008 SL 6 May 2008	HS 7 May 08						
Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill	4	Ex	19	9 Nov 07	LGC 21 Nov 07 5 Dec 07 16 Jan 07 30 Jan 07 6 Feb 08	FI 20 Nov 07 11 Dec 07 15 Jan 08 SL 4 Dec 07 18 Dec 07	SP 58	27 Feb 08	LGC 19 Mar 08 After Stage 2: SL 22 Apr 08 28 Apr 08 Report: SP 88	30 Apr 08	30 Apr 08	19			

5.1.3 Progress of Private Bills during the first 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 2007	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	To 8 May 2008	Total
Affirmative Instruments	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
Draft Affirmative Instruments	0	3	0	1	4	2	3	3	11	7	3	4	3	44
Negative Instruments	0	24	1	14	33	15	31	14	16	28	32	16	2	226
Draft Negative Instruments	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Instruments Laid (not subject to any parliamentary procedure)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Instruments Not Laid	2	4	5	5	7	16	8	9	4	8	13	5	1	87
Total Number of Instruments	2	33	6	20	46	34	44	26	32	45	48	25	6	367

Source: SLC database

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 2007	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	April 2008	To 8 May 2008
4	23	38	20	25	47	39	27	12	11	10	54	2

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
1	1.6.1	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	1.7.1	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	1.8.2	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	1.8.3	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
3	3A.3.1	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	3A.3.2	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	3A.4.1	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	3A.5.1	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	3A.5.2	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	3A.6.1	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
6	6.1.5	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	6.1.6	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	6.4	Rule substituted, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
	6.5.1	Rule deleted, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)
17	17.1.1	Paragraph amended, 28.9.07, 1st Report 2007 (S3)

7. Staff

7.1 MSPs and their staff (as at 31 March 2008)

	Total	Gender (M-F)
Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)	129	85-44
MSP staff	376	162-214

7.2 Parliamentary staff in post by Directorate (as at 31 March 2008)

Directorate/Office	Total Staff	Gender (M-F)
Clerk/Chief Executive's Group		
- Office of the Clerk/Chief Executive	7	2-5
- Office of the Presiding Officer	4	1-3
- Strategy and Development	6	4-2
Legal Services Directorate	3	1-2
Clerking and Reporting Directorate		
- 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)	38	17-21
- Committee Office	45	23-22
- Official Report	35	20-15
Technology and Facilities Management Directorate		
- Office of the Director	3	1-2
- Facilities Management Office	28	20-8
- Business Information Technology (BIT)	38	27-11
Access and Information Directorate		
- Office of the Director	3	2-1
- Head of Public Affairs	1	0-1
- Broadcasting	5	2-3
- External Liaison Unit	5	3-2
- Events and Exhibitions	7	4-3
- Corporate Publications	2	1-1
- Media Office	5	3-2
- Public Information	8	3-5
- Visitor & Outreach Services	24	6-18
- Scottish Parliament Information Service (SPICe):		
- Information Services	25	7-18
- Research Services	24	15-9
- Security Office	99	72-27
Directorate of Resources & Governance		
- Office of the Director	3	2-1
- Personnel Office	24	9-15
- Allowances & Office Holders:		
- Allowances	13	3-10
- Office Holders	0	0
- Financial Resources	1	1-0
- Finance	12	8- 4
- Procurement	13	1-12
Total Parliament Staff in post (permanent posts)	484	259-225

8. Access

8.1 Public visitors and contacts

	Visitor numbers	Booked tour numbers	Public enquiries	Switchboard calls	Shop numbers	Average spend per visitor
May 2007	24300	3118	1613	7810	8268	£2.19
June 2007	33217	3341	1311	6926	10319	£2.15
July 2007	32513	6519	931	5379	12457	£1.58
August 2007	54781	5645	1042	6509	16778	£1.74
September 2007	32122	3130	806	7718	10635	£2.14
October 2007	36919	3210	1090	7311	11338	£1.82
November 2007	27463	2040	1086	7708	9079	£2.37
December 2007	18003	1240	788	5165	6452	£3.85
January 2008	18796	1379	1090	7125	5602	£1.87
February 2008	16368	1303	930	7224	4426	£2.21
March 2008	31974	2330	824	6890	7910	£2.21
April 2008	25800	2583	858	6610	9116	£1.70
Totals	352,256	35,838	12,369	82,375	104,112	£2.15

8.2 Education activities, Academic year 2007-2008

8.2.1 Group and visitor numbers to the Parliament

	Primary schools	Primary pupils	Secondary schools	Secondary pupils	FE Institutions / Community groups	FE Students/ Community groups	Total Groups	Total Visitors
Sep 2007	7	209	13	424	0	0	20	633
Oct 2007	4	137	6	138	1	30	11	305
Nov 2007	6	168	9	259	7	228	22	655
Dec 2007	3	82	9	282	0	0	12	364
Jan 2008	11	327	10	280	0	0	21	607
Feb 2008	7	205	14	451	0	0	21	656
Mar 2008	7	221	16	501	0	0	23	722
Apr 2008	14	474	1	11	2	39	17	524
May 2008	16	409	10	240	0	0	26	649
Jun 2008	14	440	4	106	3	85	21	631
Totals	89	2672	92	2692	13	382	194	5746

8.2.2 Visits to the Parliament by region

	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Total
Central Scotland	3	1	6	1	0	2	1	4	3	1	22
Glasgow	1	1	3	0	1	5	5	0	3	4	23
Highlands and Islands	1	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	10
Lothians	4	2	7	0	2	4	5	6	7	5	42
Mid Scotland and Fife	4	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	3	20
North East Scotland	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	10
South Scotland	3	1	2	2	0	4	1	1	4	2	20
West Scotland	2	5	1	1	2	2	8	1	6	4	32
Totals	21	13	24	7	8	21	23	15	25	22	179

8.3 Outreach Sessions

8.3.1 Teacher seminars

	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Total
Teacher seminars	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6

8.3.2 Education outreach visits by region, by academic year

	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Apr 2008	May 2008	Jun 2008	Total Visits	Total Pupils
Central Scotland	3	12	5	0	2	5	1	2	3	0	33	851
Glasgow	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	8	116
Highlands and Islands	5	14	1	0	6	4	9	5	3	3	50	1149
Lothians	2	5	10	0	5	2	5	3	0	0	32	855
Mid Scotland and Fife	11	3	4	0	4	5	0	4	1	0	32	794
North East Scotland	7	4	7	0	1	4	0	3	0	6	32	880
South Scotland	3	6	4	0	1	6	4	0	4	0	28	651
West Scotland	0	4	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	12	302
Total Visits	31	48	34	0	22	30	21	17	11	13	227	
Total Pupils	907	1137	853	0	555	716	498	415	263	254		5598

8.3.3 Community outreach sessions

The on-request outreach service ran until April 2008

Organisations	Number Held	Attendees	Average number of attendees per session
Rotary	24	758	32
Soroptimists	5	151	30
Probus	15	613	41
Senior Citizens	4	91	23
TaRA (Tenants and Residents Association)	4	95	24
Ethnic Minority Groups	8	341	43
Access Panel	16	404	25
Church Groups	4	97	24
Community Groups	9	393	44
CSPA (Civil Service Pensioners Association)	1	38	38
Conferences (Modern Studies Association conference and Holyrood Events conference at Dynamic Earth)	2	410	205
Inner Wheel	1	25	25
School Pupils	1	25	25
Professional Group	1	19	19
Business Club	1	34	34
Foreign students	1	12	12
LAMAS (Local Authority Members Awareness Session)	7	148	21
LASTS (Local Authority Staff Training Session)	4	122	31
CVS (Council for Voluntary Services)	1	11	11
ABE (Adult Basic Education)	1	19	19
ASCC (Association of Scottish Community Councils)	3	117	39
Totals	113	3923	35

8.4 Partner Libraries

Number of Partner Libraries	May 2008
	80

8.5 Scottish Parliament Website Statistics

Time range	Total Hits	Average Hits per Day	Average Hits per Visitor	Total Page Views	Average Page Views per Day	Average Page Views per Visitor	Total Visitors	Average Visitors per Day
1 Apr 07 00:00:02- 30 Apr 07 23:59:54	6,273,246	209,108	35.50	897,588	29,919	5.08	176,718	5,890
1 May 07 00:00:02 - 31 May 07 23:59:57	11,309,691	364,828	45.51	1,581,051	51,001	6.36	248,501	8,016
1 Jun 07 00:00:01- 30 Jun 07 23:59:52	7,454,358	248,478	42.37	1,451,020	48,367	8.25	175,932	5,864
1 Jul 07 00:00:08 – 31 Jul 07 23:59:56	5,249,653	169,343	33.83	1,197,293	38,622	7.72	155,186	5,006
1 Aug 07 00:00:01 - 31 Aug 07 23:59:40	5,206,843	167,962	34.38	999,439	32,239	6.60	151,456	4,885
1 Sept 07 00:00:00 - 30 Sep 07 23:59:58	7,333,393	244,446	48.79	1,460,633	48,687	9.72	150,292	5,009
1 Oct 07 01:00:06 - 31 Oct 07 23:59:59	6,795,427	219,207	39.98	1,284,279	41,428	7.56	169,972	5,482
1 Nov 07 00:00:03 - 30 Nov 07 23:59:53	8,770,457	292,348	51.13	1,850,181	61,672	10.79	171,539	5,717
1 Dec 07 00:00:09 - 31 Dec 07 23:59:14	4,687,346	151,204	35.31	1,081,407	34,884	8.15	132,738	4,281
1 Jan 08 00:00:09 - 31 Jan 08 23:59:56	6,397,893	206,383	37.88	1,288,803	41,574	7.63	168,883	5,447
1 Feb 08 00:00:04 - 29 Feb 08 23:59:38	7,716,741	266,094	32.98	1,134,495	39,120	4.85	233,974	8,068
1 Mar 08 00:00:03- 31 Mar 08 22:59:50	8,097,026	261,194	28.70	1,070,605	34,535	3.79	282,171	9,102
31 Mar 08 23:00:01- 28 Apr 08 22:59:59	6,780,777	233,819	29.16	1,135,252	39,146	4.88	232,515	8,017

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 us to review our decision or actions. If the requester is dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, an appeal can be submitted to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Request Statistics

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

Reviews Statistics

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

Appeals Statistics

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

	FOI requests	FOI reviews	FOI appeals
From 9 May 2007	34	6	0
June 2007	15	2	0
July 2007	37	2	0
August 2007	22	1	1
September 2007	14	2	0
October 2007	21	0	1
November 2007	18	0	2
December 2007	5	3	1
January 2008	10	2	1
February 2008	66	1	0
March 2008	41	2	0
April 2008	23	4	0
To 8 May 2008	1	0	0
Totals	307	25	6

9. Other

9.1 Official visits, addresses and delegations

	Official visits to the Parliament	Addresses to a meeting of all MSPs	Delegations* to other assemblies/bodies
From 9 May 2007	1	0	1
June 2007	21	1	1
July 2007	2	0	1
August 2007	6	0	0
September 2007	13	0	3
October 2007	12	0	1
November 2007	19	0	2
December 2007	6	0	1
January 2008	13	0	2
February 2008	7	0	4
March 2008	10	0	1
April 2008	9	0	2
To 8 May 2008	4	0	1
Total	123	1	20

* includes Parliament officials

9.2 Official gifts

Gifts	Number
received by the Parliament	79

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

8 October 2007

Full Members

Brian Adam
Hugh Henry
David McLetchie
Alasdair Morgan
Iain Smith

Associate Members

Alasdair Allan
Malcolm Chisholm
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

6 December 2007

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

13 June 2007

President	Vice Presidents	Elected Members
Alex Fergusson	Alex Salmond Iain Gray	Ted Brocklebank Roseanna Cunningham Karen Gillon Jamie Stone

9.3.4 Conference of Regional Legislative Assemblies (CALRE)

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

Membership is limited to Presiding Officers/Speakers and there are 74 member regions from 8 EU Member States. The Scottish Parliament has observer status within CALRE and the Presiding Officer 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

6 December 2007

Full Member	Substitute Member
Alex Neil	Malcolm Chisholm

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