

SCOTTISH MINISTERS and their SHADOWS June 2007

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FIRST MINISTER - Alex Salmond

Labour Shadow: Jack McConnell

Conservative Shadow: Annabel Goldie

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Nicol Stephen

Head of the devolved Scottish government: responsible for development, implementation and presentation of Government policy, constitutional affairs, and for promoting and representing Scotland.

Minister for Parliamentary Business - Bruce Crawford

Labour Shadow: Cathy Jamieson

Conservative Shadow: David McLetchie

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Robert Brown

Parliamentary affairs and the management of Government business in the Parliament.

Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture - Linda Fabiani

Labour Shadow: Patricia Ferguson

Conservative Shadow: Ted Brocklebank

Liberal Democrat Shadow: n/a John Farquhar Munro is Shadow Minister for Gaelic and Highland Culture

Europe, external affairs, culture and the arts, architecture, built heritage, Historic Scotland and lottery funding, major events strategy, Gaelic.

CABINET SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH - John Swinney

Labour Shadow: Wendy Alexander

Conservative Shadow: Derek Brownlee

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Tavish Scott

The economy, the Scottish Budget, public service reform, de-regulation, local government, public service delivery, cities and community planning, GRO, ROS, relocation, e-government, SPPA, procurement, budgetary monitoring, business and industry including Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, trade and inward investment, corporate social responsibility, voluntary sector and the social economy, community business and co-operative development, European Structural Funds, energy, tourism, land use planning system, climate change, building standards, transport policy and delivery, public transport, road, rail services, air and ferry services, Scottish Water.

Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism - Jim Mather

Labour Shadow: Iain Gray

Conservative Shadow: Gavin Brown

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Liam McArthur

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change - Stewart Stevenson

Labour Shadow: Des McNulty

Conservative Shadow: Alex Johnstone

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Alison McInnes

CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING - Fiona Hyslop

Labour Shadow: Hugh Henry

Conservative Shadow: Murdo Fraser

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Jeremy Purvis

Further and higher education, science and lifelong learning, school education, training and skills, HM Inspectorate of Education and the Scottish Qualifications Authority, nurseries and childcare, children's services, children's hearings, social work and HM Social Work Inspectorate.

Minister for Schools and Skills - Maureen Watt

Labour Shadow: Ken MacIntosh

Conservative Shadow: Elizabeth Smith

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Hugh O'Donnell

Minister for Children and Early Years - Adam Ingram

Labour Shadow: Pauline MacNeill

Conservative Shadow: Elizabeth Smith

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Jeremy Purvis

CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING - Nicola Sturgeon

Labour Shadow: Andy Kerr

Conservative Shadow: Mary Scanlon

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Ross Finnie

NHS, health service reform, allied healthcare services, acute and primary services, performance, quality and improvement framework, health promotion, sport, public health, health improvement, pharmaceutical services, food safety and dentistry, community care, older people, mental health, learning disability, substance misuse, social inclusion, equalities, anti-poverty measures, housing and regeneration.

Minister for Public Health - Shona Robison

Labour Shadow: Lewis Macdonald

Conservative Shadow: Jackson Carlaw

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Jamie Stone

Minister for Communities and Sport - Stewart Maxwell

Labour Shadow: Johann Lamont

Conservative Shadow: Jamie McGrigor

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Jim Tolson

CABINET SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE - Kenny MacAskill

Labour Shadow: Margaret Curran

Conservative Shadow: Bill Aitken

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Margaret Smith

Criminal law and procedure, youth justice, criminal justice social work, police, prisons and sentencing policy, legal aid, legal profession, courts and law reform, anti-social behaviour, sectarianism, human rights, fire and rescue services, community safety, civil contingencies, drugs policy and related matters, liquor licensing, vulnerable witnesses, victim support and civil law, charity law, religious and faith organisations.

Minister for Community Safety - Fergus Ewing

Labour Shadow: Paul Martin

Conservative Shadow: John Lamont

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Mike Pringle

CABINET SECRETARY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND THE ENVIRONMENT - Richard Lochhead

Labour Shadow: Rhona Brankin

Conservative Shadow: John Scott

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Mike Rumbles

Agriculture, fisheries and rural development including aquaculture and forestry, environment and natural heritage, land reform, water quality regulation and sustainable development.

Minister for Environment - Michael Russell

Labour Shadow: Sarah Boyack

Conservative Shadow: Nanette Milne

Liberal Democrat Shadow: Jim Hume

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

Bruce Crawford (Minister for Parliamentary Business) SNP

Cathy Jamieson Lab

David McLetchie Con

Robert Brown LD

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY CORPORATE BODY

Tricia Marwick SNP

Tom McCabe Lab

Alex Johnstone Con

Mike Pringle LD

Parliamentary Committees

There are 8 mandatory committees (M) and 7 subject committees (S).

AUDIT (M)

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.

Convener: Charlie Gordon (Lab);

Deputy Convener: Murdo Fraser (Con)

Members: Willie Coffey (SNP), Stuart McMillan (SNP), Murdo Fraser (Con), Mary Mulligan (Lab), Charlie Gordon (Lab), Richard Simpson (Lab), Jim Hume (LD), Andrew Welsh (SNP)

ECONOMY, ENERGY AND TOURISM (S)

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 (LD);

Deputy Convener: Brian Adam (SNP)

Members: Marilyn Livingstone (Lab), Gavin Brown (Con), Tavish Scott (LD), Iain Gray (Lab), Dave Thompson (SNP), Christopher Harvie (SNP), David Whitton (Lab).

EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND CULTURE (S)

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 (Lab);

Deputy Convener: Rob Gibson (SNP)

Members: Aileen Campbell (SNP), Pauline McNeill (Lab), Jeremy Purvis (LD), Ken Macintosh (Lab), Elizabeth Smith (Con), Christina McKelvie (SNP)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES (M)

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to equal opportunities and upon the observance of equal opportunities within the Parliament.

Convener: Margaret Mitchell (Con);

Deputy: Elaine Smith (Lab)

Members: Hugh O'Donnell (LD), Marlyn Glen (Lab), Bill Kidd (SNP), Sandra White (SNP), Bill Wilson (SNP)

EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS (M)

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.

Convener: Jackie Baillie (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Alex Neil (SNP)

Members: Irene Oldfather (Lab), Ted Brocklebank (Con), John Park (Lab), Alasdair Morgan (SNP), Gil Paterson (SNP), Iain Smith (LD)

FINANCE (M)

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.

Convener: Andrew Welsh (SNP);

Deputy Convener: Elaine Murray (Lab)

Members: Derek Brownlee (Con), Tom McCabe (Lab), Joe FitzPatrick (SNP), James Kelly (Lab), Alex Neil (SNP), Liam McArthur (LD)

HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE (S)

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 (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Ross Finnie (LD)

Members: Malcolm Chisholm (Lab), Lewis Macdonald (Lab), Ian McKee (SNP), Karen Gillon (Lab), Michael Matheson (SNP), Mary Scanlon (Con)

JUSTICE (S)

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 (Con)

Deputy Convener: Bill Butler (Lab)

Members: Stuart McMillan (SNP), Paul Martin (Lab), Cathie Craigie (Lab), Margaret Smith (LD), Nigel Don (SNP), John Wilson (SNP)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES (S)

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 (Lab)

Deputy Convener: Kenneth Gibson (SNP)

Members: Alasdair Allan (SNP), David McLetchie (Con), Bob Doris (SNP), Michael McMahon (Lab), Johann Lamont (Lab), Jim Tolson (LD)

PROCEDURES (M)

Remit: To consider and report on the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business.

Convener and Members as for Standards

PUBLIC PETITIONS (M)

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.

Convener: Frank McAveety (Lab)

Deputy Convener: John Farquhar Munro (LD)

Members: Bashir Ahmad (SNP), Claire Baker (Lab), Tricia Marwick (SNP), Angela Constance (SNP), Nanette Milne (Con), Rhoda Grant (Lab), Robin Harper (Green)

RURAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT (S)

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 (SNP)

Deputy Convener: John Scott (Con)

Members: Richard Baker (Lab), Peter Peacock (Lab), Sarah Boyack (Lab), Mike Rumbles (LD), Jamie Hepburn (SNP), Bill Wilson (SNP)

STANDARDS AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (M)

Remit: 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.

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

Convener: Keith Brown (SNP)

Deputy Convener: Cathie Craigie (Lab)

Members: Christina McKelvie (SNP), Hugh O'Donnell (LD), Marlyn Glen (Lab), Dave Thompson (SNP), Jamie McGrigor (Con)

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (M)

Remit: To consider and report on:

- (a) any subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament; or Scottish Statutory Instrument not laid before the Parliament but classified as general according to its subject matter,
- (b) 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;
- (c) proposed powers to make subordinate legislation in particular Bills or other proposed legislation;
- (d) general questions relating to powers to make subordinate legislation; and
- (e) whether any proposed delegated powers in particular Bills or other legislation should be expressed as a power to make subordinate legislation.

Convener: Jamie Stone (LD)

Deputy Convener: Gil Paterson (SNP)

Members: Jackson Carlaw (Con), Elaine Smith (Lab), George Foulkes (Lab), Ian McKee (SNP)

TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE (S)

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 (Green)

Deputy Convener: Cathy Peattie (Lab)

Members: Rob Gibson (SNP), Des McNulty (Lab), Alex Johnstone (Con), David Stewart (Lab), Alison McInnes (LD), Stefan Tymkewycz (SNP)

CONVENERS' GROUP

Remit: The Group handles a range of matters, for example:

- (a) approval of travel by Committees or Committee members
 - (b) approval of meetings of Committees outside Edinburgh
 - (c) consideration of the biannual programme of Committee meetings
 - (d) endorsement of funding for civic participation events and external research
 - (e) making recommendations to the Bureau on Committee business to be scheduled in the Chamber.
- The members of this group are Committee Conveners of the mandatory and subject committees.