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Scottish Parliament Fact sheet

Female MSPs: Session 4

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MSPs: Historical Series

This Fact sheet lists of all female Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) who served in Session 4, with a note of the constituency or region that they represent. The information is listed by party according to the number of female MSPs in each party. The party with the most female MSPs appears first.



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Scottish Labour [20]

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Jackie Baillie	Dumbarton (C)
Claire Baker	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Jayne Baxter ¹	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Claudia Beamish	South Scotland (R)
Sarah Boyack	Lothian (R)
Lesley Brennan ²	North East Scotland (R)
Kezia Dugdale	Lothian (R)
Helen Eadie ³	Cowdenbeath (C)
Mary Fee	West Scotland (R)
Patricia Ferguson	Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn (C)
Rhoda Grant	Highlands and Islands (R)
Cara Hilton ⁴	Dunfermline (C)
Johann Lamont	Glasgow Pollok (C)
Jenny Marra	North East Scotland (R)
Margaret McCulloch	Central Scotland (C)
Margaret McDougall	West Scotland (R)
Siobhan McMahon	Central Scotland (R)
Anne McTaggart	Glasgow (R)
Elaine Murray	Dumfriesshire (C)
Elaine Smith	Coatbridge and Chryston (C)

Scottish National Party [17]

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Clare Adamson	Central Scotland (R)
Margaret Burgess	Cunninghame South (C)
Aileen Campbell	Clydesdale (C)
Angela Constance	Almond Valley (C)
Roseanna Cunningham	Perthshire South and Kinross-shire (C)

¹ Jayne Baxter became the regional member for Mid Scotland and Fife on 8 December 2012. She replaced John Park who resigned on 7 December 2012.

² Lesley Brennan became the regional member for North East Scotland on 11 January 2016. She replaced Richard Baker who resigned on 11 January 2016.

³ Helen Eadie died on 9 November 2013. She was replaced by Alex Rowley.

⁴ Cara Hilton was elected in the Dunfermline by-election on 24 October 2013. She replaced Bill Walker.

Annabelle Ewing	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)
Linda Fabiani	East Kilbride (C)
Christine Grahame	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale (C)
Fiona Hyslop	Linlithgow (C)
Joan McAlpine	South Scotland (R)
Christina McKelvie	Hamilton, Larkhall & Stonehouse (C)
Aileen McLeod	South Scotland (R)
Fiona McLeod	Strathkelvin and Bearsden (C)
Shona Robison	Dundee City East (C)
Nicola Sturgeon	Glasgow Southside (C)
Maureen Watt	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine (C)
Sandra White	Glasgow Kelvin (C)

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party [6]

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Ruth Davidson	Glasgow (R)
Annabel Goldie	West Scotland (R)
Nanette Milne	North East Scotland (R)
Margaret Mitchell	Central Scotland (R)
Mary Scanlon	Highlands and Islands (R)
Liz Smith	Mid Scotland and Fife (R)

Scottish Liberal Democrats [1]

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Alison McInnes	North East Scotland (R)

Scottish Green Party [1]

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Alison Johnstone	Lothian (R)

Independent [2]

MSP	Constituency (C) or Region (R)
Margo MacDonald ⁵	Lothian (R)

⁵ Margo MacDonald died on 4 April 2014.

Jean Urquhart ⁶	Highlands and Islands (R)
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Table 1: Total Number of Female MSPs following the election on 5 May 2011

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	14	5	19
Scottish Labour	7	10	17
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	1	1
	21	24	45

Table 2: Total Number of Female MSPs following the election of the Presiding Officer on 11 May 2011

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	13	5	18
Scottish Labour	7	10	17
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	1	1
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ⁷	1	0	1
	21	24	45

⁶ Jean Urquhart was elected as a member of the Scottish National Party (SNP). She resigned from the SNP on 23 October 2012.

⁷ Elected as a member of the Scottish National Party, Tricia Marwick took voluntary suspension from the Scottish National Party following her election as Presiding Officer. This role has no party affiliation.

Table 3: Total Number of Female MSPs following the resignation of Jean Urquhart on 23 October 2012 from the Scottish National Party.

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	13	4	17
Scottish Labour	7	10	17
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	2	2
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ⁸	1	0	1
	21	24	45

Table 4: Total Number of Female MSPs following the resignation of John Park on 7 December 2012 and the election of Jayne Baxter on 8 December 2012.

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	13	4	17
Scottish Labour	7	11	18
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	2	2
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ⁹	1	0	1
	21	25	46

⁸ Elected as a member of the Scottish National Party, Tricia Marwick took voluntary suspension from the Scottish National Party following her election as Presiding Officer. This role has no party affiliation.

⁹ Elected as a member of the Scottish National Party, Tricia Marwick took voluntary suspension from the Scottish National Party following her election as Presiding Officer. This role has no party affiliation.

Table 5: Total Number of Female MSPs following the resignation of Bill Walker on 9 September 2013 and the election of Cara Hilton on 24 October 2013.

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	13	4	17
Scottish Labour	8	11	19
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	2	2
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ¹⁰	1	0	1
	22	25	47

Table 6: Total Number of Female MSPs following the death of Helen Eadie on 9 November 2013.

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	13	4	17
Scottish Labour	7	11	18
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	2	2
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ¹¹	1	0	1
	21	25	46

¹⁰ Elected as a member of the Scottish National Party, Tricia Marwick took voluntary suspension from the Scottish National Party following her election as Presiding Officer. This role has no party affiliation.

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Table 7: Total Number of Female MSPs following the death of Margo MacDonald on 4 April 2014.

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	13	4	17
Scottish Labour	7	11	18
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	1	1
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ¹²	1	0	1
	21	24	45

Table 8: Total Number of Female MSPs following the resignation of Richard Baker on 11 January 2016 and the election of Lesley Brennan on 11 January 2016

	Constituency	Regional	TOTAL
Scottish National Party	13	4	17
Scottish Labour	7	12	19
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	0	6	6
Scottish Liberal Democrats	0	1	1
Scottish Green Party	0	1	1
Independent	0	1	1
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ¹³	1	0	1
	21	25	46

¹² Elected as a member of the Scottish National Party, Tricia Marwick took voluntary suspension from the Scottish National Party following her election as Presiding Officer. This role has no party affiliation.

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