

Scottish Parliament Fact sheet

State of the Parties: Session 4

12 January 2016

MSPs: Historic Series

This fact sheet lists the number of MSPs in each party during Session 4.

The information is presented in tabular format. The first table reflects the state of the parties following the election on 5 May 2011. Each subsequent table charts changes to the state of the parties.

The tables are arranged by party, with the largest party appearing first.

Abbreviation	Party
Con	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Green	Scottish Green Party
Ind	Independent
Lab	Scottish Labour
LD	Scottish Liberal Democrats
SNP	Scottish National Party



Table 1: State of the parties elected at the Scottish Parliament election on 5 May 2011

Party	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	53	16	69
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	1	1
	73	56	129

Table 2: State of the parties on 11 May 2011, following the election of the Presiding Officer

Party	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	52	16	68
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	1	1
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick) ¹	1	0	1
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Table 3: State of the parties on 3 March 2012, following the suspension of Bill Walker from the SNP

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	16	67
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	1	2
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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¹ Tricia Marwick took voluntary suspension from the SNP when she was elected to the post of Presiding Officer.
Reference: FS2-37

Table 4: State of the parties on 8 April 2012, following the expulsion of Bill Walker from the SNP

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	16	67
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	1	2
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 5: State of the parties on 23 October 2012, following the resignations of John Finnie and Jean Urquhart from the SNP

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 6: State of the parties on 7 December 2012, following the resignation of John Park

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	21	36
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 7: State of the parties on 8 December 2012 when Jayne Baxter became the regional member for Mid Scotland and Fife

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 8: State of the parties on 25 April 2013, following the death of Brian Adam, member for Aberdeen Donside

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	50	14	64
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
	72	56	128

Table 9: State of the parties on 14 May 2013, following the resignation of Mark McDonald

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	50	13	63
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 10: State of the parties on 14 May 2013 when Christian Allard became the regional member for North East Scotland

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	50	14	64
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 11: State of the parties on 21 June 2013 when Mark McDonald was elected in the Aberdeen Donside by-election

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 12: State of the parties on 12 August 2013, following the death of David McLetchie, member for Lothian

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	11	14
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 13: State of the parties on 28 August 2013 when Cameron Buchanan became regional member for Lothian

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	1	3	4
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 14: State of the parties on 09 September 2013, following the resignation of Bill Walker

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	3	3
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 15: State of the parties on 24 October 2013 when Cara Hilton was elected in the Dunfermline by-election

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	16	22	38
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	3	3
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 16: State of the parties on 9 November 2013, following the death of Helen Eadie

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	15	22	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	3	3
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 17: State of the parties on 23 January 2014 when Alex Rowley was elected in the Cowdenbeath by-election

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	16	22	38
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	3	3
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 18: State of the parties on 04 April 2014 when Margo MacDonald died

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	14	65
Scottish Labour Party	16	22	38
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	2	2
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 19: State of the parties on 24 September 2014, following the resignation of John Wilson from the SNP

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	13	64
Scottish Labour Party	16	22	38
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	3	3
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 20: State of the parties on 11 January 2016, following the resignation of Richard Baker

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	13	64
Scottish Labour Party	16	21	37
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	3	3
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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Table 21: State of the parties on 11 January 2016 when Lesley Brennan became regional member for North East Scotland

	Constituency MSPs	Regional MSPs	TOTAL MSPs
Scottish National Party	51	13	64
Scottish Labour Party	16	22	38
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party	3	12	15
Scottish Liberal Democrats	2	3	5
Scottish Green Party	0	2	2
Independent	0	3	3
Presiding Officer (Tricia Marwick)	1	0	1
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