

What do committees do?

The committees of the Scottish Parliament are made up of small groups of MSPs.



Committees:

- Meet regularly to discuss particular subject areas
- Look at a range of subjects
- Can be a subject committee or a mandatory committee
- Can introduce bills
- Carry out inquiries
- Invite people across Scotland to take part in inquiries, giving their views on the topic
- Report to Parliament
- Closely examine bills
- Can question Scottish Government ministers and Cabinet Secretaries
- Closely examine the work and financial proposals of the Scottish Government



Committees play an important role in the Scottish Parliament because, unlike the UK Parliament at Westminster, the Scottish Parliament is a unicameral (single-chamber) Parliament, with no upper house or second chamber.



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