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Proxy Voting

The Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee is asking Members for their views on whether proxy voting should be introduced in the Scottish Parliament.

Proxy voting is an arrangement where a Member votes on behalf of another Member who is absent for a particular specified reason. In the House of Commons and the National Assembly for Wales, proxy voting pilots have been introduced for when a Member is on maternity or paternity leave.

The Committee is seeking your views on the principle of proxy voting at this stage with a view to considering the introduction of a pilot in the Scottish Parliament.

Q1: In principle, do you support the introduction of proxy voting in the Scottish Parliament?

Q2: If proxy voting is introduced, in what circumstances do you think it should be allowed?

Q3: Are there alternatives to proxy voting which should be considered?

Q4: Do you have any other comments about proxy voting?

Please email your responses to sppaccommittee@parliament.scot (or simply reply to this email).

Please respond by **Thursday 16 April**. Please note your responses may be published.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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