

DOG THEFT (SCOTLAND) BILL

STATEMENTS ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

As required under Rule 9.3.1 and 1A of the Parliament’s Standing Orders, these statements on legislative competence are published to accompany the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 17 February 2025. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 58–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 58–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 58–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 58–DPM).
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PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 17 February 2025, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

MEMBER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 5 February 2025, the Member in Charge of the Bill (Maurice Golden MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

This document relates to the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 58) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 17 February 2025

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