

This document relates to the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 59) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 19 February 2025

Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

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- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 59–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 59–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 59–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 59–DPM).
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Presiding Officer's statement on legislative competence

On 19 February 2025, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

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

Scottish Government statement on legislative competence

On 19 February 2025, the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon MSP) made the following statement:

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

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