

PRISONERS (EARLY RELEASE) (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 Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 18 November 2024. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 53–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 53–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 53–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 53–DPM).
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PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 18 November 2024, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

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

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 18 November 2024, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance MSP) made the following statement:

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

This document relates to the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 53) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 18 November 2024

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