

**What's Happening at Holyrood?
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BILLS IN PROGRESS

Key: (Ex) = Executive Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill.

[Abolition of Tolls \(Scotland\) Bill \(Ex\)](#)

This Bill seeks: to make provisions for the removal of the remaining tolls from the Forth and Tay Road Bridges as soon as is practicable. This will be done by removing the powers of the Forth Estuary Transport Authority to charge tolls on the Forth Road Bridge and by removing the penalties for non-payment of these tolls. The powers of the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board to charge tolls on the Tay Road bridge will be removed and relevant provisions relating to these powers will be repealed.

Current status

The Bill was introduced on 3 September 2007 and the Transport Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee was assigned as the Lead Committee for examination of the Bill. The Committee has issued a call for evidence with a deadline for receipt of written submissions on 5 October 2007. **The Committee met at Stage 1 on 11 September and oral evidence was given on the general principles of the Bill. The full report of the meeting can be found in the [Official Report](#). The Committee will meet this week on 18 September and will take further oral evidence at Stage 1. For a full list of witnesses please see the relevant agenda under Committee Business. The Subordinate Legislation Committee will meet this week on 18 September to consider the delegated powers provisions in the Bill.**