



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

There are currently five Bills progressing through the Scottish Parliament.

[Creative Scotland Bill \(Ex\)](#)

This Bill seeks to establish a body known as Creative Scotland and to confer on it functions in relation to the arts and culture and to the application of creative skills.

Current Status

The Creative Scotland Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 12 March 2008 by Alex Salmond MSP. The Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee has been designated Lead Committee for examination of the Bill. At its last meeting on 19 March 2008, the Committee considered its approach to the Bill at Stage 1. **At its next meeting on 22 April 2008, the Subordinate Legislation Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Government on the delegated powers provisions in the Bill. The Finance Committee at its next meeting on 22 April 2008 will take oral evidence on the Bill's financial memorandum.**

[Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill \(Ex\)](#)

This Bill seeks to make provision in relation to the Commonwealth Games that are to be held principally in Glasgow in 2014. The Bill aims to meet the Scottish Government's obligations under the Host City Contract and deliver the commitments given in the Candidate City file. The Bill seeks to give the Scottish Ministers and councils the powers needed to achieve these aims.

Current Status

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 9 November 2007. The Local Government and Communities Committee was assigned as the Lead Committee for examination of the Bill. The Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 15 February 2008. The Bill was passed at Stage 1 on 27 February 2008. A transcript of the Stage 1 debate can be read in the [Official Report](#). The Committee completed scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 2 at its last meeting on 19 March 2008.

Stage 3 amendments must be lodged with the clerks to the Committee by 24 April 2008. The Subordinate Legislation Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in the Bill as amended at Stage 2 at its next meeting on 22 April 2008 and will take oral evidence from members of the Bill Team and the Scottish Government's Legal Directorate. The Stage 3 Debate on the Bill is scheduled to take place on 30 April 2008.

[Judiciary and Courts \(Scotland\) Bill \(Ex\)](#)

This Bill aims to make substantive provision in relation to four main policy areas: judicial independence; the judiciary including the provision of a statutory basis for the Judicial Appointments Board; the courts; and new arrangements for the governance of the Scottish Court Service. The overarching objective of the Bill is to modernise and improve the court system by modernising and strengthening the role of Scotland's judiciary.



Current Status

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 30 January 2008 by Kenny MacAskill MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice. The Justice Committee was assigned as the Lead Committee for examination of the Bill. At its last meeting on 25 March 2008, the Committee took further oral evidence on the Bill at Stage 1. **At its next meeting on 22 April 2008, the Committee will decide whether to accept written evidence received after the deadline for submission of written evidence. The Committee will also consider a draft Stage 1 Report on the Bill.**

Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill (Ex)

This Bill seeks to re-state and amend the law on public health; to make provision about mortuaries and the disposal of bodies; to enable the Scottish Ministers to implement their obligations under the International Health Regulations; to enable provisions to be made in relation to provision of information to users on the effect on health of sunbeds; to amend the law on statutory nuisances; and for connected purposes.

Current Status

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament on 25 October 2007. The Health and Sport Committee was assigned as the Lead Committee for examination of the Bill. The Committee published its [Stage 1 Report](#) on 18 March 2008 and recommended that the general principles of the Bill be agreed to. **The Bill was passed by the Parliament at Stage 1 on 17 April 2008. A transcript of the Stage 1 Debate is available in the [Official Report](#). Amendments to the Bill at Stage 2 can now be lodged with the clerks to the Health and Sport Committee.**

Scottish Register of Tartans Bill (M)

This Bill seeks to establish a Scottish Register of Tartans, requires a Keeper of the Register of Tartans to maintain and oversee the Register and new registrations, and sets down the process for registering new tartan designs in the Register.

Current Status

The Bill was introduced into the Scottish Parliament by Jamie McGrigor MSP on 25 March 2008. The Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee has been assigned as Lead Committee for examination of the Bill. The Committee considered its approach to the Bill at its last meeting on 16 April 2008.