

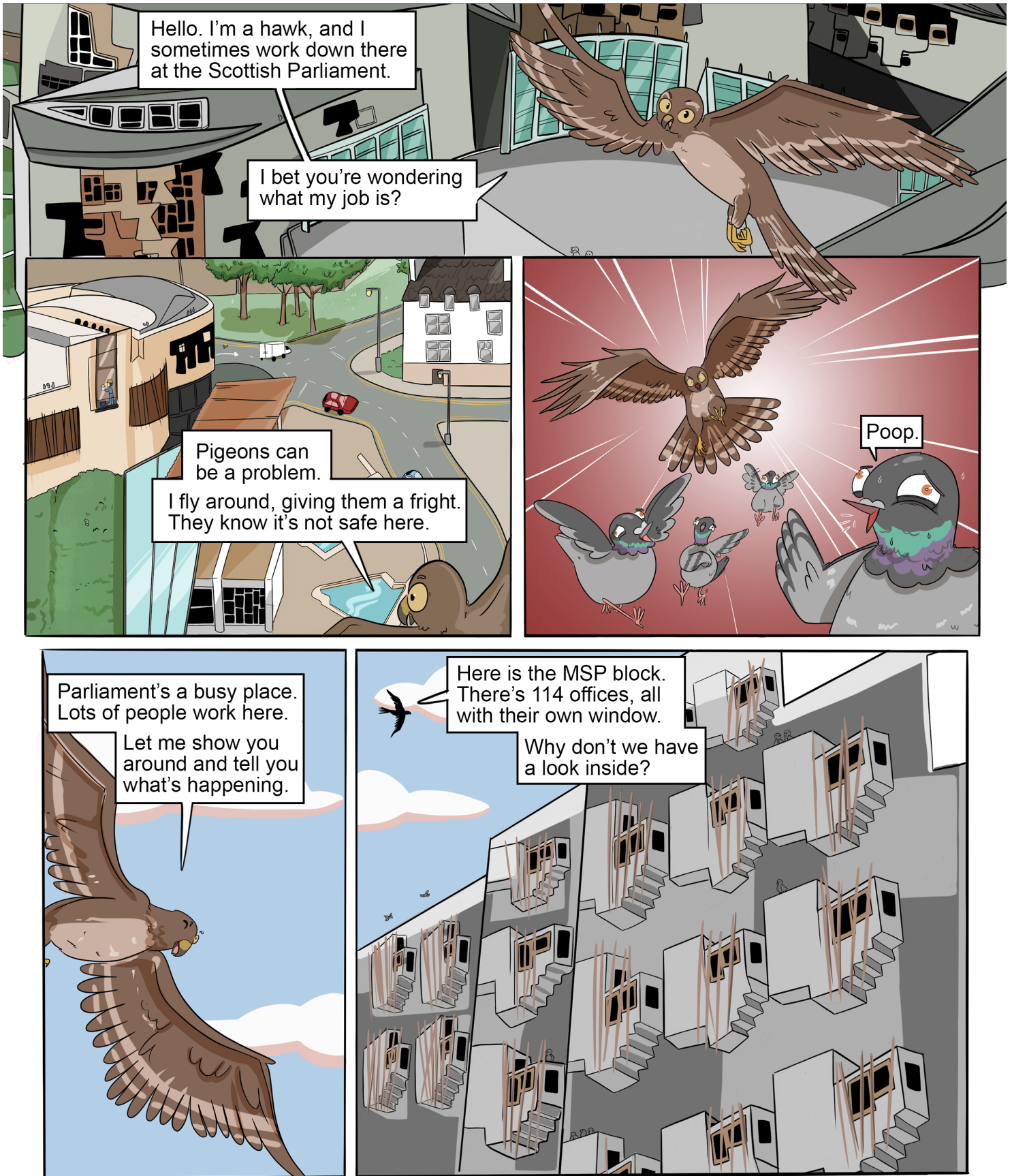


Our Words

A Hawk's Eye View

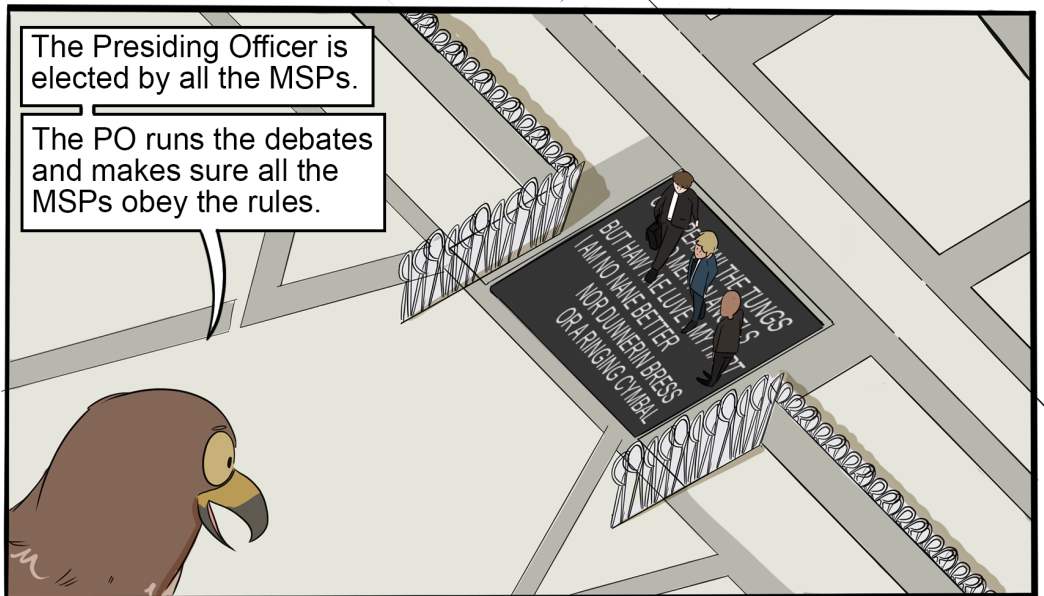
The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

by Bun Sgoil Taobh na Pairce and Magic Torch Comics





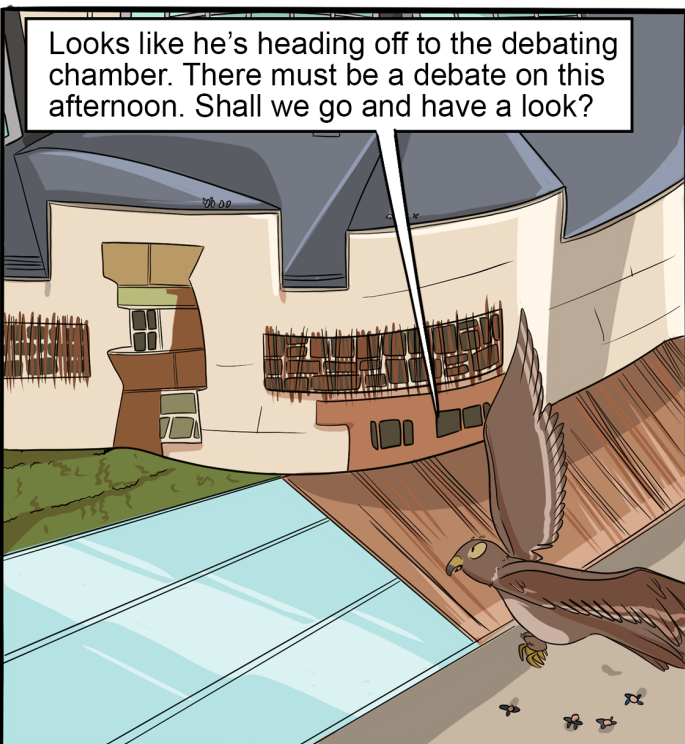
This is Queensbury House. It's where the Presiding Officer works.



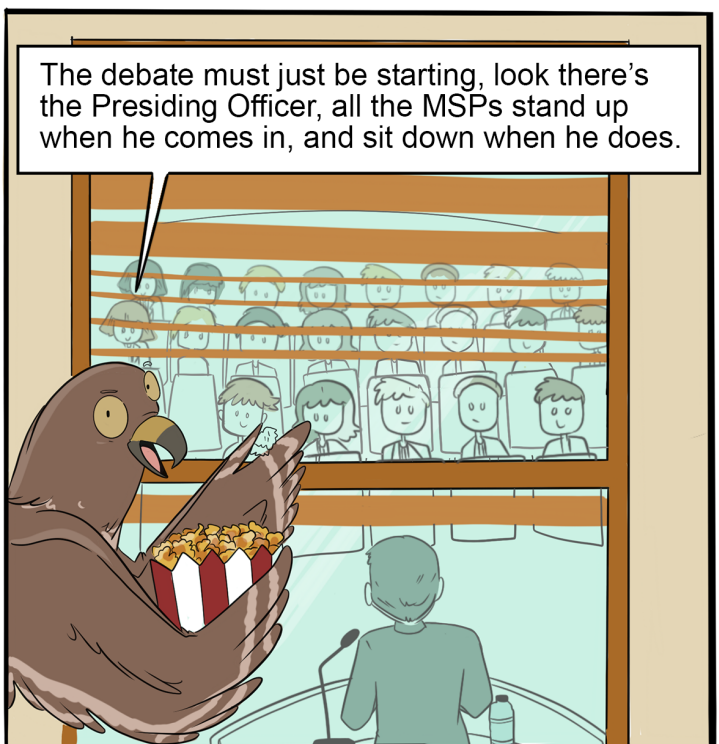
The Presiding Officer is elected by all the MSPs.

The PO runs the debates and makes sure all the MSPs obey the rules.

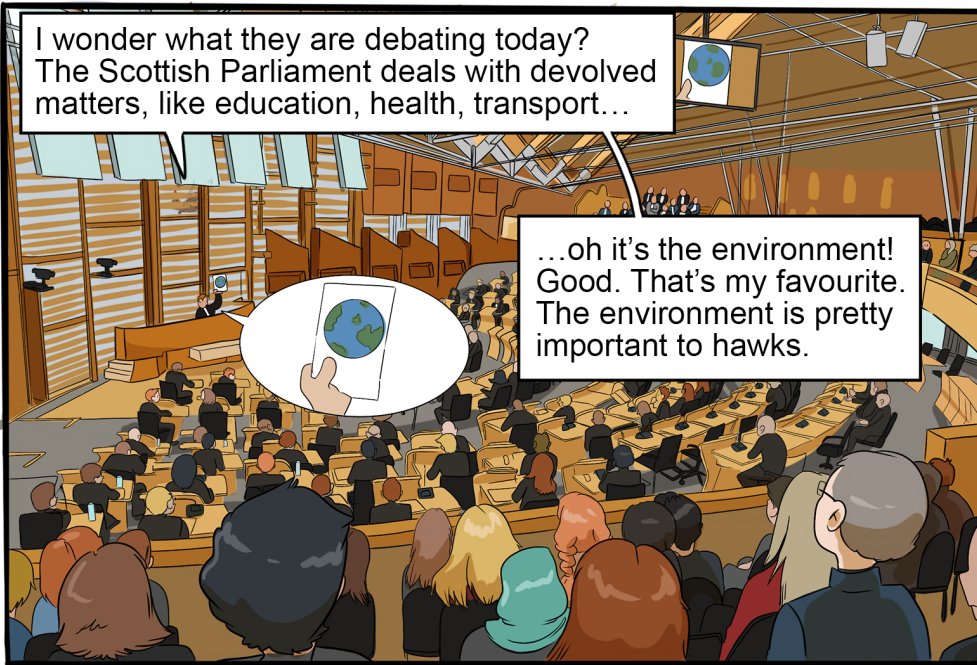
BE WITH THE TUNGS
BUT PAWL E LUJE MY TIT
I AM NO WARE BETTER
NOR DINNER IN PRESS
OR A RINGING CYMBAL



Looks like he's heading off to the debating chamber. There must be a debate on this afternoon. Shall we go and have a look?



The debate must just be starting, look there's the Presiding Officer, all the MSPs stand up when he comes in, and sit down when he does.



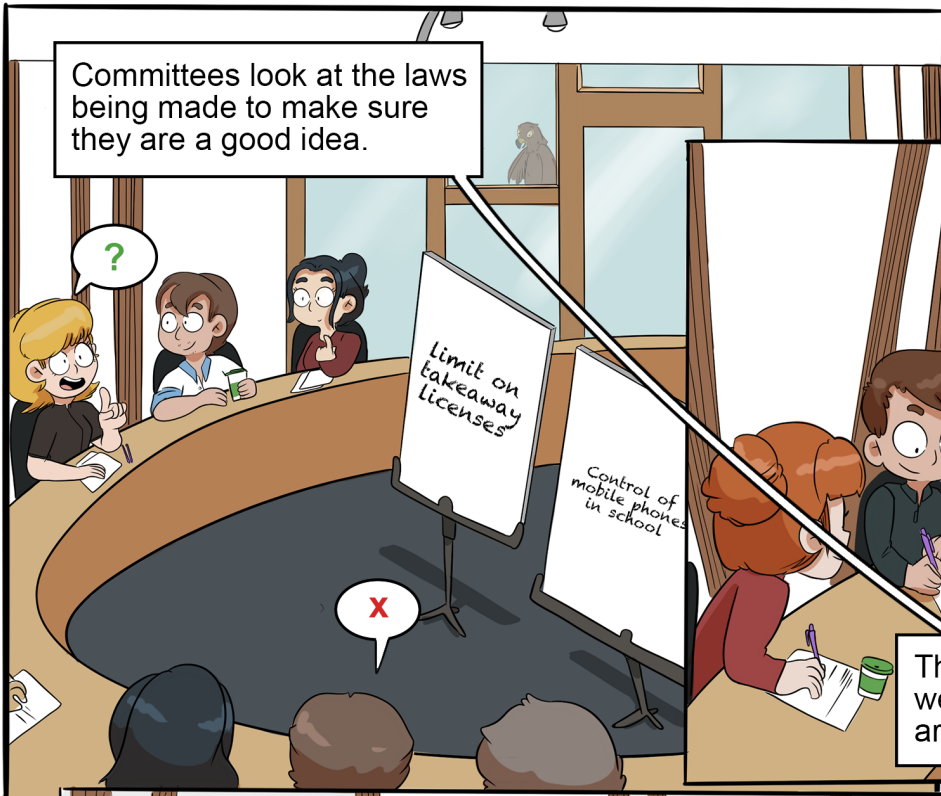
I wonder what they are debating today?
The Scottish Parliament deals with devolved matters, like education, health, transport...

...oh it's the environment!
Good. That's my favourite.
The environment is pretty important to hawks.



Let's hope they get things sorted out there. There's more to see though. These are committee rooms...

...they're empty just now. All the MSPs are in the chamber. But last week there were lots of people in.



Committees look at the laws being made to make sure they are a good idea.

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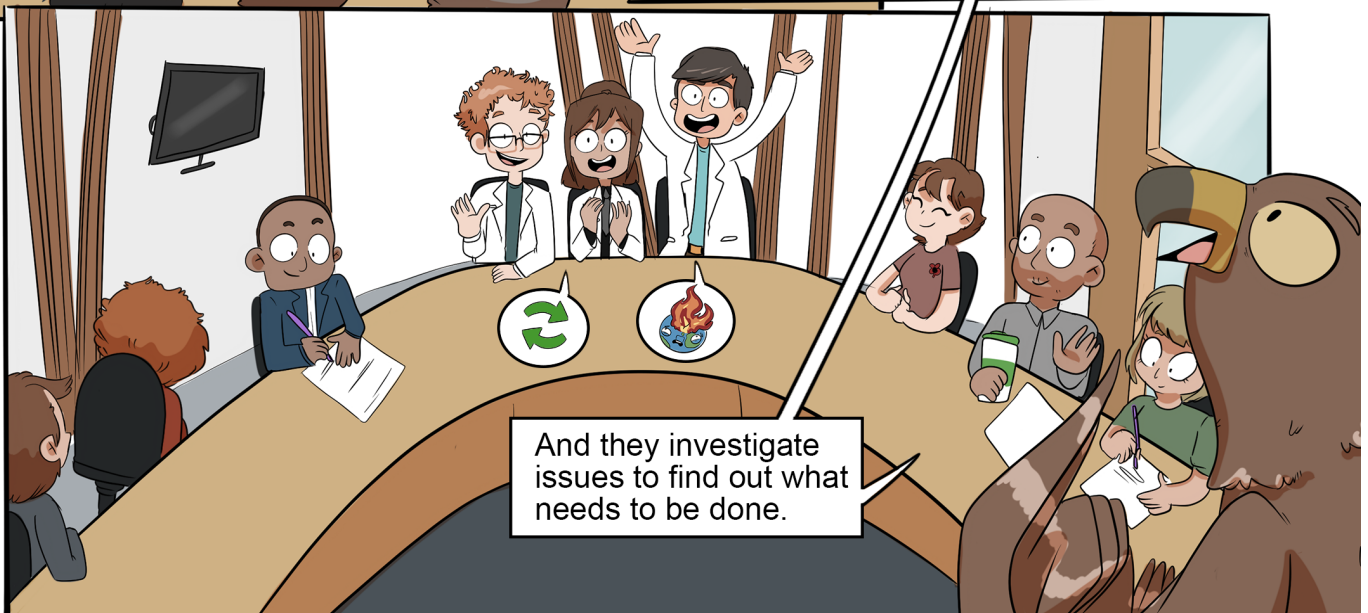
Limit on takeaway licenses

Control of mobile phones in school

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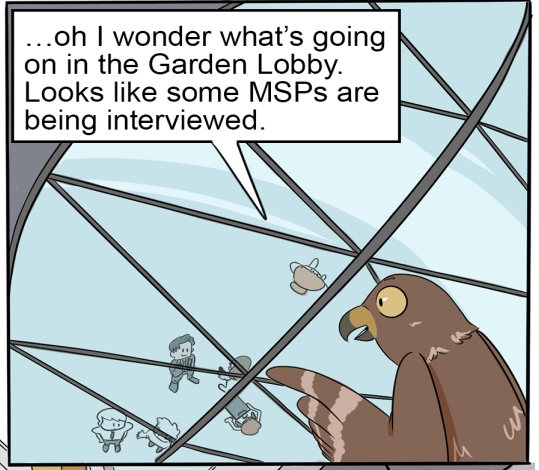
They look at the laws we have to check they are working.



And they investigate issues to find out what needs to be done.



There's always something going on, so sometimes it's just nice to relax in the garden or on the grass roof.



...oh I wonder what's going on in the Garden Lobby. Looks like some MSPs are being interviewed.



Hey! Maybe I'll get on the news tonight.

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So that's your Parliament. It's a busy place, but then, it's making decisions for everyone in Scotland and for Scotland's future.

Everyone there has a lot to do and think about.

Oh! Pigeon!



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