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Language in Parliament 2

The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

by Beath High School and Magic Torch Comics

The Scottish Parliament has power over devolved matters.



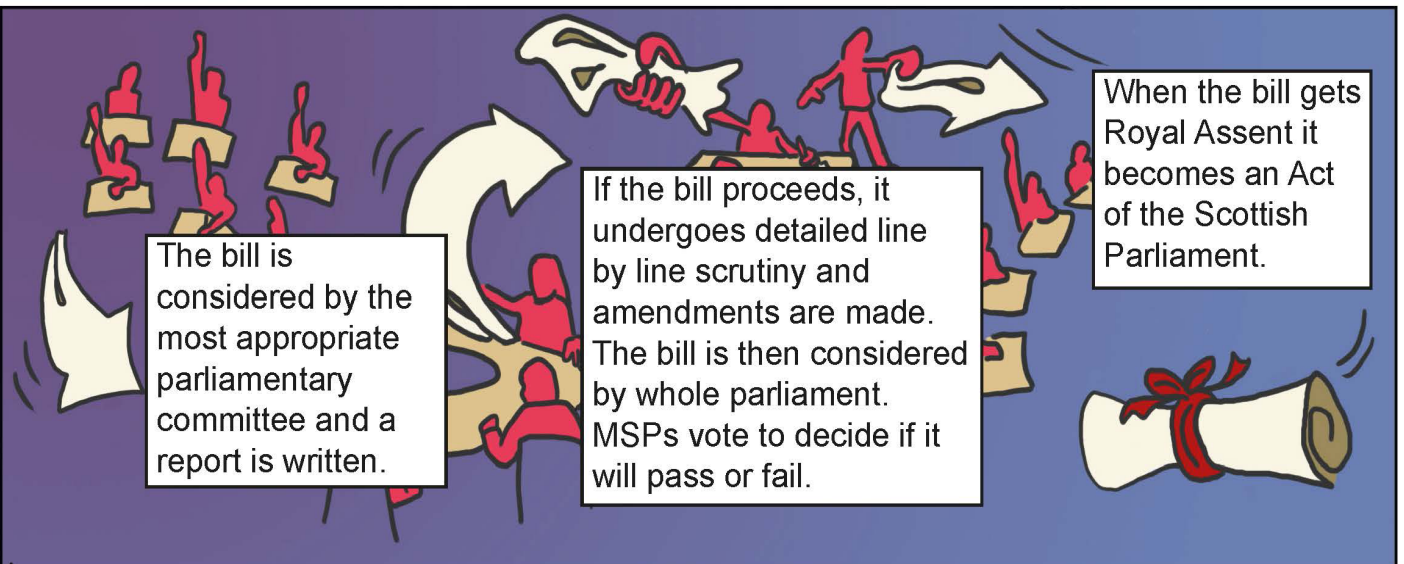
Devolved matters include agriculture, education and law and order.

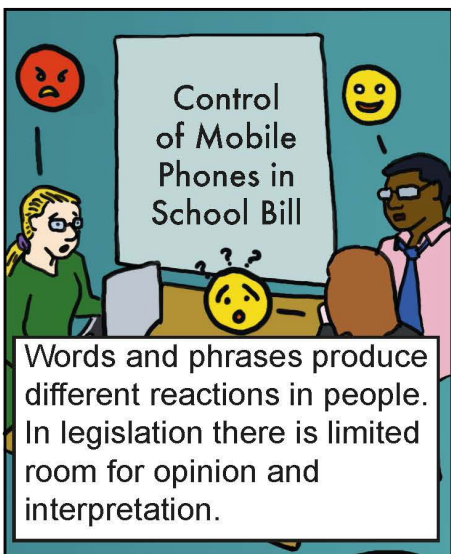


The bill is considered by the most appropriate parliamentary committee and a report is written.

If the bill proceeds, it undergoes detailed line by line scrutiny and amendments are made. The bill is then considered by whole parliament. MSPs vote to decide if it will pass or fail.

When the bill gets Royal Assent it becomes an Act of the Scottish Parliament.





Scottish Parliament Information Centre provide information to MSPs and the public.

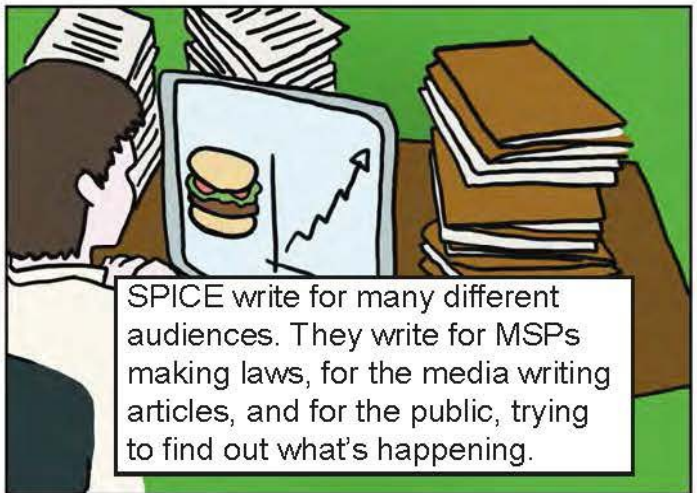


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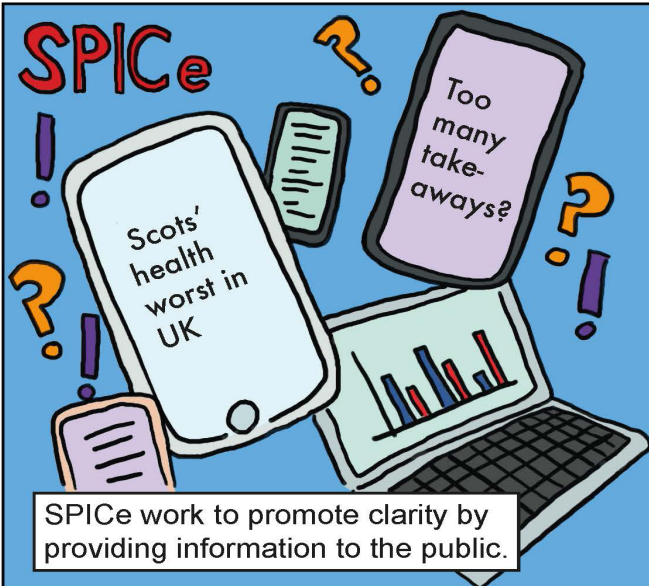
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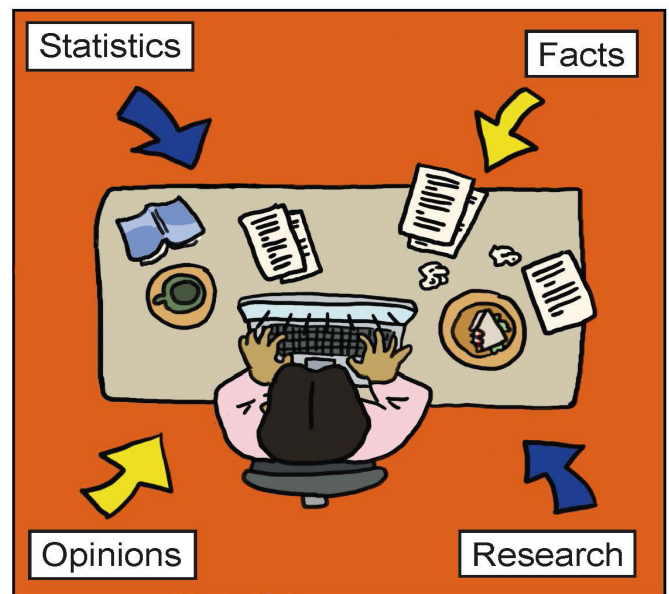
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 - Focus on most important facts
 - Less formal
 - Less jargon



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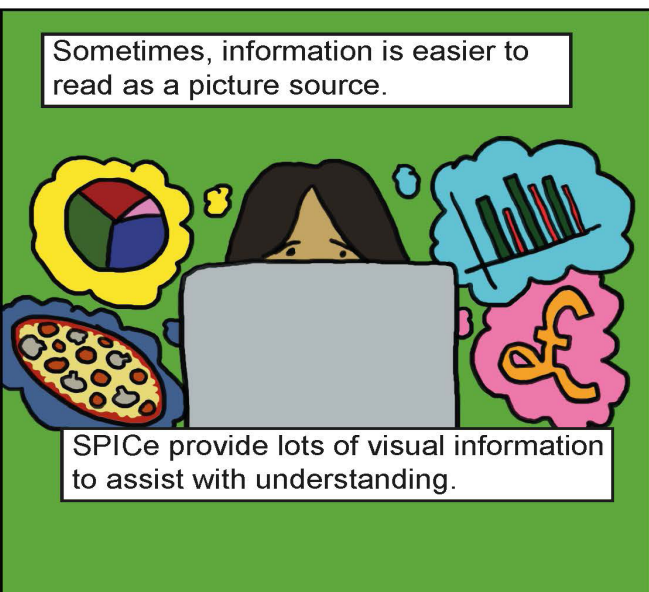


Statistics

Facts

Opinions

Research



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This is really clear.
I want to write my own information this way.



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