

# Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

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## 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 Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 7 November 2023. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 37–FM);
  - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 37–EN);
  - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 37–PM).
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## Presiding Officer's statement on legislative competence

On 7 November 2023, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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## Scottish Government statement on legislative competence

On 7 November 2023, the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

This document relates to the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 37) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 7 November 2023

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