

VICTIMS, WITNESSES, AND JUSTICE REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL

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 Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 25 April 2023. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 26–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 26–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 26–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 26–DPM).
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PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 19 April 2023, the Deputy Presiding Officer (Annabelle Ewing MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 25 April 2023, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

*This document relates to the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 26)
as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 25 April 2023*

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