

The Scottish Parliament

The Scottish Parliament derives its powers from the Scotland Act 1998. The Act also defined areas and subjects which the UK Parliament would continue to legislate for Scotland. These are termed 'reserved matters.'

All other issues are dealt with by the Scottish Parliament. These are commonly known as 'devolved matters.' Devolved matters include:

- Agriculture and Forestry
- Fisheries
- Education and Social Work
- Housing
- Industry and Enterprise
- Transport
- Local Government
- Police
- Justice
- The Scottish Legal System
- Representing Scotland in the EU
- The Environment
- Health

The Scottish Parliament is made up of 129 MSPs. 73 MSPs represent constituencies such as Edinburgh West and the other 56 are additional or 'list' MSPs who represent regions such as the Lothians. You can contact both constituency and regional members for your area.



My work at Holyrood

At the Scottish Parliament my job includes scrutinising the work of the Scottish Government, both in committee and in the chamber. I aim to represent the views of all the residents of west Edinburgh.

Since devolution in 1999, I have served as Convener of the Health and Community Care Committee, on the Local Government and Transport Committee, and held spokespersonships on Local Government, Justice and Education and Young People.

I am in regular contact with the Council, government agencies and with Ministers directly to raise issues on behalf of constituents and organisations.

I am usually in the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week while parliament sits, allowing me to spend the rest of the week in the constituency.

You can reach me and my staff by telephone, e-mail, letter, fax, or online. I hold regular surgeries on Friday mornings in my Drum Brae office, and you can make an appointment by calling either of my offices.

The House of Commons

The UK Parliament is responsible for 'reserved matters.' These reserved matters include:

- The UK economy
- Taxation
- International Trade
- Defence
- Consumer Affairs
- Social Security
- Representing the UK in the EU
- Child Support Agency
- UK Transport and Air Travel
- Employment Law

John Barrett is the MP for most of Edinburgh West. You can contact him on 0131 339 0339, or e-mail johnbarrettmp@parliament.uk

If you live in Craighleith Hill, parts of Blackhall, or West Pilton, your MP is Mark Lazarowicz, who can be contacted at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA



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Dear Constituent,

As Member of the Scottish Parliament for Edinburgh West, it is my job to represent everybody in the constituency at Holyrood and to work on their behalf on issues which are the responsibility of the Scottish Parliament.

I will do all I can to ensure that you, my constituents, have good access to your MSP at all times. I am available to listen to you and work on your behalf to try to resolve your problems and concerns.

This leaflet outlines how you can contact me if you have a problem which you would like me to help resolve, if you wish to visit the Scottish Parliament, or if you would like me to talk to your local group or organisation about the work I do in the Scottish Parliament.

Best wishes,

Margaret Smith MSP
Edinburgh West

For updates on Margaret Smith MSP's
work and local news visit:
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How your
constituency MSP
can help you
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