**Re-use of Public Sector Information**

The Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (“SPCB”) comply with the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 (the “2015 Regulations”). The 2015 Regulations, which replace the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, implement the requirements of EU law into UK law.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1415/contents/made>

**This section provides details of how we meet our responsibilities under the 2015 Regulations:**

**Public task**

Our obligations under the 2015 Regulations to permit re-use of information apply to information within the scope of the public task of the Scottish Parliament and the SPCB. The public task is a description of the core aims, functions and responsibilities of these public bodies.

The Scottish Parliament and the SPCB were both established under the Scotland Act 1998:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/46/contents>

The Scottish Parliament’s public task is to define, debate, decide and legislate on issues of importance to the people of Scotland. In doing so, it holds the Scottish Government to account and is answerable to the people of Scotland. In particular it:

* holds the Scottish Government to account through oral and written questions and through scrutiny of its policies in the committees;
* makes laws on devolved matters by examining, amending and voting on Bills and scrutinises subordinate legislation made by the Scottish Ministers
* debates important topical issues
* considers public petitions, conducts inquiries and publishes reports

The SPCB’s public task is to ensure that the Scottish Parliament is provided with the property, staff and services required for the Parliament’s purposes. To carry out these functions the SPCB considers and makes decisions to do with the running of the Scottish Parliament, including: the allocation of the budget; staffing; the use and security of parliamentary facilities; and the provision of services to MSPs.

These public task statements are regularly reviewed. If you have any queries on these statements, you can submit them using the contact details set out below.

**Licence**

We encourage the re-use of the information that we produce, hold and disseminate and we make no charge for re-use. As part of this, we have published the Scottish Parliament Open Licence, which is available at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/help/13591.aspx>

The Scottish Parliament Open Licence means you are free to:

* copy, publish distribute and transmit the information on our website;
* adapt the information; and
* exploit the information commercially and non-commercially.

You must acknowledge the source of the information in your product or application by including the attribution statement set out in the licence and, where possible, providing a link to the licence. You should ensure that you are aware of what the licence does not cover, such as personal data and certain third party rights. Further details can be found at the link above.

**Datasets**

We provide parliamentary information as datasets in a machine readable format where possible. Datasets, which include motions, questions, answers and petitions, are available at:

<https://data.parliament.scot/#/home>

**Information asset list**

The 2015 Regulations require public bodies to provide a list of its main documents available for re-use with relevant metadata in machine readable format.

The Publication Scheme for the Scottish Parliament and the SPCB contains this information and also provides information regarding formats. The Publication Scheme can be found at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/help/17702.aspx>

The Publication Scheme refers to information produced by the Scottish Parliament and by the SPCB. It is impractical to make a distinction between the information held by the Scottish Parliament and the SPCB and so the information covered by our Publication Scheme refers to both the Scottish Parliament and the SPCB.

**Feedback or comment and further information**

We would welcome feedback or comment on how we handle re-use of our information. To provide any feedback or comments you have, or if you would like to find out more about re-use of our information, please contact:

Claire Turnbull, Head of Information Governance: [claire.turnbull@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:claire.turnbull@scottish.parliament.uk) or 0131-348-6913 or by post to The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh EH99 1SP.

**Complaints**

Anyone who believes that the Scottish Parliament or the SPCB have failed to comply with any requirement of the 2015 Regulations may complain to us in writing and further information about how to do that is available here:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/help/71175.aspx>

If you are not satisfied with our determination you may escalate it to the Information Commissioner’s Office (“ICO”). After reviewing the complaint, the ICO will issue a decision. The ICO’s decision may be appealed to the General Regulatory Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal, information rights jurisdiction (the First-tier Tribunal).

How to contact us:

Post: Public Information And Publications, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Telephone: 0131 348 5000

0800 092 7500 (Public Enquiries)

0131 348 5395 (Gàidhlig)

We also welcome calls using the Text Relay service.

E-mail: [sp.info@scottish.parliament.uk](file:///C:/Users/C704684/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/Content.Outlook/0504PDUF/sp.info@scottish.parliament.uk)