



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## **The Role of Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs)**

MSPs are elected to work on behalf of the people of Scotland.

They work in the Scottish Parliament and in their local area.

The Scottish Parliament normally meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

MSPs can be members of committees, carrying out inquiries and scrutinising the work of the Scottish Government.

MSPs meet in the Chamber to debate topical issues and question Scottish Government Ministers.

On Thursdays, MSPs hold the First Minister to account by asking questions at First Minister's Questions.

Decision time takes place in the Chamber, usually at 5pm.

MSPs vote electronically on matters discussed that day.

On days when the Scottish Parliament is not meeting, MSPs work in their local area.

They answer correspondence, meet with their constituents, attend community meetings and raise awareness of local issues.

MSPs who are members of a political party may attend party meetings and conferences to help develop party policy.

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