



## Finding Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government Papers

The Library holds paper copies of all Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government papers published between 1999 and 2011. All papers from 1999 onwards are available online from the Public Information Online (PIO) database (Staff and students only). Please note that the papers of the Pre 1707 Parliament are available on Level 8 of the Library. The collection includes:

- Acts of the Scottish Parliament & Scottish Statutory Instruments
- Bills
- Official Reports
- Scottish Parliament Papers: Committee Reports & Inquiries
- Scottish Government Papers

## Citations

**Acts of the Scottish Parliament** - Each Act is given a running number for the year in which it is passed, Acts are referred to by their short title and year, for example,

**The Ethical Standards in Public Life (Scotland) Act 2000 asp 7**

**Scottish Statutory Instruments** – Each SSI is given a running number for the year in which they are published, for example,

**Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 No. 19**

**Bills** – A distinctive feature of Scottish Parliament Bills is that they retain their original numbering throughout their passage through the Parliament. Bills are given a running number as they are published within a particular four-year session of the Parliament with the year of publication in brackets, for example,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Bill, SP Bill 36, Session 1 (2001)**

**Official Report** – the substantially verbatim report of the proceedings at meetings of the Parliament and its Committees. The Official Report is issued in three parts:

- **Meeting of the Parliament:** Individual issues of the Official Report – Meeting of the Parliament appear for each day the Parliament is sitting. The correct citation for an entry in the Official Report - Meeting of the Parliament is, for example,

**SP OR 17 May 2001, col. 769.**

If using the online Official Report, the column number is available from the PDF version (link at the top of the URL. The PDF download currently doesn't work using Firefox)

- **Written Answers:** published as a weekly compilation. The correct citation for an entry in the **Official Report** – Written Answers is, for example,

**SP WA 10 May 2001, p. 151**

- **Committee Sessions:** report of the proceedings of meetings for each of Parliament's individual Committees. Issues appear for each day that a Committee sits. The correct citation for an entry in the **Official Report** – **Committee** is, for example,

**SP OR RD 18 May 2001, col. 1997**

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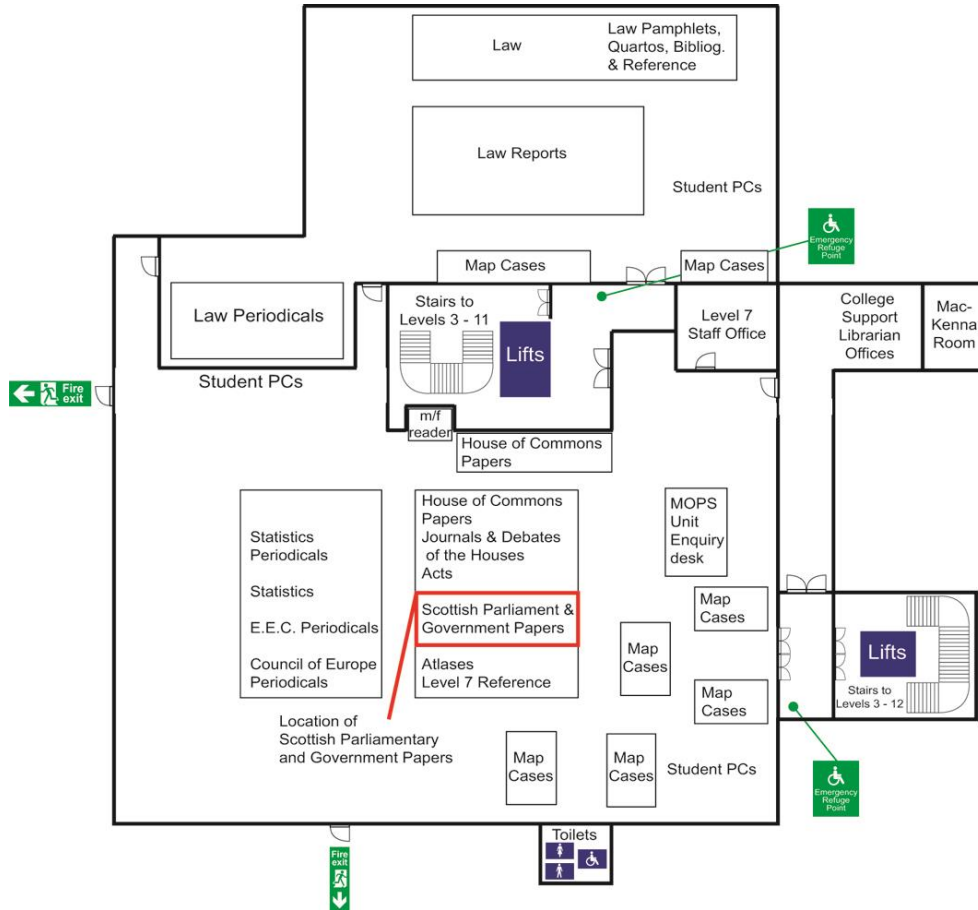
**Scottish Parliament papers** – the vast majority of SP papers are reports of individual Committee enquiries. SP Papers are given a running number as they are published within a particular four-year session of the Parliament with the year of publication in brackets, for example,

**SP Paper 15, Session 2 (2003)**

**Scottish Government papers** - the variety of material issued as SG papers is wide but they include: Government policy documents and consultation papers, annual reports of Government Agencies and Commissions, Scottish Law Commission documents, and key statistical publications. SG Papers are given a running number as they are published with a calendar year, for example,  
**SG 2003/12**

## Locating Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government Papers in the Library

The papers of the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government are situated on **Level 7** of the University Library in the Maps, Official Publications and Statistics Unit. Individual papers of the Scottish Parliament **are not listed in the Library catalogue**, but selected papers of the Scottish Government are. For advice on locating Scottish Parliament papers ask at Level 7 Enquiries Desk



## Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government Papers online

All Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government papers are available online.

- Acts of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Statutory Instruments are available from the Office of the Queen's Printer for Scotland website: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk>
- Scottish Parliament papers are available by Committee from the Parliament website <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Committees.aspx>
- Scottish Government papers are available from the publications section of the Government website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/Recent>

## Databases

In addition to the Public Information Online (PIO) database, the Library subscribes to a number of databases which provide full-text access to Acts of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Statutory Instruments such as **Westlaw** and **LexisNexis**

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