

DESECRATION OF WAR MEMORIALS (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 Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 14 May 2025. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 68–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 68–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 68–PM).
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PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 14 May 2025, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

MEMBER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 13 May 2025, the Member in Charge of the Bill (Meghan Gallacher MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

This document relates to the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 68) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 14 May 2025

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