

# Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill

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## 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 Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 5 October 2023. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 34–EN);
  - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 34–PM);
  - a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 34–FM);
  - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 34–DPM).
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## Presiding Officer's Statement on Legislative Competence

On 5 October 2023, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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## Member's Statement on Legislative Competence

On 5 October 2023, the member in charge of the Bill (Gillian Mackay MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

This document relates to the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 34) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 5 October 2023

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