

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL COMMUNITIES (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 Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 28 September 2023. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 33–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 33–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 33–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 33–DPM).
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PRESIDING OFFICER’S STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 28 September 2023, the Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE

On 28 September 2023, the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

This document relates to the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 33) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 28 September 2023

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