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Ministerial Statements: Session 6

This Fact Sheet provides a list of ministerial statements made in the Scottish Parliament from the beginning of Session 6. It is arranged by date with the most recent date first and includes the name and title of the Cabinet Secretary or Minister making the statement, the subject of the statement and a link to the statement in the Official Report.

9 May 2023

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
[Europe Day 2023 – The Scottish Government's Commitment to Remain Aligned with EU Laws](#)

20 April 2023

Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
[Deposit Return Scheme](#)

19 April 2023

Shirley-Anne Sommerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice
[Challenge to the UK Government's Section 35 Order on the Gender Recognition Reform \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

18 April 2023

Humza Yousaf, First Minister
[Our Priorities for Scotland](#)

23 March 2023

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Personal statement by the First Minister](#)

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John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Wellbeing Economy](#)

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Historical Adoption Practices](#)

21 March 2023

Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
[Care of Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions](#)

16 March 2023

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Ferguson Marine](#)

2 March 2023

Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport
[Caledonian Sleeper Train](#)

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
[Policing](#)

1 March 2023

Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
[Update on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme](#)

8 February 2023

Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport
[A9 Dualling Update](#)

7 February 2023

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[Teacher Numbers and Children's Learning Hours](#)

Richard Lochhead, Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work
[Levelling Up Fund](#)

31 January 2023

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
[Management of Transgender Individuals in Prison Custody](#)

26 January 2023

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Strategic Transport Projects Review 2](#)

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Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
[Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy](#)

18 January 2023

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Green Freeports](#)

17 January 2023

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[Improving the Education and Life Chances of all Children and Young People](#)

12 January 2023

Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
[Cost of Living \(Tenant Protection\) \(Scotland\) Act](#)

10 January 2023

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[National Health Service \(Winter Pressures\)](#)

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Scotland's Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan](#)

Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
[Proposed Domestic Building Environmental Standards](#)

22 December 2022

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Climate Change Committee Reports](#)

15 December 2022

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Scottish Budget 2023-24](#)

13 December 2022

Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
[Medication Assisted Treatment and Workforce Update](#)

8 December 2022

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[Scottish Attainment Challenge \(Local Authority Stretch Aims\)](#)

23 November 2022

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[NHS Forth Valley](#)

8 November 2022

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands
[Agriculture Support and Food Security](#)

Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth
[National Planning Framework 4](#)

1 November 2022

Neil Gray, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine
[Scotland's Humanitarian Response to the Ukraine Crisis](#)

27 October 2022

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry Chair](#)

26 October 2022

Kevin Stewart, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care
[Suicide Prevention](#)

25 October 2022

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Moray Maternity Services](#)

4 October 2022

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Health and Care Recovery \(Winter Planning\)](#)

22 September 2022

Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth
Employment and Training
[Skills Delivery Landscape](#)

8 September 2022

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Covid-19: Winter Vaccination Programme](#)

Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport
[Future of Scottish Ferries](#)

Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
[National Mission on Drugs](#)

Neil Gray, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister
with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine
[Displaced People from Ukraine](#)

7 September 2022

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Public Sector Pay and Emergency Budget Review](#)

6 September 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Programme for Government 2022-23](#)

29 June 2022

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local
Government
[Child Poverty](#)

28 June 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Independence Referendum](#)

23 June 2022

Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth
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Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
[Medication Assisted Treatment Standards](#)

22 June 2022

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
[Deaths in Custody](#)

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
[Retained European Union Law](#)

16 June 2022

Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
[Role of Incineration in Waste Hierarchy](#)

14 June 2022

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[Education Reform Update](#)

9 June 2022

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
[Census](#)

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[COVID-19 Inquiry](#)

7 June 2022

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2020](#)

31 May 2022

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy
[Investing In Scotland's Future](#)

26 May 2022

Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
[Drug Deaths](#)

24 May 2022

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[European Charter of Local Self-Government \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Bill and United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

12 May 2022

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
[Cladding Remediation](#)

28 April 2022

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and

Culture
[Scotland's Census 2022](#)

21 April 2022

Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment and Land Reform
[Blue Carbon](#)

20 April 2022

Neil Gray, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine
[Ukraine \(Displaced People\)](#)

19 April 2022

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy
[Technology Sector](#)

31 March 2022

Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment and Land Reform
[Investment in Natural Capital](#)

Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise
[Scotland's Vision for Trade \(Annual Report\)](#)

30 March 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Maternity Services \(Moray\)](#)

24 March 2022

Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth
[Retail Strategy](#)

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[NHS Scotland \(Pandemic Pressures\)](#)

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
[Child Poverty](#)

23 March 2022

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy
[Ferguson Marine \(Port Glasgow\) Holdings Limited](#)

22 March 2022

Kevin Stewart, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care
[Complex Care \(Out-of-area Placements and Delayed Discharge\)](#)

16 March 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Refugees from Ukraine](#)

15 March 2022

Mairi Gugeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands
[Fisheries Management](#)

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

10 March 2022

Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport
[Carmont Passenger Train Derailment](#)

9 March 2022

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[Education Reform](#)

3 March 2022

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
[Justice \(Risk Assessment\)](#)

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
[Gender Recognition Reform \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

1 March 2022

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Scotland's Climate Assembly](#)

24 February 2022

Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise
[Ports](#)

22 February 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

9 February 2022

Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Transport
[ScotRail](#)

8 February 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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1 February 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[National Qualifications 2022](#)

26 January 2022

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Electric Vehicle Charging Network](#)

25 January 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

20 January 2022

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Strategic Transport Projects Review 2](#)

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy
[Prestwick Airport](#)

19 January 2022

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
[Fire Alarm Standards](#)

18 January 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[ScotWind Offshore Wind Leasing Round](#)

13 January 2022

Graeme Dey, Minister for Transport
[Car Travel](#)

11 January 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19 Update](#)

5 January 2022

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

29 December 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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22 December 2021

Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment and Land Reform
[Water Environment](#)

21 December 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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15 December 2021

Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise
[Dalzell Historical Industrial Transaction](#)

14 December 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
[Drugs Services](#)

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[Schools and Early Learning \(Recovery and Improvement\)](#)

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Covid-19 \(Public Inquiry\)](#)

Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
[Deposit Return Scheme](#)

9 December 2021

Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development
[Culture](#)

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy
[Budget 2022-23](#)

8 December 2021

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Scotland's Redress Scheme](#)

7 December 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Maternity Services \(Moray\)](#)

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Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Storm Arwen \(Response\)](#)

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
[Deaths in Prison Custody](#)

Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
[Residential Rehabilitation](#)

23 November 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister

[Covid-19](#)

Jenny Gilruth, Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development

[Covid-19 \(International Development Support\)](#)

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

[Scottish Attainment Challenge](#)

George Adam, Minister for Parliamentary Business

[Report of the Citizens Assembly of Scotland \(Government Response\)](#)

17 November 2021

Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity

[Circular Economy](#)

16 November 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister

[Covid-19 Update](#)

[COP26 Outcomes](#)

10 November 2021

Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth

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9 November 2021

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

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3 November 2021

Ash Regan, Minister for Community Safety

[Legal Aid Solicitors \(Action\)](#)

2 November 2021

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

[Covid-19](#)

28 October 2021

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

[National Health Service Endowment Funds](#)

27 October 2021

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

[Education \(Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Report\)](#)

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Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister

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Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth

[Scotland's Retail Sector](#)

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage](#)

7 October 2021

Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
[Heat in Buildings Strategy](#)

6 October 2021

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Supreme Court Judgment](#)

5 October 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19](#)

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Health and Social Care \(Winter Planning\)](#)

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Covid-19 Recovery Strategy](#)

30 September 2021

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Autumn and Winter Vaccination Programme](#)

28 September 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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23 September 2021

Graeme Dey, Minister for Transport
[Decarbonising Scotland's Transport](#)

22 September 2021

Dorothy Bain, Lord Advocate
[Diversion from Prosecution](#)

21 September 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Covid-19 Update](#)

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
[Scottish Ambulance Service](#)

15 September 2021

Maree Todd, Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport
[Cervical Screening \(Update\)](#)

14 September 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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9 September 2021

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans
[Deaths of John Yuill and Lamara Bell](#)

8 September 2021

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7 September 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Programme for Government 2021-22](#)

1 September 2021

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31 August 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Scottish Government Agreement with Scottish Green Party](#)

3 August 2021

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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Angela Constance, Minister for Drugs Policy
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24 June 2021

Maree Todd, Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport
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Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
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Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
[Curriculum for Excellence](#)

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Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth
[Provisional Outturn 2020-21](#)

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John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Reform
[Redress for Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse in Care\) Scotland Act 2021](#)

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Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2021](#)

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John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
[Coronavirus Acts Report](#)

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Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
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Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
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Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister
[Scottish Government priorities](#)

Summary of Ministerial Statements

Cabinet Secretary, Minister or Law Officer	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
First Minister	34	5		39
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery	8	8		16
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance	N/A	0		0
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills	7	4		11
Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care	N/A	0		0
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care	8	5		13
Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy	N/A	0		0
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy	4	1		5
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs	N/A	0		0
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans	3	3		6

Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands	N/A	0		0
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands	1	1		2
Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture	1	3		4
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition	N/A	0		0
Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport	6	4		10
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice	N/A	1		1
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government	5	1		6
Minister for Independence	N/A	0		0
Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy	N/A	0		0
Minister for Drugs Policy	3	5		8
Minister for Parliamentary Business	1	0		1
Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade	N/A	0		0
Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise	3	0		3
Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance	N/A	0		0
Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning	N/A	0		0
Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth	4	2		6
Minister for Public Health and Women's Health	N/A	0		0
Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport	N/A	0		0
Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport	2	0		2
Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care	1	1		2
Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise	N/A	0		0
Minister for Environment and Land Reform	3	0		3
Minister for Transport	4	3		7
Minister for Victims and Community Safety	N/A	0		0
Minister for Community Safety	1	0		1
Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development	2	0		2
Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine	1	2		3
Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights	1	2		3
Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity	2	4		6
Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees	N/A	0		0
Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans	N/A	0		0
Minister for Further and Higher Education, Youth Employment and Training	0	1		1
Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work	0	1		1
Minister for Energy	N/A	0		0
Minister for Housing	N/A	0		0

Lord Advocate	1	0		1
Total	106	57		163

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