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Knowledge Brokering in the Scottish Parliament

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Climate Connections

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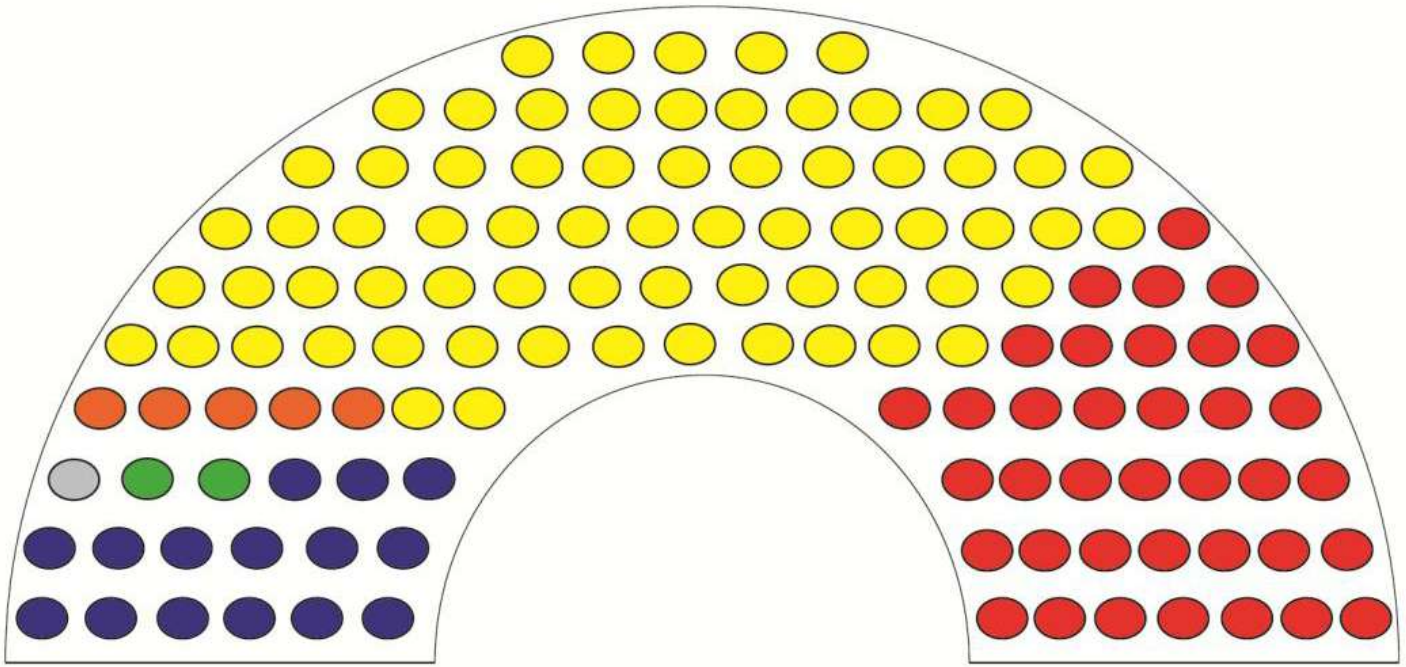
Purpose of the day

- To bring together climate change research networks in Scotland
- To strengthen co-ordination of climate change research in Scotland
- To highlight research outputs to policy makers and other professionals

The Scottish Parliament

- Not the Scottish Government
- Parliament exists to pass legislation, the Scottish Budget and hold the Government to account
- Vastly reshaped
  - 48 new members out of 129
  - SNP majority
  - Half the committee members that scrutinised the Climate Change Bill have gone

Composition of the Scottish Parliament: Session 4



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Conservatives
Greens
Labour Party
Liberal Democrats
Margo MacDonald

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SPICe Briefing
Election 2011

10 May 2011

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Stephen Herbert, Ross Burnside, Murray Earle, Greig Liddell and Iain McIver

This paper provides an analysis of the 2011 Scottish Parliament election. In particular, it considers the Scottish Parliament electoral system, the election campaign, electoral behaviour, the impact of the result upon the political parties, and the new composition of the Parliament.

The briefing also contains perspectives on the election from a range of external commentators. The views expressed by these authors are their own and do not represent the views of SPICe or of the Scottish Parliament. The external commentators are:

- Angus MacLeod, Scottish Political Editor, The Times
- Charlie Jeffrey, Professor of Politics and Director of the Academy of Government at the University of Edinburgh
- John Curtice, Professor of Politics, University of Strathclyde
- Paul Cairney, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Aberdeen
- Peter Lynch, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Stirling

The electoral data set out in this paper are provisional, based primarily upon the returns from Returning Officers, available at the time of publication. The authors wish to express their thanks to Professor David Denver, of Lancaster University, for permission to use his 2007 notional results data.

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SPICe - The Scottish Parliament Information Centre

- 50 staff, based at Holyrood
- Impartial service
- Information Services
  - Library – books, journals, newspapers
  - Website
  - Electronic services
- Research Service

SPICe Research

1. Support to Parliamentary Committees
2. Answering individual enquiries from MSPs
3. Briefing on Hot Topics

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SPICe Briefing

Key issues for the Parliament in Session 4

6 May 2011

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SPICe Research

This briefing has been prepared to assist Members of the Scottish Parliament to prepare for significant issues which are likely to impact on the work of the Parliament early in Session 4. It provides a brief background to each topic, discusses recent developments and, where appropriate, suggests possible ways forward.

The briefing also describes the support which the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) can provide to Members and provides contact details for SPICe researchers and information specialists. Members are encouraged to contact the SPICe researchers identified against each contribution for further information, including confidential oral or written briefing.

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Climate Change Bill

- Support in advance of introduction
  - Suite of SPICe Briefings on climate change
    - Carbon Capture and Storage
    - Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry
    - Community Approach to Reducing Emissions
    - World Summit of Regions on Climate Change
    - Emissions Trading
  - GRIP Emissions Scenarios
  - Individual MSP enquiries
  - London and Europe fact-finding

Climate Change Bill

- Support as the Bill went through Parliament
  - SPICe Briefings
    - Climate Change (Scotland) Bill - overview
    - Waste Provisions (including podcast)
    - Forestry Provisions
    - Parliamentary Consideration prior to Stage 3
  - Cross referenced support to 3 committees
    - Witness suggestions
    - Lines of questioning
    - Report writing assistance

Climate Change Bill

- Follow-up activities
  - Copenhagen 2009
  - Annual targets
  - Carbon budget
  - Report on Policies and Proposals
  - Land Use Strategy

- What next?

Where do we get our information?

- Individual contacts
  - Scottish Government
  - Agencies (Local, national, international)
  - NGOs
  - Academics
  - Concerned individuals
- Meetings, conferences, seminars, email lists (e.g. Climate List), email alerts

Questions for you

1. What are you doing that Parliament needs to know about?
2. Why should we listen to you?
3. Who do you talk to in Parliament?

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