

**Economy and Fair Work Committee
Wednesday 30 October 2024
27th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)**

Registers of Scotland – Note by the Clerk

Background

1. Registers of Scotland (RoS) is the public body responsible for managing public registers of land, property, and other legal documents in Scotland.
2. RoS is a non-ministerial office and part of the Scottish administration. It is directly accountable to the Scottish Parliament and scrutiny responsibility falls primarily within the remit of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.
3. The [Keeper of the Registers of Scotland](#) (the Keeper), a senior civil servant and [non-ministerial office holder in the Scottish administration](#), is the Chief Executive of RoS and [last appeared before the Committee on 14 June 2023](#).
4. The Committee receives [monthly updates](#) from the Keeper on progress towards clearing the registration backlog and completing the Land Register, as well as more general [quarterly performance updates](#).
5. In April 2022, RoS published its [five-year corporate plan](#), a [year three delivery plan](#) was published in April 2024. Its [Annual Report and Accounts for 2024/24](#) was published on 9 October.

Evidence Session

6. The Committee will hear from—
 - Jennifer Henderson, Keeper of the Registers of Scotland; and
 - Chris Kerr, Accountable Officer, Registers of Scotland.
7. The evidence session will provide members with an opportunity to further discuss RoS's activities, performance, and plans.

**Clerks to the Committee
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