Who we are

We are The Commission on Parliamentary Reform. We looked at how the Scottish Parliament works and how it listens to people.

We want to make the Scottish Parliament better. We want to make our laws better and make life better for people in Scotland.
The Scottish Parliament

The **Scottish Parliament** makes the laws in Scotland and speaks out for the people of Scotland.

The **Chamber** is the large hall where all the MSPs meet to talk about things.

**MSPs** means Members of the Scottish Parliament. These are the people who represent the people of Scotland in the Scottish Parliament.

One MSP has been chosen by the others to be in charge of meetings in the Chamber. This person is called the **Presiding Officer**.
What this booklet is about

In 2016 we were asked to test how well the Scottish Parliament works.

We asked lots of people what they thought about the Scottish Parliament.

People had good things to say about the Scottish Parliament.

The Scottish Parliament is good at helping lots of different people.

We have ideas on how the Scottish Parliament can be better in the future.

We want these changes to happen soon.

We have made a report which is a list of the changes we want the Scottish Parliament to make. This booklet is a summary of that report.
Here are the things we want the Scottish Parliament to do

- Make it easier for MSPs to discuss things in the Chamber.

- Spend more time checking that laws are good.

- Have smaller committees so MSPs can discuss more things. A committee is a small group of MSPs who meet to look at subjects like health or education.

- Give the Presiding Officer more control in the Chamber and in making sure MSPs give good answers to questions.
More things we want the Scottish Parliament to do

✓ Help lots of different people become MSPs.

✓ Make sure everyone is included and has their say.

✓ Try new ways to collect what people say.
✓ Make sure more people can help with its work.

✓ Organise a special group to help with its work.

✓ Help young people to understand its work, using things like computers and mobile phones.

✓ Use things like Twitter and Facebook to speak to young people.