

Quarter century since the first Scottish Parliament election

Today marks 25 years since the very first Scottish Parliamentary election was held in 1999.

So who were the first Edinburgh MSPs? Here is the list – and you will see that Sarah Boyack is still an MSP, and Jeremy Balfour was unsuccessful in the 1999 election but is an MSP now,

Edinburgh Central

Brian Allingham – Independent – 364 votes

Sarah Boyack – Labour – 14,224 votes

Jacqui Low – Conservative – 6,018 votes

Ian McKee – SNP – 9,598 votes

Andy Myles – Liberal Democrat – 6,187 votes

William Wallace – Independent – 191 votes

Kevin Williamson – Scottish Socialists – 830 votes

MSP elected

[Sarah Boyack](#) – 4,626 majority



Edinburgh East and Musselburgh

Jeremy Balfour – Conservative – 4,600 votes

Susan Deacon – Labour – 17,086 votes

Kenny MacAskill – SNP – 10,372 votes

Marjorie Thomas – Liberal Democrat – 4,100 votes

Derrick White – Scottish Socialists – 697 votes

Michael Heavey – Independent – 134 votes

MSP elected

[Susan Deacon](#) – 6,714 majority

Edinburgh North and Leith

Ronald Brown – Scottish Socialists – 907 votes

Malcolm Chisholm – Labour – 17,203 votes

Anne Dana – SNP – 9,467 votes

Jamie Sempill – Conservative – 5,030 votes

Sebastian Tombs – Liberal Democrat – 4,039 votes

MSP elected

[Malcolm Chisholm](#) – 7,736 majority

Edinburgh Pentlands

Stewart Gibb – SNP – 8,770 votes

Ian Gibson – Liberal Democrat – 5,029 votes

Iain Gray – Labour – 14,343 votes

David McLetchie – Conservative – 11,458 votes

MSP elected

[Iain Gray](#) – 2,885 majority

Edinburgh South

Margo MacDonald – SNP – 9,445 votes

Angus MacKay – Labour – 14,869 votes

Mike Pringle – Liberal Democrat – 8,961 votes

Iain Whyte – Conservative – 6,378 votes

William Black – SWP – 482 votes

MSP elected

[Angus MacKay](#) – 5,424 majority

Edinburgh West

James Douglas-Hamilton – Conservative – 10,570 votes

Carole Fox – Labour – 8,860 votes

Margaret Smith – Liberal Democrat – 15,161 votes

Graham Sutherland – SNP – 6,984 votes

MSP elected

[Margaret Smith](#) – 4,583 majority