



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Angus Robertson MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture
Scottish Government

20 November 2025

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Historic Environment Scotland

Further to your appearance before the Committee on Thursday 6th November the Committee has agreed to seek further information from you.

First, can you clarify when your officials notified you of the request from the previous chair of the board of HES that you attend a board meeting. Second, why this information was not communicated to the Committee including during the evidence session on 6th November. Third, what steps have you taken to ensure that there are no other instances where critical information has not been passed to you by senior officials and to ensure that this does happen in future. In particular, in advance of future appearances before the Committee.

The Committee asks for a response before our next meeting on 27th November.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Adamson MSP
Convener