



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Criminal Justice Committee

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Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy and Sport
Scottish Government

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Dear Minister

Thank you for attending the cross-committee meeting on tackling drug deaths and drug harm on Thursday, 2 October.

I am writing to request follow-up information on some of the issues discussed.

We welcome your confirmation that positive progress is being made in relation to the drug testing licence applications currently being considered by the Home Office. We would appreciate being kept updated with any developments.

Could you please provide an explanation as to why there is a gap in provision in relation to the fund to support stabilisation and crisis care and details of how the Scottish Government is addressing any issues.

Could you also please provide details of the data that is gathered to determine the underlying causes of death where illegal drugs are a factor, whether there are any data gaps and details of the types of analysis undertaken.

Thank you for providing a copy of your response to the Criminal Justice Committee on the reasons for delays in receiving toxicology results. It would be helpful if you could please confirm the timescales for receiving toxicology results, where illegal drugs may be a factor.

If you could please a response by Friday, 31 October, that would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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