



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Minister for Parliamentary Business

Via email

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Dear Minister,

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025 and the Education (Scotland) Bill

At its [meeting on 4 March 2025](#), the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2025.

[The Committee had written to the Scottish Government about this instrument](#), raising an issue that both the instrument and the Education (Scotland) Bill proposed to insert a new paragraph 32AAA into schedule 2 of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002.

The Scottish Government responded that the Order, if approved, would be made and come into force prior to the Education (Scotland) Bill completing its Parliamentary scrutiny. The Scottish Government stated that therefore it considered it appropriate for the Order to insert paragraph 32AAA of schedule 2 of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002, rather than to pre-empt the Education Bill's passage.

It stated that if the Order was approved and made, consideration would be given to the lodging of appropriate amendment to the Education Bill.

Given the Order was made on 6 May 2025, and the Education (Scotland) Bill completed Stage 2 on 7 May 2025, the Committee asks the Scottish Government for an update on this commitment.

I look forward to hearing from you. I am copying this to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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