



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Jenny Gilruth MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

25 June 2025

Dear Jenny,

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum ("LCM")

The Committee considered the above LCM at its meeting on 24 June 2025 and agreed to write to you, copying in the Minister for Parliamentary Business and the lead committee for the Bill (the Education, Children and Young People Committee) to highlight the Committee's concerns in relation to the timetable for this LCM, and the consequent impact on opportunities for appropriate parliamentary scrutiny.

The Committee noted that the timescales associated with [the LCM](#), which was lodged on Thursday 12 June, and is due to be considered in the Scottish Parliament Chamber tomorrow, 26 June 2025, have severely limited opportunities for proper parliamentary scrutiny, including by this Committee. This despite the fact that relevant amendments and the UK Government's supplementary delegated powers memorandum have been available publicly since 14 May.

The Committee did not have sufficient time to fully consider the provisions of the Bill which confer delegated powers within devolved competence preventing it from asking questions, considering responses and reporting its views to the lead committee in the usual way. The Committee expects that it is afforded the opportunity to fully consider any delegation of power within devolved competence, whether that appears in UK or Scottish legislation.

While I hope to make these points in the Chamber during the debate on the LCM, the Committee considers it helpful to also make these points in writing.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart McMillan MSP

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