



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Mairi Gougeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

Via email

17 June 2025

Dear Mairi,

Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill LCM

The Committee considered the above LCM at its meeting on 17 June.

In particular, the Committee was interested in Clause 1 (1), (6) and (8), which confers powers on the Scottish Ministers or the Secretary of State with the consent of the Scottish Ministers, where the provision to be made is within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.

In relation to these powers, the Committee asks the Scottish Government:

- **How decisions will be made regarding whether the Secretary of State or the Scottish Ministers will exercise these powers;**
- **Whether it considers the powers in clause 1 fall within the scope of [SI Protocol 2](#) and, if so, whether the Scottish Government is content to add those powers to Annex A of SI Protocol 2;**
- **If the Scottish Government's position is that the powers do not fall within the scope of SI Protocol 2, how it will facilitate parliamentary scrutiny of its decisions under clause 1 to consent to the making of regulations under these powers.**

The Committee requests a response to this letter by **Friday, 20 June 2025**. We are copying this letter to the lead committee for the LCM, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, and ask that you also copy them into your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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