



## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

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Dear Gillian,

### **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill**

Thank you for your letter of 7 September about your Committee's plans for scrutiny of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. I note that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee has been formally designated a secondary committee.

Although an area of interest in the Bill is likely to be parity of esteem between NHS and social care workforce, for now, the focus of this Committee's immediate work programme is the cost crisis and its impact on businesses. For that reason, the Committee does not have any plans to contribute to stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill.

I look forward to sight of the Stage 1 Report in due course and will consider any issues arising in the context of my Committee's future work programme discussions. I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

Kind regards,

**Claire Baker MSP**  
Convener