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PUBLICATION OF CONSULTATION ANALYSIS REPORT ON COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING LEGISLATION

I am pleased to inform you that the Scottish Government has published the independent analysis report of the responses to the consultation on Community Wealth Building Legislation. The report is available here: <https://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781835213339>

The Scottish Government has embraced the internationally recognised Community Wealth Building approach to economic development as a key tool to transform our local and regional economies. The 2021-22 Programme for Government confirmed our plans to introduce legislation on Community Wealth Building during this Parliamentary session.

A public consultation on Community Wealth Building legislation took place from 31 January 2023 to 9 May 2023 and received 185 responses. Responses with consent to be published were published in June 2023 and can be found here:

https://consult.gov.scot/economic-development/community-wealth-building-consultation/consultation/published_select_respondent

The findings from this important consultation will be invaluable in informing the development of Community Wealth Building legislation and policy to support the creation of a wellbeing economy for Scotland.

I welcome the engagement of the Committee as we develop legislation on this matter.

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