The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Education Children and Young People Committee

Kenneth Gibson
Convener
Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Kenneth

National Performance Framework (NPF): Parliamentary scrutiny of proposed national outcomes

Thank you for your letter on 6 March 2024 and your letter on 3 May 2024 outlining your Committee's approach to parliamentary scrutiny of the NPF proposed national outcomes. It was also helpful to see the 72 responses to your call for views and the SPICe summary of the responses.

The Committee considered its approach to scrutiny of the NPF proposed national outcomes at its Business Planning Day on 11 September 2024 and agreed to mainstream its scrutiny throughout its future inquiries including its forthcoming scrutiny of the Education (Scotland) Bill and the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill which will look at some of the issues raised by respondents to your call for views.

In addition, the Committee requests that as part of your scrutiny, you highlight those issued raised by respondents to the Scottish Government as set out in the SPICe summary:

On children and young people, the SPICe analysis states:

> *"The importance of early childhood education, youth development programs, and support services is highlighted. Respondents call for policies ensuring safe and nurturing environments for children, with a focus on health, gender equality, and the needs of marginalised groups."*

On education and learning, the SPICe analysis states:

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"Support for lifelong learning is noted, with calls for an inclusive education system that addresses barriers faced by disadvantaged groups. Respondents advocate for integrating digital skills into the curriculum and promoting innovation in teaching methods."

Yours sincerely,

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