



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Finance and Public Administration Committee

Aamer Anwar & Co
via Email

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Dear Aamer Anwar

Thank you for your letter of 11 December 2025.

The Committee notes the points you have raised.

The Committee published its [Report on the Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries](#) on 21 December 2025.

This comprehensive report is the culmination of eight months of detailed scrutiny of this important issue, involving 10 evidence sessions and two informal engagement sessions, one of which directly involved families affected by public inquiries.

The evidence involving those with lived experience of the public inquiry process was taken in private after consultation with the individuals themselves.

Detailed notes of the informal discussions are published on the [inquiry web pages](#).

As previously advised, your offer to participate in the inquiry on 11 June 2025 came more than a month after the open call for views had closed on 9 May 2025, and our approach to inviting witnesses had been agreed.

We trust that the Committee's Report provides some assurances to the families involved that we consider public inquiries to be a vital mechanism for investigating matters of significant public concern.

Our recommendations seek to make the process more effective, efficient, less expensive to the public purse and transparent for all.

Yours sincerely,

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