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Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – Legislative Competence

Thank you for your letter of 5 September providing an update on the further engagement the Scottish Government has had with the UK Government regarding the legislative competence of Liam McArthur MSP's Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill since you previously wrote to the Committee on 27 June, and next steps.

On behalf of the Committee, I am grateful for your commitment to ensuring that Members are kept informed as this work develops.

As you will be aware, the deadline for MSPs to lodge amendments to the Bill has now been set for midday on Wednesday, 29 October and formal Stage 2 proceedings are due to commence at the Committee's meeting on Tuesday, 4 November. There is clearly a possibility that some of the amendments lodged may relate to those aspects of the Bill that also raise issues of legislative competence.

With this in mind, I would be particularly grateful to receive early notice of any further developments in your ongoing engagement with the UK Government on matters of legislative competence that may have a bearing on the Committee's Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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