



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans
Scottish Government

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Dear Graeme,

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Work Programme

Thank you for your letter of 9 October providing an outline of legislation and subordinate legislation the Scottish Government intends to introduce ahead of the end of Session 6 which falls within the remit of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

There are several aspects of your response on which further clarification would assist the Committee in planning our work until March 2026.

A bill on heat in buildings

You confirmed the Scottish Government's intention to introduce a Bill and said "The timetable for the Bill to complete its parliamentary passage is subject to a busy Parliamentary programme of business."

The Cabinet Secretary for Housing told the Committee the Scottish Government was awaiting further details on the Warm Homes Plan from the UK Government to finalise a bill but acknowledged there would be a "...a tipping point after which the Scottish Government might have to move ahead."

I request details of:

- When the Scottish Government believes the tipping point will be; and
- What is meant by the timetable being subject to a busy Parliamentary programme of business.

Subordinate legislation

I welcome your offer of a meeting to discuss the timing and volume of subordinate legislation within the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee remit. I particularly note there are 16 anticipated instruments in January. I have asked the clerks to the Committee to contact your office to arrange this.

Contact: Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email localgov.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

I request a response by 27 October 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener