



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Graeme Dey MSP  
Minister for Parliamentary Business  
Scottish Government

**Wednesday 1 October 2025**

Dear Graeme,

### Work Programme

I start by welcoming you to your new role as the Minister for Parliamentary Business. I look forward to working with you.

Given that we have only 6 months left of this session, I am writing to seek an update on behalf of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on timescales for forthcoming Scottish Government legislation which falls within the remit of the Committee.

We are aware of the following:

- A proposed bill on heat in buildings included in the Programme for Government; and
- Subordinate legislation on:
  - Timescales for repairs in the social housing sector (including via amendment in the Housing (Scotland) Bill);
  - Exemptions to rent control areas (also emanating from the Housing (Scotland) Bill);
  - Energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector;
  - Reform of the Energy Performance Certificate system; and
  - Visitor levy regulations as highlighted in [correspondence](#) to the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

I would be grateful for an update on the timescales for introduction and laying of each of these.

On the last of these points, the Committee is also aware the Scottish Government is exploring a suitable legislative vehicle to allow for councils to charge a flat fee as opposed to a percentage. The Committee requests details on this, including the potential timescales for any proposed action. We note the [Minister for Public Finance said](#): “We would like to do this earlier, but, realistically, I think that it will happen after May next year.”

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I also request details of any other legislation or subordinate legislation which may affect the work programme of the Committee in the final months of Session 6.

We note the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy said she aims to lay the draft CCP by late October/early November. The Committee has agreed to participate in collaborative scrutiny of this coordinated by the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

On behalf of the Committee, I request a response by 17 October 2025.

Yours sincerely,

**Ariane Burgess MSP**  
**Convener**