The Scottish Parliament
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Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Jane O'Donnell
Chief Executive
COSLA

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Dear Jane

Commercial Payments Bill LCM

The Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee met yesterday to consider the Legislative Consent Memorandums (LCMs) relating to the Commercial Payments Bill and the responses received to our letters to the Scottish Government and COSLA dated 5 November 2026.

The Committee is disappointed that COSLA did not respond to its letter and would like to provide COSLA with a further opportunity to convey its concerns regarding the Bill.

The Committee would welcome COSLA's views on the Scottish Government's response which states "concerns could be appropriately managed through the phased implementation approach provided for in the Bill, together with continued engagement with stakeholders and the development of alternative assurance arrangements prior to implementation".

We would be grateful if we could receive your response to our original letter as well as this additional point by **Monday 7 December 2026** so the Committee can take COSLA's views into account in its consideration of the LCMs.

Yours sincerely,

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