



The Scottish Parliament
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Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Patricia Ferguson MP
Chair, Scottish Affairs Committee
House of Commons

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Dear Patricia

Collaboration between the Scottish Affairs Committee and the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

Thank you for your letter of 22 July and for your offer to explore opportunities for engagement and collaboration between the Scottish Affairs Committee and the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee.

I welcome the constructive approach set out in your letter and recognise the value of effective interparliamentary engagement in areas where devolved and reserved responsibilities intersect. There is clearly potential for issues within our remit to raise matters of shared interest to both Committees.

As a newly established committee, however, we are currently at an early stage in developing our work programme and identifying our priorities for the parliamentary session. While it is therefore too soon to identify specific opportunities for joint working, I am keen to maintain a dialogue as the Committee's work programme takes shape. I have therefore asked the Committee's clerks to remain in contact with your officials so that opportunities for engagement can be explored where common interests emerge. I would be pleased to revisit the possibility of collaboration once our priorities are more fully developed.

Thank you again for writing and for your interest in establishing a positive working relationship between our Committees. I look forward to future engagement where this would be of mutual benefit.

Yours sincerely,

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