



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Finance and Public Administration Committee

Jenny Gilruth MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

As you are aware, the Finance and Public Administration Committee now has responsibility for oversight of public inquiries, which reflects a recommendation made by the Session 6 Committee as part of its inquiry into the cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries.

The Session 6 Committee recommended that the Scottish Government produce an annual, evidence-based report to Parliament detailing inquiry performance, itemised costs and progress in implementing recommendations. In response, the Scottish Government accepted that "a system for reporting on expenditure and recording progress on implementing recommendations should be developed to enhance scrutiny".

The Committee therefore seeks an update on the Scottish Government's plans to develop these reporting arrangements, including the anticipated timescales for reporting on inquiry expenditure and progress in implementing recommendations.

The Committee would be grateful for a response by **Wednesday, 30 September**.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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Convener

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