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Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

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By email only

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Delays in Social Security Appeals

During a recent roundtable evidence session, held on Wednesday 30 September, the Committee heard evidence highlighting concerns about delays in the Scottish social security appeals process.

Before deciding whether to undertake further scrutiny of this issue, the Committee would welcome an update on the Scottish Government's intentions for implementing Section 8 of the *Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2025*, including any anticipated timetable for implementation and the expected impact of these provisions on the operation and efficiency of the appeals process.

The Committee would be grateful for a response by Friday 4th December.

Yours sincerely,



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