



The Scottish Parliament
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Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Patricia Ferguson
Chair
Scottish Affairs Committee

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Dear Patricia

Potential for collaboration between the Scottish Affairs Committee and the Scottish Parliament's Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee

Thank you for your letter of 22 July regarding opportunities for interparliamentary engagement on matters of mutual interest and building constructive relationships between your Committee and the Scottish Parliament's subject committees. I note the Presiding Officer's response to you and echo the sentiments set out in his letter.

The Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee is at an early stage in its work planning. It has recently held introductory evidence sessions with relevant Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers, and intends to engage similarly with a range of stakeholders in order to develop an initial picture of policy and priorities across its remit. These sessions will help the Committee develop its substantive work programme for the medium to long term. Should the Committee consider that opportunities for engagement or collaboration with the Scottish Affairs Committee emerge through this work, we would be pleased to explore them further and will be sure to make contact.

Meantime, thanks again for your letter and interest in exploring collaborative working.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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