



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Jenni

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill – Financial Memorandum

As you will be aware, the Finance and Public Administration Committee is responsible for scrutinising Financial Memorandums (FMs) accompanying Bills.

I understand that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recently agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill, and that, given the limited scope of the Bill, this will involve two evidence sessions only. On this basis, and given the low costs involved, the Finance and Public Administration Committee does not intend to carry out evidence-taking on the FM.

You may wish to be aware that the Session 6 Committee received four submissions on the FM for the related Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025, which were broadly supportive. That Committee therefore agreed to forward these submissions to the lead committee.

I trust this is helpful in informing the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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Convener