



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Transport Committee

Stephen Flynn MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport
Scottish Government

10 September 2026

Dear Cabinet Secretary

Programme for Government

Thank you for appearing before the Transport Committee yesterday.

After reflecting on the evidence heard, the Committee agreed to write to seek clarification on the following matters:

- When an evaluation of the £2 bus fare cap in the Highlands and Islands region will be made available to the Committee, and whether this evaluation will include consideration of the impact of the £2 cap on rail passenger numbers.
- The date upon which you first became aware of the withdrawal of summer Loganair flights between Inverness and the Northern and Western Isles. The Committee would also appreciate clarification as to whether a date has been set for the planned summit on Scottish regional aviation connectivity.
- When the Scottish Government intends to introduce its Better Buses legislation, which issues this is seeking to address, and whether this will be a standalone Bill or multiple Bills.
- Whether you are confident that the 1 October 2026 deadline for local bus service operators to provide onboard visual and audio announcements, as set out in the Public Services Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 2023, will be met.

The Committee would be grateful to receive your response by **14 October 2026**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Willie Rennie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Willie Rennie MSP
Convener