



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Transport Committee

Alison Irvine
Chief Executive
Transport Scotland

9 October 2026

Dear Alison,

Public procurement

Thank you for appearing before the Transport Committee on 30 September. After reflecting on the evidence heard, the Committee agreed to seek clarification on whether Transport Scotland would consider creating and publishing a register of subcontracting in major public procurement contracts.

Publishing such a register, in addition to Transport Scotland's annual procurement report, could help elected representatives and the public assess whether the economic and social benefits attached to major contracts are being shared by smaller firms, workers and communities. The Committee would welcome consideration being given as to whether the following information categories could be included in a register:

- The names of subcontractors, the value and nature of the work contracted, and whether the contract was awarded competitively.
- The proportion of a contract's value retained by the tier 1 contractor, the amount of contract expenditure that reaches SMEs and local firms, and the payment performance throughout the supply chain.
- The number and value of apprenticeships, graduate opportunities and community benefits delivered by each tier of contractor as part of the awarded contract.

The Committee would be grateful to receive your response by **9 November 2026**.

Contact: Transport Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP.
Email transport.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

Yours sincerely

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

Willie Rennie MSP
Convener