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Poverty and Inequality  
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Dear Shona Stephen,

### **Re-appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Committee**

As you will be aware, the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 provided for the establishment of the Poverty and Inequality Commission and its membership.

The Act also stipulates that appointments and re-appointments to the Commission are made by Scottish Ministers, regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner and are subject to the approval of the Scottish Parliament.

The role of the Committee is to confirm that appointees will be able to fulfil the functions of the Commission as set out in the Act and to make recommendations to the Parliament.

At its meeting on 4 May 2023, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed its approach to re-appointments and new appointments to the Commission.

In terms of re-appointments, the Committee agreed to seek more information from the Commissioners. Specifically, it would like each Commissioner seeking re-appointment to provide details on:

- why they are seeking re-appointment,
- what they consider they have achieved during their appointments, and
- what they would like to achieve during their extended tenure.

The Committee would appreciate it if this information could be provided by 28 July 2023, which will allow for the next stage of the parliamentary process to commence.

It will then scrutinise the information provided by each Commissioner on 7 September before considering a report to Parliament on the re-appointments on 14 September. A motion will then be laid, with agreement from Parliament sought thereafter.

If you foresee any issues with responding in the timing as set out, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,



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