



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

The Presiding Officer

Sarah Boyack MSP
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear Sarah,

**WELLBEING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL –
FINANCIAL RESOLUTION**

As you may know, Rule 9.12 of the Parliament's standing orders requires me to decide, in relation to every Bill, whether a financial resolution is required. Under that Rule, a Bill that requires a resolution cannot proceed to Stage 2 until such a resolution has been agreed to and, if no resolution has been agreed to six months after the completion of Stage 1, the Bill falls.

I am writing to inform you of my decision that the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill does require a financial resolution.

Only a member of the Scottish Government or a junior Scottish Minister may lodge and move a motion for a financial resolution. My understanding is that, if you wish to invite the Scottish Government to lodge a suitable motion, you should write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (copied to the Minister for Parliamentary Business).

Copies of this letter go to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Diane Barr, Clerk to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee, and Joanne McNaughton, Clerk to the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP
Presiding Officer