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Dear Collette Stevenson MSP,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 June 2025 regarding the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Member's Bill, the Scottish Government's previous proposals for a Bill, and the timetabling for the Member's Bill.

With regard to the previously proposed Government Bill, following consultation it was determined that our policy aims were potentially achievable through non-legislative means. Given this, and given the high volume of legislation remaining in Parliament, the decision was taken not to proceed with legislation at this time. The Government is therefore considering non-legislative approaches, including how the policy aims could be progressed through reform of the National Performance Framework.

Regarding your question as to whether there is sufficient time for the Member's Bill to complete all three stages before the end of the parliamentary session, I would invite you to contact the Minister for Parliamentary Business' office in the normal way to discuss setting a Stage 1 deadline.

Yours sincerely

**KATE FORBES**

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