

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear Dr Herbert,

Angela has forwarded your email referring to my response to the invitation I received to the next session of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee, and the Convener's reaction to my reply.

As I explained in my earlier correspondence [REDACTED], I am not free to attend on 28 June as I have to be present at both the Annual General Meeting of the STV Children's Appeal and the STV plc Board meeting. These have been scheduled for some considerable time and require the attendance of many individuals, including the Chair and Trustees of the Children's Appeal and the Executive and Non Executive Board Members of our Company, in addition to myself. We cannot reschedule either of these meetings, I am afraid, or defer the important business and operational agendas each entails. I am therefore simply not in a position to reconsider my previous response and will not be able to attend the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee session.

Yours sincerely,



Margaret Ford
Chairman, STV Group plc