



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## The Presiding Officer

Stuart McMillan MSP  
Convener  
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

By email

29 May 2024

Dear Convener,

Thank you for your letter of 25 April, drawing the Bureau's attention to the issue of timing between Stages 2 and 3 and the submission of supplementary delegated powers memoranda after Stage 2.

The Bureau noted your interest in allowing more than the minimum timings between stages to allow the Committee to consider and report to Parliament on new or amended delegated powers.

While the Bureau is sensitive to the time constraints faced by the Committee it notes the Government's commitment to attempt, where possible, to allow more than the minimum period required by Standing Orders between stages of Bills.

This being the case, the Bureau is not inclined to offer any guarantees but will seek to examine each case on its own merits and accommodate any requests from the Committee as far as possible when proposing a schedule of business for the agreement of Parliament.

Yours sincerely

**Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP**  
Presiding Officer