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Dear Stuart

### **Scottish Law Commission Bills**

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2023 in relation to Scottish Law Commission (SLC) Bills and your Committee's preparations for the coming parliamentary year.

Since June 2013, when your predecessor Committee agreed new rules on how Parliament considers Scottish Law Commission Bill, seven SLC Bills have been introduced. This averages almost one SLC Bill per annual legislative programme in a busy legislative calendar.

The Government has given a commitment to a longer-term programme of implementation of Scottish Law Commission Reports to be introduced during this Parliament. As part of that longer-term programme, and as the former Minister of Community Safety set out in a letter to Lady Paton in September 2022, which was copied to the Committee, the Government will next seek to take forward recommendations in the Commission's report on Judicial Factors.

We are meeting on 14 September to discuss how we effectively manage business, including legislation that we anticipate the Committee will be considering in the coming parliamentary year. I would welcome further discussion with you on programming of Scottish Law Commission Bills as part of that meeting.

Kind regards

**George Adam**

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