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## Dear Convener

I am writing to advise you of my intention to send a memorandum to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee in the coming weeks to outline the Scottish Government's current position on the Assisted Dying for Terminally III Adults (Scotland) Bill, which was introduced by Liam McArthur MSP on 27 March 2024.

As you will be aware, under normal circumstances the Scottish Government would aim to write to the Committee to set out our position on a Member's Bill before the call for written evidence has closed. However, given the complexities and sensitive nature of this particular Bill, and the fact that Parliament is currently in recess, additional time is being taken to allow Cabinet an opportunity to consider and discuss the matter more fully before setting out our position in writing.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

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