



## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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Dear Mr Barr,

Thank you for giving evidence to the Committee on the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill on Tuesday, and for contributing to an interesting and informative session. The Committee Members all very much appreciated you taking the time to speak to them and helping with their scrutiny of the Bill.

For information, the Official Report (substantially verbatim transcript) of the meeting will be available here: [Official Report: search what was said in Parliament | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

You will recall that during the discussion on Section 72, Part 2 of the Bill, that the Committee asked the panel if it was possible to provide any form of proposed wording in relation to how the Bill might define separation for the purposes of distinguishing spouses or civil partners who were separated from the deceased person, but without there being a divorce or dissolution at the time of death.

Finally, if there's anything that you didn't get an opportunity to raise at the meeting, that you think would be helpful to the Committee, please contact the clerks at the email address above.

The Committee would appreciate a response by **Noon on Friday, 26 May.**

Thank you again for helping us with our scrutiny of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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