



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Mairi Gougeon MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
Via email

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

Thank you for giving evidence to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on Tuesday, 17 September.

Following the meeting, the Committee agreed to seek further information regarding the Bill's use of analogous powers.

Specifically, in relation to the response you provided in writing to the Committee on 31 July 2024 in relation to the necessity and scope of the powers at schedule **paragraph 49(5)** (transfers not requiring notice), **paragraph 50(7)** (right to buy) and in **sections 11 and 12 in respect to resumption**.

You will recall that you stated that analogous powers exist in other pieces of legislation (specifically the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 for the schedule paragraphs, and the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 for those in sections 11 and 12).

As such, the Committee asks the Scottish Government, other than consistency with other pieces of legislation for an explanation of:

- **why it considers such wide powers to be appropriate;**
- **practically, how it anticipates these powers will be exercised; and**
- **whether the other analogous powers referred to have been used. If they have been used, how? If they have not been used, why the Scottish Government considers these powers necessary?**

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We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

I would be grateful if you could please email your response to these questions to: dplr.committee@parliament.scot, by **Thursday, 26 September**.

Yours sincerely

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Convener