



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Education, Children and Young People Committee

15 November 2024

Dear Chief Executive

Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

As you may be aware, the Education, Children and Young People Committee is currently considering the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1. You can read more about the [Committee's scrutiny on the website](#).

The Committee is aware that the number of pupils who undertake residential outdoor education is not centrally collected and agreed to write to those local authorities who own their own residential outdoor education centre seeking further information in relation to their residential outdoor education provision.

Specifically, the Committee would be grateful if you could provide the following information—

- The number of pupils currently receiving residential outdoor education provision each year over the last 5 years in your area, including a) the age range of participants and b) the number of participants with additional support needs
- The number of staff attending residential outdoor education trips
- The number of staff that had refused to take part in residential outdoor education trips
- Whether your local authority has any local agreement with teachers on whether they must be willing to attend these residential outdoor education trips and if this is covered in the LCNT
- The costs associated with residential outdoor education provision and how these costs have changed over the last 5 years
- Any feedback information gathered from pupils who received residential outdoor education provision

Contact: Education, Children and Young People Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email ecyp.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

I would be grateful if you could provide this information by **10 December 2024** in order for it to be considered by the Committee prior to its final evidence session on the Bill, due to take place on 18 December 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Ross', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas Ross MSP, Convener