



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Jamie Hepburn MSP  
Minister for Parliamentary Business

**7 February 2025**

Dear Jamie,

### **Electoral boundaries: Automaticity – Independent Review**

Thank you for your letter of 10 December on Electoral Boundaries, and the independent review of automaticity.

The Committee considered this correspondence and agreed to write to you seeking further information on the review. Please could you provide—

- Details of the remit of the review;
- Progress towards appointment of a chair;
- The proposed timescales for launch and completion of the review, including publication of the outcome.

In your letter you said—

“While it would appear that a broad position of consensus has emerged in support of a move from the current process of Parliamentary approval for boundary changes to one of automaticity, it would, of course, represent a significant change in electoral rules.”

The Committee notes that a consultation took place before the Bill was introduced which found that 34% of respondents favoured a move to a process of automaticity and would welcome further information on how a “broad position of consensus” has emerged on this since then.

On behalf of the Committee, I request a response by **27 February 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

**Ariane Burgess MSP**  
**Convener**

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