



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Minister for Parliamentary
Business
Acting Minister for Climate
Action

25 February 2025

Dear Ministers,

Heat in Buildings Bill

As you are aware, the Committee anticipates having a role in scrutinising the Heat in Buildings Bill which the Scottish Government committed to introducing this Parliamentary year in its Programme for Government.

In the Committee's most recent [tracker report](#) we expressed concern about the lack of urgency in progressing work on heat in buildings. In his [evidence to the Committee](#) in January on retrofitting, the Acting Minister for Climate Action was unable to provide a timescale for the Bill's introduction, explaining that the Government continues to work through the responses to its consultation on Heat in Buildings, which I understand concluded almost a year ago, in March 2024.

In order for the Committee to manage its forward work programme for the remainder of the year it is important that we have clarity on your timescales for introduction of the Bill as soon as possible.

I would therefore request that you advise the Committee of your timescales for completion of the lengthy analysis of the consultation responses, and what action you are taking to expedite that process.

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I would be grateful for a response by 25th March.

Yours sincerely,

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