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Dear Lorna

Thank you for your most recent letter concerning the Deposit Return Scheme, of 18 April, which confirmed the postponement of the go-live date to 1 March 2024.


At our meeting on Tuesday, the Committee discussed the letter when we considered our work programme. We agreed to invite you back to the Committee to give evidence, in view of this important change of plans. The clerks will be in touch with your office to confirm a date with you in due course.

When the Committee had last discussed next steps in scrutiny of the DRS – after our evidence session with you on 14 March, and of course before the announcement on the revised go-live date – we had agreed to consider next steps in the light of any findings from the March Gateway Review. As you will recall, the issue of when the Committee could expect to see those findings was a matter raised with you at that evidence session. In a follow-up letter from the session (dated 24 March), you advised us:

“I committed to provide an indication of when findings from the March Gateway Review will be shared. The review report *is currently in the process of being finalised*. Therefore I will share the review findings with the Committee in due course. [Emphasis added.]”

I am concerned that there are no signs yet of findings from the Review, which I know will be of great interest not only to the Committee but to industry stakeholders. I would be grateful if you could confirm when we, and the wider public, can expect to see the findings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish at the end.

Edward Mountain MSP
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