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By email only

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I'm sorry that your evidence to us on general issues within the RAI remit, scheduled for 22 March, had to be cancelled. The clerks will be in touch with your office to re-schedule the session in due course.

One issue we had hoped to discuss with you was the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill and, specifically, the Scottish Government's preparations for its implementation. The Committee is aware of the significant implications of this bill within the RAI remit, especially in terms of the policy impact where regulations are not preserved and in terms of Committee time for consideration of those regulations which will be preserved.

We hope to pick up these issues with you at some point before summer recess. In the meantime, however, I have asked the committee clerks and SPICe researchers to explore some of the detail relating to the bill's implementation with Scottish Government officials and they will be in touch with your officials separately.

Yours sincerely,

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