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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

**Employment Injury Assistance (Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit)**

As you will be aware the Committee has been designated as the lead Committee to scrutinise Mark Griffin MSP's Members Bill, the [Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill](#). Oral evidence sessions will begin soon.

The [Policy Memorandum](#) for the Bill states:

“It has been reported that the Department for Work and Pensions has indicated that the IIDB must be delivered by the Scottish Ministers by March 2026.”

The Committee is therefore interested in the detailed timetable the Scottish Government is working towards and whether the Scottish Government foresees any difficulties in meeting this deadline. Should there be any expected delays, the Committee would like to be kept up to date.

The Committee would appreciate a response to this as soon as possible but by **6 November 2023 at the latest**.

Yours sincerely,



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