The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Kenneth Gibson MSP
Convener, Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Kenneth

Public Office (Accountability) Bill Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum

The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum ("the sLCM") and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the above Bill at its meeting on 24 February 2026.

The Committee noted that it is expected that the Bill will carry over into the next Scottish and UK parliamentary sessions and a further sLCM will be required in due course. Rather than reporting again, the Committee agreed to write to your committee, noting that it is not expecting to carry out further work on this sLCM in this Session, and to set out briefly its observations.

The Committee previously considered the delegated powers in the Bill and reported to your committee on 27 November 2025. While the Committee was on the whole content with the powers conferred on Scottish Ministers in the Bill at that stage, it set out a number of questions, particularly in relation to UK Ministers exercising powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence. These are set out in full in the Committee's report and focused on the Scottish Government facilitating scrutiny by the Scottish Parliament of the exercise of such powers, including Scottish Ministers' responses in relation to requests for consent. The Committee noted that the responses to some of these questions are set out in Part 5 (pages 12–13) of the sLCM.

The Committee trusts this information will assist the successor committees in their continued scrutiny of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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Convener