

Public Audit Committee

Committee Conveners

12 May 2025

Dear Convener,

The Auditor General for Scotland's draft work programme

At its <u>meeting on 30 April 2025</u>, the Public Audit Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS) on his future work. The <u>draft work programme</u> sets out—

- how the Auditor General intends to respond to the current context for the public sector in Scotland - including the focus and intended outcomes of our audit work.
- detail of audit work planned to March 2026.
- a forward look at key themes for public scrutiny for 2026/27 and 2027/28.

The AGS is responsible for determining his work programme and cannot be directed by Parliament. However, the AGS seeks feedback from Parliament on his work programme each year. This ensures that key areas of interest for each Committee can be considered, and that effective parliamentary scrutiny can be best supported.

The AGS is formally consulting Parliament on his draft work programme for the period April 2025 to March 2026, and is seeking feedback in the following areas.

- the proposed public audit response to the current operating context for the Scottish Government and public services.
- the content of planned audit work to March 2026.
- priority areas for pre-election scrutiny and any gaps in the AGS's proposed response.

Contact: Public Audit Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email publicaudit.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

The Committee requests a response by 6 June 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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