



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
Scottish Government

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Dear Shona

At our meeting on [16 September 2025](#), the Finance and Public Administration Committee considered the current position with the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill and Members Bills more broadly as part of a work programme discussion.

As you will be aware, the Committee previously scrutinised and reported on the Financial Memorandum for this Bill at Stage 1 and the Scottish Parliament has agreed to the general principles of the Bill. We note that the Scottish Government has yet to lodge a motion for a financial resolution on the Bill and that the deadline for lodging such a motion in the case of this specific Member's Bill is 27 September 2025.

Members of the Committee wish to make the Scottish Government aware of its concerns that a precedent could be set if any Members Bill was to fall as a consequence of the Scottish Government not lodging such a motion within six months of the Parliament approving the general principles of a Bill.

We therefore urge the Scottish Government to provide greater clarity and transparency around its decision-making process regarding financial resolutions in the circumstances where the Parliament has agreed to a Members Bill at Stage 1 and what this might mean in terms of precedent for future Members Bills.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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