



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Paul McLennan MSP
Minister for Housing
Scottish Government

Via email only

Email: SJSS.committee@parliament.scot

10 January, 2025

Dear Minister,

Homelessness prevention pilots

On 9 January, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee took evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security on the 2025-26 budget.

The Committee considered the Scottish Government's commitment to provide £4 million in additional funding to deliver new homelessness prevention pilots in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary indicated that the Scottish Government is currently consulting with stakeholders for their views on how best to allocate the funding.

The Committee would appreciate it if you could please provide details of the stakeholders who are being consulted, about what the homelessness pilots might look like and how many there might be. In particular, details of any considerations being given to the locations of the pilots and whether the intention is that they will be located in both urban and rural areas.

The Committee is to consider its forward work programme on Thursday, 23 January. Therefore, if you could please provide a response by Friday, 17 January, that would be much appreciated.

At its meeting of 23 January, the Committee will consider your response and come to a view on whether to invite you to an evidence session on Thursday, 6 March. If you could please provisionally schedule the evidence session in your diary, that would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Collette Stevenson MSP
Convener
Social Justice and Social Security Committee