



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Patricia Ferguson MP
Chair
Scottish Affairs Committee

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Dear Patricia,

Joint Committee working and wider interparliamentary engagement

Thank you for your letters of 1 and 22 July regarding potential joint working and wider interparliamentary engagement.

The Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee is very happy to explore opportunities for interparliamentary engagement with the Scottish Affairs Committee where our responsibilities and interests overlap and, as you note, especially where a matter has intertwined reserved and devolved elements.

In relation to the specific matter raised in your letter of 1 July, I raised this with other Committee members present at a recent forward planning event. The balance of views was that it was not clear scrutiny of these issues falls within the Committee's remit or current priorities. The Committee does consider devolved electoral law matters, which includes taking evidence from the Electoral Commission and others with responsibilities in these areas from time to time, and this is an issue that might arise during future evidence taking.

I look forward to remaining in contact about potential opportunities for engagement between our Committees.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener