

Scottish Affairs Committee

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Dear First Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the House of Commons Scottish Affairs Committee to invite you to give oral evidence. Our Committee has recently published reports covering diverse topics such as [welfare](#), [higher education](#), the [Shared Prosperity Fund](#) and [renewable energy](#). All of these reports contained recommendations aimed at both the UK and Scottish governments. We would welcome an opportunity to have a general conversation with you on these topics and other devolved policy areas. It would also be a chance for you to comment on how collaborative working between the UK and Scottish governments currently benefits the people of Scotland, or could be improved.

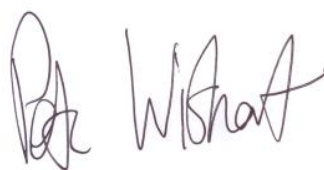
There is a precedent for this in that the First Minister of Wales, Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS, [gave evidence](#) to the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee on a similarly wide range of issues in March earlier this year.

I would like to highlight that we are also very grateful to the number of Scottish Government Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers who regularly appear before our Committee to give evidence in line with their ministerial portfolios.

Our preference would be to take evidence from you in person in Westminster and we are happy therefore to be led by you in terms of when the session takes place. We only ask that it takes place during a sitting period in Westminster.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pete Wishart', with a stylized initial 'P'.

Pete Wishart MP
Chair, Scottish Affairs Committee