

Annex B

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Subject: URGENT: House of Commons Scottish Affairs Committee: Invitation to give evidence

Importance: High

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands
PS/Minister for Energy and the Environment

Please see the attached request from the Scottish Affairs Committee for Ministers to attend to give evidence as part of it's cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland inquiry. The session will take place on Monday, 11 September 2023.

This request was sent on 22 June 20203 and was added to MiCase when it should have been dealt with via POs.

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Grateful if Ministers can consider the request and relevant POs should confirm direct with the Scottish Affairs Committee as soon as possible whether Ministers wish to attend or not.

Thereafter the RALRI Portfolio coordination team can assist with coordinating briefing.

Thanks

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Annex B1: Attachment

From: [redacted- Section 38 (1) (b) – Personal information]@parliament.uk>
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Dear Scottish Government,

On behalf of the Commons Scottish Affairs Committee, I would like to invite the relevant Scottish Government Minister or Ministers to give evidence as part of it's cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland inquiry. The session will take place on Monday 11 September 2023, between 1500 and 1700 (exact timeslot to be confirmed). Attendance in person is the preference but virtual participation may also be possible.

You can read more about the inquiry, including terms of reference and evidence received so far, [here](#). The session will cover the cost of living situation in general across rural and remote Scotland, but will also have particular focus on energy, transport and food costs. Members will be interested to get the Scottish Government's overall assessment of the cost of living situation, as well as learning more about its current cost of living policies, its view on UK Government support, and how the two governments are working together on this issue.

Please can you let me know as soon as possible whether a minister or ministers will be available to give evidence on this date. As mentioned, we will aim to confirm the precise timeslot shortly but the session will likely last for approximately one hour.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,
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