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Dear Lady Paton,

### **SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION REPORT ON REVIEW OF CONTRACT LAW**

I wrote to you in September 2023 setting out that officials will shortly begin detailed work on some Scottish Law Commission reports, including the Report on Review of Contract Law, published in 2018. I am writing to let you know that today the Scottish Government published a consultation about this report. The consultation will run for 12 weeks and seeks the views of consultees on a number of issues raised during the reform project.

In particular, the consultation will seek views on whether the landscape around this area of the law has materially changed since the report was published and whether the views previously received are still broadly held. This is in line with the process that Scottish Ministers set out to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in respect of potential future Scottish Law Commission Bills.

I am grateful to you and the Commission for the engagement with my officials about the consultation and for the input of Professor Hector MacQueen, the former lead Commissioner of the project, into the consultation paper.

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government is committed to law reform and implementing the recommendations of the Scottish Law Commission. Bills introduced this session implement recommendations made in 3 separate reports. The timing and content of each annual legislative programme is, though, a matter for Cabinet to decide as part of the development of the annual Programme for Government.

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The publication of this consultation is an important step towards any potential Bill and, dependent on the views of consultees, I will continue to consider whether and when there would be a suitable opportunity to take forward the recommendations contained in this reports as other commitments allow.

Yours sincerely,



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