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Dear Cabinet Secretary.

PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT 2015-16

In her statement on the Programme for Government 2015-16 on Tuesday 1 September, the First Minister referred to a review of the operation of the planning system in Scotland.

I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with further information about this review. In particular, it would be helpful to have a more detailed remit for the review, as well as further information about the consultation process, especially engagement at community level, and timescales. The Committee would also be interested in whether, at this stage, you expect the review to lead to further legislation.

The Committee agreed at its meeting on 3 June to hold a general evidence session on planning issues in December. It would, therefore, be helpful to have a response by the close of Monday 14 September to enable the Committee to consider its approach to planning issues on 23 September.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener