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Dear Kevin

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill Part 4 Community Right to Buy

As you know, the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment (RACCE) Committee received a letter from the Minister for Parliamentary Business, dated 21 August 2014, suggesting that there would be merit in the Committee taking the lead on the community right to buy provisions of Part 4 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill at Stage One.

The Committee considered this letter at its meeting on 1 October 2014 and discussed and agreed its approach to consideration of Part 4 of the Bill at Stage One at its meeting of 8 October. I can confirm that the Committee agreed to consider and report on the Part 4 of the Bill at Stage One and report by 23 January 2015. We have agreed a series of stakeholder meetings and have asked our clerks to liaise with your clerks to ensure that we avoid unnecessary duplication and overlap in our oral evidence sessions. I intend to issue a press release later this week, on behalf of the Committee, to advise that the RACCE Committee will be scrutinising and reporting on Part 4 of the Bill at Stage One.

Yours sincerely

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Convener