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We were asked earlier this week to attend next week so not had much notice; fortunately we were due to appear a couple of weeks ago but that was cancelled.

The agenda is focused primarily on FSS topics and the identified themes are: A sustainable food environment; Social media, misinformation and disinformation; Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act; Eatwell Everyday – cost and nutrition; Food crime; and Meal replacement shakes, safety and health claims.

Not predicting at pitfalls as such and but I'm not expecting we'll be saying anything that would be difficult for Ministers. That said, because we are independent and directly accountable to Parliament, rather than Ministers, it's possible we may be asked for views on certain policy initiatives which we'll handle accordingly. It's possible that promotions consultation will come up and we expect to be asked about the Good Food Nation Act, but we're planning to simply reiterate what we've already said to Ministers in correspondence.

It's possible that the BBC may run a story on the lack of LA resources for food inspection and we've produced a press line which has been shared with SG communications. Again, we'll be sticking to what we've said publically already. We're finalising our high level brief and will send it over when it is finalised.

Finally, we'll have someone listening in so if there is anything we'll let relevant policy leads know.

Regards

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**Importance:** High

Hello,

Please see attached the committee's forward look.

Geoff can you review the item on Food Standards .

38(1)b please can you review the item on Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People.

If you could send any comments to DGO on possible upcoming issues by **10:00 tomorrow**.

Best wishes,

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Committee Liaison Officers,

Please find attached the Committee Forward Look document. I would be grateful if you could make the Parliament and Legislation Unit aware of any contentious issues by **1100 on Friday 3 May by e-mailing comments to 38(1)b and 38(1)b.**

### **Background**

One of the responsibilities of the Minister for Parliamentary Business is to monitor current and future parliamentary activity and its impact on the government's interests. The work of the Minister complements that of all ministerial colleagues, although his focus is on parliament's reaction to government business or positions, as opposed to the detail of the specific policies concerned.

Committee Liaison Officers and policy leads are therefore asked to provide information about upcoming committee business, in particular any sensitivities or potential pitfalls. In most cases such background would already be known from work on policy development and/or recorded in material already sent to portfolio ministers offering views on parliamentary handling.

What do I need to do? (Summary)

**A. Review your committee's entry** in the attached Forward Look paper.

**B. Consider whether any agenda items impact on government interests** and then consult relevant policy leads to establish if any information (even a few bullets) on parliamentary handling can be offered to assist the Minister for Parliamentary Business. **In particular** information on:

- **BILLS** – progress on Bills in the committee, such as pre-stage 1 planning by the committee, witnesses and evidence called for at stage 1, expressions of concern by committee members about government policy, main groups of amendments at stage 2;
- **INQUIRIES** – current and forthcoming inquiries - when the committee is going to consider terms of reference, whether the government has any suggestion on the proposed terms of reference, the witnesses the committee proposes to call, emerging conclusions of the inquiry, and where the government's response stands;
- **SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION (SSIs)** – any forthcoming SSIs, any medium or high-risk SSIs, drawing on information recorded in the SSI tracker;
- **LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MOTIONS** – any forthcoming LCMs, and points the committee might be concerned with;
- **CORRESPONDENCE** – any outstanding or expected correspondence between the government and the committee;
- **FUTURE WORK** – intelligence on the committee's future work programme (including Bill consideration) and any concerns that the government may have;
- **ANY OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST** – e.g. appearances by government Ministers before committees (both Scottish and UK Government Ministers).

**38(1)b** in the Parliament and Legislation Unit would be happy to discuss any questions you may have about the Forward Look exercise.

Many thanks,

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