



The Scottish Parliament  
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**The Presiding Officer**  
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*Dear James,*

Thank you for your letter in relation to the stage 1 deadline for the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill.

As you would expect, Bureau Members were aware of the issues surrounding the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill at this stage and the relevance of the proposed Code of Practice associated with the Bill.

Bureau noted the Committee's preferred option for the current deadline to be removed and not be replaced until it is clearer when the Committee will be in a position to report at Stage 1. Although this is an unusual approach, there is no procedural reason why the Bureau could not take this course of action.

Therefore the Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline of 22 December 2017 for consideration of the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 no longer applies.

The motion has been lodged and will be taken in the Chamber at Decision Time today.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP**  
**Presiding Officer**