



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Dear Ed,

I am writing regarding the Scottish Government's Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin, a key publication on a sector of great importance to the Scottish economy. Concerns have previously been raised regarding the publication of this document, and I know that the UK Statistics Authority shares my view that government publications should be made in a timely manner, and published regularly to be of any significance.

The last time the Scottish Government's Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin was published was in June 2015, and prior to that date the report had been published annually, not on a regular basis but at apparently arbitrary times during the calendar year.

Given that it is now approaching three years since the last Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin was published, and given your own concerns regarding its publication in the past, I would be interested to know if you have been given any indication by the Scottish Government as to when the next Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin will be published?

Yours sincerely,

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