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Dear David

### **CONSIDERATION OF PE1098 and PE1223**

I wrote to you in October detailing the legislative process that would be required to devolve and enact new school transport safety powers. I am now writing to update you on our progress with this matter.

Officials, legal and constitutional teams have set out proposals which, due to their cross cutting nature, require discussion and agreement between myself as Transport Minister and my colleagues, the Minister for Local Government and Planning and the Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages.

I have therefore organised a meeting on the 15 December with the relevant Ministers and their officials and I will update the committee in due course as to the outcomes from that meeting.

I hope this is of assistance to yourself and the members of your committee.

Kind regards

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