

Scottish Affairs Committee

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From the Chair, Pete Wishart MP

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Dear Mr McEwan

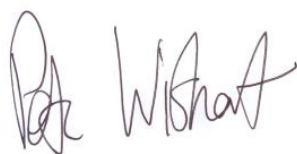
Thank you for the letters of 19 and 26 February we received from Les Matheson in relation to the Scottish Affairs Committee's inquiry into RBS branch closure programme.

As has been made clear in previous correspondence on this matter, the Committee still has outstanding questions to which it would like a response from RBS. These include, but are not limited to:

- The reasons why RBS took the decision to delay the closures of some bank branches previously due to shut in May, and why this opportunity was not extended to other branches.
- How the performance of branches that have been granted a six-month extension to prove their viability will be judged, and what support these branches will be provided during this period.
- The details of the conversations that RBS had with the UK and Scottish Governments before and after making the decision to close 62 branches in Scotland.
- How RBS would respond to a request from the Government, as the majority shareholder, to reconsider its closure programme.

While the Committee appreciates the information that has been provided in the recent letters from Les Matheson, we do not feel that they have adequately addressed these issues. These are issues that the Committee wishes to explore, in person, with you, as the individual ultimately responsible for decisions made by RBS.

The Committee is disappointed that you have not engaged meaningfully with previous requests to find a suitable time for you appear before the Committee to discuss these matters. I am writing to offer you a final opportunity to find a mutually convenient time for you to appear before the Committee. Should you not respond positively to this letter the Committee will have no alternative but to consider using its formal powers to summon you to appear before it.



Pete Wishart MP
Chair, Scottish Affairs Committee