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Canvass reform and franchise changes: plans for developing voter materials

To support the implementation of canvass reform and the changes outlined in the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill, we have started work on a project to develop the necessary forms and communications for use with voters.

We have produced a [summary document](#) which sets out the voter materials we will be developing and how we will be taking forward this work. It includes a timeline of the main activities and also highlights how we plan to get input from electoral administrators and electoral management software (EMS) suppliers – as well as from voters - to help ensure the materials are easy for the public to use, straightforward for EROs to administer and compatible with EMS systems.

Should you have any questions, please contact your [local Commission team](#).

Call for evidence – reminder

As set out in [Bulletin 231](#), the Scottish Government has published the [Scottish Elections \(Franchise and Representation\) Bill](#), and the Scottish Parliament's Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee is now [seeking evidence](#) in relation to the Bill. The deadline to respond is Friday 6 September 2019.

In Bulletin 231, we also highlighted that the Finance & Constitution Committee of the Scottish Parliament were [seeking evidence](#) on the [Referendums \(Scotland\) Bill](#). The deadline to respond is Friday 9 August.

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