

# Government keeping close eye on the weather



Minister for Environment and Climate Change Stewart Stevenson has thanked everyone involved in coping with the flooding and heavy rain that is causing disruption across Scotland, and is urging them to stay vigilant.

Mr Stevenson spoke after chairing a meeting of the Scottish Government's Resilience committee (SGoRR) earlier today, in response to the heavy rain that has fallen across the country.

The meeting brought together representatives of the Met Office, emergency services, SEPA, Transport Scotland and local authorities.

Heavy rain has caused flooding in several areas including Fife, Kinross and the Lothians. Roads and several rail services have been disrupted, while measures have also been taken to assist some householders whose homes are flooded.

Although the weather is expected to become more settled tomorrow, rain is forecast in parts of the Highlands this evening and the Borders tomorrow which may cause further disruption.

Mr Stevenson said:

“Heavy rain and in particular flooding is a matter of great concern to our communities. We are doing all we can to identify and deal with problems where they are arising.

“We are in close contact with emergency services across the country. Some areas are worse affected by the heavy rain than others and in particular, members of the public in Fife, Kinross and the Lothians are experiencing difficulties.

“Our emergency services have been working very hard all weekend to help deal with the problems the weather has presented. Local authorities have also been responding to community needs. In Edinburgh, for example, City of Edinburgh Council is offering practical support and relief, such as access to dehumidifiers, to individual householders affected.

“I thank everyone involved in the relief efforts across Scotland. But I also want to thank members of the public for their continuing resilience.

“While the forecast is improving in most parts of the country, there is absolutely no room for complacency. We will continue to closely monitor developments and provide assistance where we can.

“There are measures people can take to protect themselves and their property and to minimise any potential impact. For an up-to-date list of Flood Alerts and Flood Warnings please visit SEPA’s [website](#) or phone Floodline 0845 988 1188.”