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Dear Kenneth

Review of National Outcomes

As you are aware, the Scottish Government is required to conduct a statutory review of the National Outcomes within every five years, and I am writing to provide an update to the Committee on the progress of the next review.

The consultation phase has commenced, with a [public consultation](#) and [call for evidence](#) open until 5 June 2023. The public consultation is intended to capture the views of individuals who wish to comment on the National Outcomes and any changes they would like to see. The call for evidence aims to gather the views of stakeholders and organisations, on the National Outcomes and how we can improve implementation of the National Performance Framework.

The work that has already been carried out by the Committee, as well as the evidence provided during the Ambitions into Action inquiry, will be considered as part of the review process. May I once again offer my thanks to the Committee for the detailed and constructive report you produced from that inquiry.

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I remain committed to ensuring adequate time for Parliament to fully consider the outcome of this review, and I expect this process to begin later this year.

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