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Dear Maree,

Thank you for giving evidence to the Committee on 26 September, on the Scottish Government's expenditure to date on the National Care Service (NCS) Bill and related programme.

We note your commitment to report regularly on costs associated with the Bill, to provide an updated Financial Memorandum and to keep the Committee apprised of progress relating to the development of business cases.

During the evidence session on 26 September, Scottish Government officials stated that an update is now available on the figures provided in your letter of 16 June, relating to expenditure on the NCS programme to date covering the first four months of the current financial year. This information would be welcome by 31 October. It would also be helpful to receive updated figures on expenditure to date on the NCS alongside the updated Financial Memorandum four weeks in advance of the Stage 1, so that the Committee may effectively scrutinise the financial implications of the Bill and associated programme.

Yours sincerely

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