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Dear Shona

At its meeting on 18 April 2023 the Committee considered the Scottish Government's response to its December 2022 [Report on the National Performance Framework – Ambitions into Action](#), within the context of the recently launched statutory review of national outcomes. The Committee agreed to seek clarification on a number of aspects of the Scottish Government's response, in particular:

- whether the Scottish Government remains committed to “publishing a set of resources alongside the next iteration of the NPF that will better explain and showcase how it can be used in policy development and delivery” and whether that will include how the Scottish Government will use the NPF in national policy making as recommended at paragraph 40 of the Committee's report.
- if, as part of the review of National Outcomes, it will also consult on its implementation plan (to sit alongside the revised NPF) - see paragraph 45 in the Committee's report.
- whether it will publish the outcome of its learning from other countries which are seeking to protect collective wellbeing and that of future generations, as referenced in its response to the Committee's report.
- what lessons have been learned from the development of the current set of indicators and whether the next iteration of the NPF will include a set of fully

developed indicators, agreed with relevant sectors, to best track progress in delivering the outcomes.

- whether it remains committed to progressing a communication plan to raise awareness of the framework and at what stage of the review process that might be published.
- how the title of and terminology in the NPF will be considered as part of the review of National Outcomes.

Finally, when your predecessor wrote to the Committee on 22 March 2023 he committed to “ensuring adequate time for Parliament to fully consider the outcome of the review” beyond the 40 days minimum provided for in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. To that end the Committee’s clerks have been in discussion with Scottish Government officials regarding the timetabling of Parliamentary scrutiny. The Committee therefore seeks confirmation from you that you are also committed to ensuring adequate time for Parliamentary scrutiny of the draft National Outcomes, beyond the 40 days provided for in the Act.

The Committee would welcome a response to this letter by **Monday 22 May 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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