Consultation
Did you take part in the Scottish Government consultation exercise which preceded the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
1. Yes, NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) responded to the consultation, however there was no specific comment made regarding financial assumptions of the bill.

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
2. Not applicable

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
3. Yes

Costs
If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that these have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.
4. With the proviso detailed within the FM that system costs, (including access, required licences, training and support) remain a resource provided and funded from Scottish Government then we believe the financial implications to be accurately reflected - that is, no specific additional financial implications.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM and over the timescales for which they are projected are reasonable and accurate?
5. It is difficult to comment on this point. The resources and grades identified are not supported by job descriptions or role outlines. There is no outline programme of work or likely estimate of workload, therefore the costs alone are not sufficient to provide a response to this question.

If relevant, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs it is expected to incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?
6. Not relevant to NSS.

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the estimates and the timescales over which such costs would be expected to arise?
7. The FM does not have any uncertainty modelling associated with the main bulk of costs, nor does it look beyond 2016/17 (for system costs), so no specific
margin is provided. It does however describe some likely interdependencies, e.g. revisiting the market for 3rd party provision which seem reasonable.

**Wider Issues**

*Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures the costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?*

8. We believe the direct cost areas to be captured within the Bill (and in relation to Question 5 whilst the areas are reflected, the quantum is not).

*Do you believe that there might be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?*

9. The continued and extended provision of shared services via Procurement Centres of expertise contains any future costs. The inclusion of NDPBs as referred to is important to mitigate local resource requirements. It is possible that developing policy emanating from the Bill may have additional resource costs. The Scottish Government Policy Forum for Procurement is key in ensuring that developing policy is proportionate in its impact on non-Scottish Government organisations.