Consultation
1. Yes

2. It is difficult to judge as there still some unknowns. It is also difficult to see how one submission fits into the national perspective. If every Council did not reply then it is hard to quantify the total impact accurately.

3. Yes

Costs
4. There are some areas won’t be known until further work is done. E.g. 600 hours of early learning and childcare. This depends on the model of provision adopted.

5. Given the margins of uncertainty the costs and savings are reasonable. However, avoided future costs should not be netted off against future additional costs as the avoided costs are not currently budgeted for. i.e. there is no real saving against current budgets. They are assuming savings against budgets which do not exist at present.

6. Any new duties prescribed by legislation should be 100% funded by the Scottish Government.

7. Yes.

Wider Issues
8. I am not aware of other costs.

9. There could be potential future costs but they are not possible to quantify.