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Dear Dave,

Public Petitions Committee Report into Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation in Scotland

I am writing further to our recent correspondence and specifically to update the Public Petitions Committee about the Scottish Government's plans to respond to its report into Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation in Scotland, published on 14 January 2014.

I confirmed during the course of our 28 January debate in Parliament that I have asked the Expert Group that has been considering this important issue on behalf of Scottish Ministers to take account of the recommendations in the Committee's Report. You will want to know that I plan to respond formally to the Committee once that Group has had the opportunity to do that. I expect this response to be during March or very shortly thereafter.

I will also respond at that time to the Committee's further question, as described in your letter of 19 February, about local service provision for child sexual exploitation. I have asked the Expert Group to consider this issue as well.

I hope that you find this further information helpful.

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