Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport submission of 21 September 2023

PE2027/C: Launch the Changing Places Toilet fund

Thank you for your letter dated 8 September 2023 regarding the petition PE2027: Launch the Changing Places Toilet fund.

The Scottish Government knows that Changing Places Toilets make a real difference to disabled people and their families, and we are keen to encourage the development and provision of more of these facilities across Scotland. The provision of these fundamental facilities offers everyone in Scotland dignity and freedom.

We are committed to investing in Changing Places Toilets during this parliamentary term, in order to increase the number of these facilities across the country and to support mobile Changing Places Toilets to allow people easier access to events and outdoor venues.

The Scottish Government will look to make the £10 million fund available across the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26. We will undertake the necessary development work, alongside key stakeholders, to open the fund by the beginning of 2025.

This information on the timeline for the investment was also confirmed in the response to Parliamentary Question <u>\$60-02550</u> answered in Chamber today, 21 September 2023.

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