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Dear Convener,

## **SCOTLAND'S REDRESS SCHEME**

I write to share with you a copy of the waiver report for Scotland's Redress Scheme.

Section 46 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 requires applicants to sign and return a waiver agreeing to abandon any ongoing relevant civil proceeding and to waive their right to bring relevant civil proceedings, in order to receive their redress payment.

The waiver applies to organisations who have agreed to make a fair and meaningful contribution to Scotland's Redress Scheme towards the funding of redress payments under the Act and were listed on the contributors list on the date the waiver was signed. There are now 17 entries on the live contributions list for Scotland's Redress Scheme with contributions totalling over £122 million.

As required by section 48 of the Act, a report providing the following information must be laid before the Scottish Parliament by 07 June 2023:

- The impact (if any) of the waiver on applications for a redress payment,
- The effectiveness of the waiver in encouraging public authorities, voluntary organisations and other persons to become scheme contributors, and
- The actions that will be taken (if any) as a consequence of the assessment and the reasoning for these decisions.

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In your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022, the Committee asked that a number of areas be considered for inclusion in the waiver report. All of the Committee's suggestions have been included in the report with the exception of the views of survivors who have not accessed the redress scheme as those survivors are not known to officials and therefore it has not been possible to seek their views.

A copy of this report has been attached separately for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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