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Dear Conveners,

The National Care Service (Scotland) Bill – Financial Memorandum

As you will be aware, the above Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament on 20 June, and has now been allocated to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee. I regret that I have to inform you that we have identified an error in the Financial Memorandum that was submitted by the Scottish Government to accompany the Bill.

In table 1, the total estimated costs of the Bill provisions, in the row “Total NCS Costs”, the range for 2025-26 should be 224 – 464 (million pounds), and for 2026-27 it should be 225 – 500. This is an increase on the figure shown in the published Memorandum.

The total estimated costs of the Bill provisions, in the top line of the table, is already correct (232-477 and 241-527). A change that was made to the figures from table 6 and table 7 was reflected in the total costs of the Bill, but was omitted from the subtotal for NCS costs. I attach a revised version of table 1 with the corrected figures highlighted.

Please accept my apologies for this error.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Stewart

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SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE BILL

Table 1: Total estimated costs of Bill provisions

Note: in all tables, there may be small discrepancies in totals due to rounding

Sector	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions
Total estimated costs of Bill provisions	24-36	63-95	84-126	232-477	241-527
Establishment and running of NCS national organisation – table 6					
Scottish Administration	24-36	60 - 90	72 - 108	92 - 138	83 - 124
Establishment and running of care boards – table 7					
Scottish Administration	0	4 - 6	12 - 18		
Care boards				132 -326	142 - 376
Total NCS costs	24-36	63 - 95	84 - 126	224 - 464	225 - 500
Right to breaks from caring* - table 11					
Care Boards	-	-	-	8 – 13	16 – 27
Anne’s Law – table 14					
Care Inspectorate	0.186	0.09	0	0	0

*Note that tables 10-14 show costs to 2034-35

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