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Dear Maree

Thank you for your letter of 16 June, in relation to the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill and the related Financial Memorandum.

We note your commitment to provide a response to this Committee's report, including an updated Financial Memorandum, at least four weeks in advance of the Stage 1 debate (not including the Christmas and New Year recess).

The Committee also notes the information provided in your latest letter in terms of the expenditure on the NCS programme to date and welcomes your commitment to report regularly on costs associated with the Bill.

As you are aware, this is an area of significant interest and concern to the Committee. The Committee would therefore like to invite you to give oral evidence at its meeting on the morning of **Tuesday 3 October** to further explore expenditure to date on the Bill and the wider programme.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm your attendance by Friday 28 July.

Yours sincerely

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