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## Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Shona

Thank you for your letter of 1 May confirming that the Scottish Government has laid in Parliament its statutory report proposing a revised set of National Outcomes for a period of consultation. This forms part of the statutory Review of the National Outcomes as set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

In your letter you invite the Finance and Public Administration Committee to propose an appropriate date to conclude the Parliamentary consultation phase of the Review. The Committee welcomes your commitment to provide more than the 40 days set out in the above Act. In view of the forthcoming recess periods when the Parliament does not usually meet, I propose that the Parliamentary consultation phase of the review be concluded by 29 November, with a view to the debate in Parliament being held during the week beginning 25 November. I would welcome confirmation that you are agreeable to this proposed deadline for completing Parliamentary consultation.

The Conveners Group have agreed that, given the cross-cutting nature of the proposed National Outcomes, a joint approach to scrutiny will be undertaken. The Finance and Public Administration Committee looks forward to hearing from you as part of that process.

Kind Regards

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Convener  
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