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Dear Maree

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 February 2024, providing further information on the Financial Memorandum (FM) for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, as requested by the Committee on 8 February 2024.

We note your comments that work is continuing on the relevant business cases and welcome your commitment to provide additional information as estimates are refined, including in relation to staffing requirements for the development of the national care service. Following passage of the Bill to Stage 2 of the parliamentary process and the significant amendments expected, this Committee will continue to monitor the costs of the National Care Service Bill and programme. We look forward to receiving regular updates on associated costs, where possible, in a similar format to the FM.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to return to the Committee to discuss the financial aspects of the Bill once amendments have been agreed at Stage 2 and we will be in touch closer to the time to confirm dates for evidence sessions.

Yours sincerely

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