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Dear Kenneth

I am writing in response to the Committee's letter of 12 March 2024.

I note, following passage of the Bill to Stage 2 of the parliamentary process, that the Committee will continue to monitor the costs of the National Care Service Bill and programme. I also note the Committee's particular interest in the business cases associated with the National Care Service and the request that further information be presented in a similar format to the financial memorandum. I remain committed to providing regular updates to the Committee as soon as updated information is available.

I look forward to returning to the Committee to discuss the financial aspects of the Bill once timings have been agreed for Stage 2.

I hope the Committee finds this information helpful.

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