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Dear Kenneth,

1. Thank you for your letter of 4<sup>th</sup> April regarding engagement with the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Public Administration Committee. I am sorry for the delay in my response.
2. I would like to re-iterate my offer to meet with Committee Members informally in Holyrood on a future visit to Scotland. I hope to be available alongside the next Scottish Government hosted Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee (F:ISC) meeting in the Autumn.
3. I recognise that Ministers from previous governments have attended formal meetings of the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Public Administration Committee in previous parliamentary sessions. UK Government ministerial attendance at devolved legislature committees has historically been on a case-by-case basis where there were specific issues that Ministers could provide clarity on. I am also willing to consider invitations to future evidence sessions subject to the topics for discussion.
4. As Treasury Ministers cover a broad portfolio, it is not practical for us to engage routinely with committees, in the UK Parliament or devolved legislatures, with the exception of the Treasury Select Committee.
5. I look forward to informally meeting Committee Members in the Autumn.

Yours sincerely,

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**CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY**