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Dear Kenneth,

I am writing to inform the Finance and Public Administration Committee that the Scottish Government will today publish its response to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's Module 2ABC report on core decision-making and political governance across the four nations of the UK.

This response reflects extensive cross-government work and the invaluable contributions of those most affected by the pandemic. In particular, I want to acknowledge the insight and challenge provided by the Covid Inquiries Response Engagement Group (CIREG), which I have had the privilege of chairing. The perspectives shared by representatives of groups disproportionately impacted by the pandemic — including bereaved families, disabled people, minority ethnic communities and older people — have shaped our response.

The publication includes a full [Easy Read version](#) of the response, ensuring that the material is accessible to as wide an audience as possible. Our response sets out the actions we will take in relation to each of the Inquiry's recommendations, along with the timescales for implementation. We will provide regular progress updates on the actions set out within the response.

The response will be available on the Scottish Government website at:
<https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781807750381>.

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I hope the Committee finds this information helpful. I am also copying this letter to the Delegated Powers & Law Reform Committee; Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee; the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee; the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee; the Public Audit Committee; Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee and the Social Justice and Social Security Committee, given their interest in the matters covered by the Modules 2ABC report and for wider awareness across the Parliament to the Presiding Officer and business managers.

Yours sincerely,

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