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Dear Kenneth,

I am writing to you as my capacity as Minister with responsibility for the Covid-19 Inquiries, in conjunction with my colleague, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, to inform the Finance and Public Administration Committee that the UK Covid-19 Inquiry (“the Inquiry”) has today published its Module 3 report and recommendations on the impact of the pandemic on the healthcare systems in the four nations of the UK.

Furthermore, the Inquiry will publish its Module 4 report and recommendations, relating to vaccines and therapeutics, on 16 April 2026. All Inquiry reports will be accessible online at: <https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/reports/>

The Scottish Government will now take the time to carefully consider the findings and recommendations set out in the Module 3 report, and the Module 4 report once published. Detailed responses to the Inquiry’s recommendations will be provided in due course, within the timescales specified by the Inquiry Chair.

Progress continues with implementing the accepted recommendations of the Inquiry’s Module 1 report which covers pre-pandemic planning and preparedness. Our second progress report was published on 16 January 2026 and we continue to progress the outstanding actions.

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As you will be aware, the Scottish Government response to the Inquiry's Module 2 report into government decision-making was published earlier this week and we will continue to monitor and provide regular updates on our progress in implementing accepted actions.

We hope the Committee finds this information helpful. We are also copying this letter to; the 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; and the Social Justice and Social Security Committee, given their interest in the matters covered by both Modules 3 and 4; and for wider awareness across the Parliament to the Presiding Officer and business managers.

Yours Sincerely,

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