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Dear Clare,

I am writing in relation to Stage 2 consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

The Scottish Government remains committed to the plans for a National Care Service, and work continues to progress this as quickly and effectively as possible.

That work involves careful consideration of the views of this committee, stakeholders, members of the public and political parties.

The Scottish Government wishes to take the time that is needed to fully reflect those views in our approach to Stage 2 of the Bill.

For those reasons the Scottish Government is not seeking to start Stage 2 consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill on 26 November, and will work with the committee and Parliamentary Bureau to agree a revised timetable, for the New Year.

Kind regards,



MAREE TODD

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