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Mr Richard Leonard MSP Convener Public Audit Committee Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Dear Convener

Thank you for your letter dated 16 December 2022. I welcome the Committee's ongoing interest in my work on the financial challenges and risks facing Scotland's public services.

I note the Committee's interest in further briefings on this topic. I continue to monitor issues of public sector financial sustainability throughout my financial and performance audit work.

The Accounts Commission and I are currently undertaking a strategic review of our <u>dynamic</u> <u>work programme</u>. As part of this process, I am considering what further actions I may ask Audit Scotland to undertake on this theme.

I hope the committee finds this helpful.

Yours sincerely

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