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Dear Convener

Publication of Scotland's Census 2022 case studies

I wanted to update the Public Audit committee on the forthcoming publication of eight case studies relating to Scotland's Census 2022 that will be published on the Scottish Government's digital [blog](#) as well as providing an update on census activity.

The case studies have been prepared by the Scottish Government's Digital Assurance Office (DAO) in conjunction with NRS colleagues. They highlight key activities along with reflections and lessons for use by other programmes and projects.

Scotland's Census 2022 has had a range of independent assurance activity, including through the Technology Assurance Framework which is managed by the DAO. The Technology Assurance Framework is designed to support programmes and projects to deliver successful outcomes and ensure that the lessons learned from previous experience are reflected and embedded in future practice.

The case studies will be on the following topics and published one per week from 31 January in the following order:

- Census Integrated assurance
- Census Information governance
- Census Meeting Digital Standards
- Census Procurement
- Census Contract Management
- Census Cyber Security
- Census Resourcing
- Census Good practice – go live checklist

The first [outputs](#) from Scotland's Census 2022 were published in September 2023. We expect to shortly provide further detail on the timetable for releases of further information from the census. The latest information is available [here](#).

NRS has also committed to publishing an evaluation report to parliament upon conclusion of the census programme in late 2024. The report will cover the full lifecycle of the programme, reflecting on what worked well and the lessons learned.

I hope that this information is of use to the committee.

Yours sincerely

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