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Dear Mr Brannen,

**The 2022/23 audit of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland**

At its meeting on 8 February 2024, the Public Audit Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS) on the above [section 22 report](#) on the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (WICS).

The Committee is aware that work is currently underway to identify a new Accountable Officer for WICS. However, due to the serious concerns raised by the AGS both in his section 22 report and during the evidence session, the Committee agreed to invite you to provide oral evidence in your capacity as Portfolio Accountable Officer at its meeting on **Thursday 21 March**.

The Committee asks that you are accompanied by the following post holders:

- Chairman of the Board of WICS
- Chair of the WICS Audit and Risk Committee
- Director of Strategy and Governance, WICS
- A representative from the relevant Scottish Government Sponsor Team

Should an Accountable Officer be appointed before the 21 March, the Committee would expect their attendance at the evidence session.

The evidence session will begin at 9:00am and is expected to last approximately 1 hour to 1 hour and 30 minutes.

I would be grateful if you can confirm your attendance, and that of the above witnesses, to the Committee clerks by **Friday 16 February**.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Leonard MSP, Convener**