



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Public Audit Committee

Sara Snell
HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland

2 June 2025

Dear Ms Snell

The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service

As you may be aware, on 10 June 2024, the Public Audit Committee [published a report](#) setting out the recommendations and conclusions from its scrutiny of the above [section 22 report by the Auditor General for Scotland](#). The [Scottish Government provided a response](#) to the Committee's report on 20 August 2024.

As part of its scrutiny the Committee [heard evidence from your predecessor Wendy Sinclair-Gieben on 14 March 2024](#) on how the poor performance of the Scottish Court Custody and Prisoner Escort Scheme was impacting on prisoners being able to access health care and breaching their human rights. We also heard from Ms Sinclair-Gieben on the impact on prisoners of restricted regimes, overcrowding and the condition of the prison estate.

On the 23 September 2024, the Committee [wrote to the Scottish Government](#) to request a report on the progress of the implementation of some of the Committee's recommendations after 6 months. We have now received the progress report from the Scottish Government, [which can be found on the Committee's webpage](#).

At its meeting on 7 May 2025, the Committee considered the progress update and agreed to write to you to seek your views on the progress made to date on the areas that were of concern to your predecessor.

The Committee would also welcome your views on any other area contained in the progress update.

The Committee would appreciate a response by **30 June 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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