



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Public Audit Committee

John Cairney
Scottish national Committee Chair
Prison Officers Association Scotland

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Dear Mr Cairney

The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Prison Service

As you are 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.

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 impact on your members working in the Scottish justice system.

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**.

You may wish to note that the Committee has also written to the Public and Commercial Services Union and Community Trade Union to seek their views on these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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