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Dear Clare,

Thank you for your letter of 7 September regarding the next review of the Fiscal Framework agreement. I welcome the Committee's interest in this work.

The next review is due in 2028, but we have already begun preparatory work. This was agreed between my predecessor as Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Shona Robison, and the then Chief Secretary to the Treasury last year and recognises the time required to undertake a review of this scale and significance. My officials are working with HMT officials on a timeline for the review, which I will share with you once agreed.

I welcomed the views submitted by the previous Finance and Public Administration Committee on its priorities for the scope of the review and these have informed our work so far. I would welcome any further views that the new Committee may wish to provide.

I met with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on 17 September and discussed the review. I am keen that this review is ambitious and addresses the issues with the Fiscal Framework that impact on our budget. However, the scope, and any changes to the framework, will need to be agreed between the Scottish and UK Government respectively.

I look forward to engaging further with the Committee and would welcome its views as the review progresses.

Yours sincerely

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