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Dear Clare

Publication of the Scottish Government's third progress update in response to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry's Module 1 report

As you may be aware, the UK Covid-19 Inquiry published its Module 1 report on resilience and preparedness on 18 July 2024. The Scottish Government responded on 16 January 2025, committing to six-monthly progress updates as requested by the Inquiry Chair. To date, progress reports have been published on 16 July 2025 and 16 January 2026.

I am writing to inform the Finance and Public Administration Committee that the Scottish Government will today publish its third progress report. The report will be available on the Scottish Government website at: [\[https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781807753566\]](https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781807753566)

The progress update sets out details of the actions taken in relation to each of the Inquiry's recommendations over the past six months, including the completion of five of them. The Scottish Government has completed its review of risk assessment processes and is now developing the next iteration of the Scottish Risk Assessment, which will bring together all risks relevant to Scotland in a single document. A four nation memorandum of understanding, to enable rapid sharing of data and analysis in preparation for, or during, any future crisis, is now in place.

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The completion of these actions demonstrates the Scottish Government's commitment to making significant, measurable improvements in Scotland's pandemic planning and preparedness and work continues to implement the remaining three recommendations.

The next progress update will be a combined report covering both Modules 1 and 2, to be published by the end of November 2026.

I hope the Committee finds this information helpful. I am copying this letter to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee; the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee; the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee; and the Public Service Reform Committee, given their interest in pandemic preparedness and resilience.

Yours sincerely



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