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Dear Clare,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Minister with responsibility for the Covid-19 Inquiries, in conjunction with my colleague, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, to inform the Finance and Public Administration Committee that the UK Covid-19 Inquiry (“the Inquiry”) has today published its Module 5 report and recommendations, focusing on the procurement and distribution to end-users across the four nations of the United Kingdom of key healthcare related equipment and supplies, including PPE, ventilators and oxygen.

All Inquiry reports will be accessible online at: <https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/reports/>

The Scottish Government will now take the time to carefully consider the findings and recommendations set out in the Module 5 report. Detailed response to the Inquiry’s recommendations will be provided in due course, within the timescales specified by the Inquiry Chair.

Progress continues with implementing the accepted recommendations of the Inquiry’s other reports. Six of the ten recommendations of the Module 1 report have now been implemented, and the Scottish Government response to the Inquiry’s Module 2 report into government decision-making was published in March this year. Responses to the Inquiry’s Module 3 and 4 reports will be published later this year, within the timescales set by the Inquiry.

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We hope the Committee finds this information helpful. We are also copying this letter to; the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee; the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee; the Health, Care and Sport Committee; the Public Service Reform Committee; and the Public Audit Committee, given their interest in the matters covered by Module 5; and for wider awareness across the Parliament to the Presiding Officer and business managers.

Yours sincerely,



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