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Dear Mr Hunter,

Education (Scotland) Bill Financial Memorandum

Please accept my apologies that 3 errors have been identified in the Financial Memorandum which accompanies the Education (Scotland) Bill:

- Table 4 (summary of estimated costs on Scottish Government) on page 84 the Gaelic medium education figures are not consistent with the GME figures provided in Table 2 (estimated costs of supporting GME/establishing new units) on page 80. The figures in Table 2 are correct therefore the figures in Table 4 are incorrect. Table 4 should read as follows:

Financial year	2016/17 £k	2017/18 £k	2018/19 £k	2019/20 £k	2020/21 £k
Children's rights	187*	330*	330*	330*	330*
Gaelic medium education	-	72.5**	107.5**	142.5**	177.5**
Total costs	187	402.5	437.5	472.5	507.5

- There is a small typo in paragraph 34 on page 85 – the amount should read £4.482m.
- On page 89, the Memorandum should have included a reference to Section 19 of the Bill which deals with improving the process of consideration of section 70. There is no anticipated additional costs on other bodies.

Yours sincerely

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