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Dear Mr Flanagan, Mr Searson and Ms Peckham,

At its meeting on 3 February, the Committee took evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on the impact of Covid-19 on education. You can read the Official Report here:

http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=13103&mode=pdf

The Committee is aware that the SQA is producing guidance for individual subjects to support teacher assessment in 2020-21. We are keen to understand what subject-specific challenges remain across the curriculum, both in subjects with a practical element and without a practical element, and to gauge what further support is necessary between now and June for teachers to provide their assessments of pupils' attainment this academic year.

Given the cross-curricular representation role of the professional associations, we would welcome a response from you setting out what subject-specific challenges your members have raised with you to help inform our ongoing scrutiny in this area, and to highlight any such concerns you have with the Scottish Government and the SQA. We would therefore welcome a response by Tuesday 2 March.

Yours sincerely

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