Dear Convener,

Scottish Qualifications Authority

Thank you for your letter of 21 September, highlighting the Committee’s interest in the Scottish Qualification Authority’s work to replace its IT systems.

As you note, there have been several recent examples of public bodies experiencing difficulties when introducing new IT systems. The appointed auditor of the SQA has been monitoring progress with the introduction of its new systems. At this stage, the auditor has not identified any problems with the SQA’s approach to the replacement of its systems, but he will continue to keep the situation under review. This will include considering what specific audit work might be appropriate during the 2017/18 audit process.

I hope you find this information useful.

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