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## **REDRESS (SURVIVORS OF IN CARE ABUSE) BILL - INTRODUCTION**

Dear Clare,

I am writing to you in respect of the Redress (Survivors of In Care Abuse) (Scotland) Bill.

In our Programme for Government 2019-20, we committed to introducing a Bill to provide financial redress to survivors of historical in care child abuse in this year's legislative programme. While the Covid-19 emergency and response has affected all aspects of government work, including the preparation of draft legislation, I wanted to write to you to reiterate the intention of the Government to introduce this important Bill.

Following discussion with the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans and officials, it is now planned to introduce the Redress Bill following the Parliamentary summer recess.

I look forward to working with you and your Committee colleagues, and with colleagues from all parties across the Parliament, to take forward and carefully consider this important piece of legislation, and in doing so, to providing tangible recognition of the harm suffered by survivors of historical child abuse across Scotland.

I would intend that my officials write to key partners and stakeholders, including survivors and their representatives to inform them of the developments set out in this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

**JOHN SWINNEY**