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Dear 

At its meeting on 29 June 2016, the Committee considered its work programme and agreed to write to you in relation to Prevention.

In 2011 the Christie Commission published its [Report on the Future Delivery of Public Services](#). In the same year, the Scottish Government announced a “decisive shift to preventative spending” which would deliver a step change in the way public services were funded and delivered. Following this announcement the previous Finance Committee agreed to monitor the progress being made in delivering the shift to prevention and continued to do so throughout Session 4.

As part of its scrutiny of Draft Budget 2016-17, the previous Committee conducted an inquiry on the progress being made in reforming Scotland’s public services and delivering the decisive shift towards prevention. It then [wrote to the then Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy on 23 March 2016](#) setting out its conclusions and recommendations.

The new Committee has now considered its work programme and has agreed to invite you to provide a response to the previous Committee’s letter and to provide a more general update on progress made in respect of the delivery of the Christie Commission’s recommendations. It would be helpful if this response could be provided by Monday 15 August in order to inform discussions at our business planning day.

Yours sincerely


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Convener**