Dear Annabelle

The Committee is grateful to your officials for the comprehensive and helpful private briefing they provided on the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill on Tuesday 31 January 2017.

During the session committee members expressed an interest in finding out more about the reasoning behind the decision not to reform the law of prescription within this Bill, given the interaction in policy effect between the law of prescription and the law of limitation. Members noted that leaving the law of prescription unchanged in the Bill would have the effect of placing a temporal limit on the cases that could be brought under the Bill, and would welcome further detail on this reasoning behind this, including any significant case law that is of relevance, prior to taking formal oral evidence at Stage 1.

As the first Stage 1 evidence session begins on Tuesday 21 February, the Committee would be grateful if you could provide this information if possible by no later than Thursday 16 February 2017.

Yours sincerely

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