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To the Conveners of:

Parliament Audit and Post Legislative Scrutiny  
Committee  
Health and Sport Committee

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Dear Conveners

### **NHS Tayside**

I wrote to you yesterday about the Cabinet Secretary's decision to escalate NHS Tayside to the level of Ministerial intervention, and said that I would update you when I had more information.

Following the resignation of Professor John Connell as Chair of NHS Tayside, the Cabinet Secretary has agreed to the appointment of John Brown CBE as interim Chair of NHS Tayside, with immediate effect, until a substantive Chair can be appointed through the appropriate regulated route. Mr Brown is currently Chair of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. He will retain that role, but meantime will pass some of his duties to the Vice-Chair and to NHS GG&C sub-committee chairs, so that he can devote sufficient time to NHS Tayside, and to ensure continuity in GG&C.

Professor Sir Lewis Ritchie will continue as Chair of the Assurance Advisory Group, but with an expanded role focused on non-executive Board Member development and support.

Lesley McLay is currently not at work. In her absence, I have also agreed with the Cabinet Secretary that Malcolm Wright will be acting Chief Executive and Accountable Officer for NHS Tayside, from Monday.

Malcolm Wright will also remain as CEO and Accountable Officer for NHS Grampian, and I have agreed that Amanda Croft, as Deputy CEO, will oversee the day to day operations of NHS Grampian.

I am copying this to the Cabinet Secretary, and to the Auditor General for Scotland. I will continue to update the Committee as substantive information becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Gray**

