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## Education Children and Young People Committee

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

The Education Children and Young People Committee has been taking evidence as part of its Stage 1 scrutiny of the [Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\)\(Scotland\) Bill](#).

The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland (CYPCS) provided a [response](#) to the call for views launched on the Bill. Megan Farr, representing the CYPCS, also provided oral evidence to the Committee at its meeting on [2 March](#).

As part of its evidence, CYPCS highlighted the issue of children in prison in Scotland.

At its meeting on 9 March, the Committee agreed to write to you to request information regarding—

- what assessments the Scottish Government has carried out regarding the current situation relating to children in prison; and
- what actions the Scottish Government is taking to address any issues.

I would be grateful to receive a response to this letter by close of business on **21 March** to allow the Committee to consider that response at its meeting on 23 March.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Kerr MSP  
Convener