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Education Children and Young People Committee

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Dear David

The Education, Children and Young People Committee is responsible for scrutinising the effectiveness of the operation of Redress Scotland.

As part of this work, the Committee took oral evidence from the previous Deputy First Minister, John Swinney MSP, on [Wednesday 12 January 2023](#) regarding the operation of the scheme, including measures to improve waiting times.

Following this, the Committee wrote to him on [30 January 2023](#) to request further information. He responded on [16 February 2023](#) and sent an additional follow-up on [22 March 2023](#).

The Committee received a subsequent update from the current Deputy First Minister, Shona Robison MSP, on 5 June 2023 regarding the [waiver report](#) she laid before the Parliament. The Committee also considered the [Redress Scotland Corporate Plan for 2023-2026](#) which sets out the strategic corporate aims of the scheme.

The Committee recognises the importance of and continues to advocate for the financial redress and provision of related support to all survivors of historical child abuse in relevant care settings in Scotland. These remain an important part of our remit and work.

In recent times, we have noticed a decrease in the correspondence we receive from survivors regarding the operation of the scheme. However, the Committee agreed to write to you to check whether the measures that the Scottish Government and Redress Scotland have put in place to improve the operation of the scheme are working effectively for survivors.

We would be grateful if you could please respond to this letter in a Word format by **Friday 20 October 2023**.

Kind regards

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Convener