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Dear Convener,

I wish to make the Committee aware that the Scottish Government has developed an adoption vision statement, which sets out our vision for adoption, the importance of support for our adoption community, and strategic priorities to achieve this.

The adoption vision statement is now live on the Scottish Government's website.

[Scottish Government Adoption Vision Statement \(full version\)](#)

As set out in the statement, our vision is for adoption in 21st century Scotland to be open and responsive. Whilst adoption numbers have decreased in Scotland in recent years, it continues to have a place in our society as the right and best form of permanent care for some of our children. Adoption supports children to grow up loved, safe, and respected – all of which goes to the heart of our collective delivery of the Promise.

I hope that this information is helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise

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