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Dear Permanent Secretary

The Finance and Public Administration Committee welcomed the opportunity to hear from you at our meeting on 3 May 2022, just a few months into your new role, about public administration in government, including your ambitions for how the Scottish Government works. We agreed at the time that it would be helpful to hear from you on an annual basis to consider progress against your ambitions and to explore any other relevant issues that have arisen in year.

The Committee now invites you to give evidence in May 2023, one year on. This session would again focus on public administration in government, including on progress made against your ambitions for how the Scottish Government works, and on how the organisation is fostering cultural change in response to the three Session 5 harassment reviews. We would also like to ask you questions on the latest consolidated accounts 2021-22, as part of our ongoing scrutiny of financial sustainability and transparency issues.

You have separately been invited to attend the Committee meeting on 9 May 2023 with the Deputy First Minister in relation to the Scottish Government's Decision-Making Inquiry. One option would be to schedule the broader public administration session on the same day (after the inquiry session), at 11.30 am on Tuesday 9 May 2023, for around one hour. Alternatively, we could arrange this session for 9.30 am on Tuesday 23 May 2023.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding your availability. The Clerks would be happy to discuss the arrangements for this session with you or your team.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth Gibson MSP
Convener
Finance and Public Administration Committee