

PE1482/H

Petitioner Email of 26 May 2014

Dear Chris,

Thank you for sending me the Cabinet Secretary's response to PE1482.

I am happy with the Cabinet Secretary's response to the first point raised by the Committee - relating to the Government's proposal to review the published evidence relating to single room provision in hospitals, and to engage in "appropriate consultation" once this is completed.

However the summary of the financial impact of the all-single room policy referred to by the Cabinet Secretary (Annex 8 of the report of the Single Room Provision Steering Group, December 2008) - see below - is not a thorough analysis of the available data, and the additional costs quoted for providing all-single rooms are considerably lower than those from other sources.

The answer to the second point raised by the Committee therefore is that no adequate analysis has yet been undertaken of the cost differential between 100% single rooms and 50% single rooms over a hospital's lifetime. Could I please ask the Committee to request The Scottish Government to commission a more robust analysis of the cost implications of providing all-single rooms in hospitals?

Yours sincerely,

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