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Dear Maree,

At its meeting on 4 September, the Committee began scrutiny of the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill by taking evidence from members of the Bill team. Members were grateful to them for answering questions about the policy underpinning the Bill and the proposed changes to the current system of disclosure.

In order to support scrutiny at Stage 1, the Committee would be grateful if you could arrange for some additional information to be provided.

The Financial Memorandum provides some indicative projections for Level 1 and Level 2 (non-scheme membership) alternative fee structures which will, ultimately, be made by Regulations under section 62 of the Bill as introduced. Recognising that a further formal consultation will be held, can Scottish Ministers at this stage indicate which option (Model 1 or Model 2) they are minded to endorse?

To allow comparison of estimated income under each of the two Models, can you provide an equivalent table to “Summary of Income Relating to Part 1 of the Bill” (pages 18-19 of the Financial Memorandum) for Model 1?

In relation to the costs associated with Part 2 of the Bill, Protection of Vulnerable Groups, paragraph 120 of the Financial Memorandum sets out three illustrative examples of costs for one scheme member over a 20-year working period, depending on how they use the current scheme and a five year membership with current fees. Can you provide, for illustrative purposes, estimated income for each of the examples?

The Committee would also be grateful if you could provide an update in writing when Ministers have greater clarity about the process and anticipated timescales for the making of regulations concerning conditions imposed on scheme members under consideration for listing, to be made under new Section 13A of the PVG Act, as inserted by Section 77 of the Bill.

In respect of the financial information, I would be grateful for a response by Thursday 19 September.

Yours sincerely

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