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Dear Stewart

Thank you to you and your colleagues for giving evidence to the Committee on [22 January](#). The Committee found the session to be informative although they do have a number of follow up questions as set out in the attached document. In addition, you promised during the course of the meeting a number of documents which I will also reference.

It would be helpful to have your response by Wednesday 12 February.

Yours sincerely

Lewis Macdonald

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Annex

You indicated you are on record as saying every secondary school in Scotland should be a community sport hub, and those primary schools with facilities. (column 2 in the Official Report). Could you indicate how many are hubs, how many are not and what is preventing your aspiration being achieved.

You referred to reviewing the data over the four-year (framework) period, can you briefly summarise what that data is telling you. (column 3)

There were a number of exchanges about the extent of use of the school estate which Jacqueline Lynn indicated was 89% being used. Later exchanges referred to capacity and available capacity. Jacqueline also referred to opportunities to link the school estate to the community estate. Can you provide the latest report on school estate usage and confirm precisely what the 89% figure refers to. Can you also provide further thinking around combining the use of school and community estates. (column 5-6)

During the meeting you referred to 2 specific funds, the indoor tennis fund (column 7) then at column 22 the Robertson Trust, the latter being described as additional funding. Looking to your accounts (for 17-18) the only source of income shown is Government grant. Can you indicate the value of the grants and how they are accounted for.

Jacqueline also mentioned the active schools programme has reached 45% participation levels after 14 years. Could you indicate how the trend here is changing (you referred to a huge jump in the statistics) and also comment on how that figure compares with other reported measures we discussed around child participation levels. The figure perhaps feels low given a captive audience and it would be helpful if you could indicate what targets have been set around participation levels. (Column 8). Later (column 15) you offered to send us the most recent report on active schools.

There was discussion around engaging older people and you indicated this would be a good area to measure. Can you elaborate on what you are considering for measurement and when the data you referred to will become available. (column 13) Jacqueline also offered to send your evaluation results of go live projects and I look forward to receipt when available.

I discussed with you the disparity in data between those aged 13-15 and those 16 plus which I presume was known to you and while it is recognised they are different measurements I would welcome your proposals on how you intend to improve the position as indicated at column 16.

At column 17 you indicated your statistics on equalities were a bit generic and your hopes to be able to show the committee a clearer picture. Could you indicate why that will take a few years to create.

We are particularly interested in the potential of professional sports clubs making facilities more available and would welcome any further information you have in this area. (column 24)

At column 25 there was discussion around assessing outcome success. You indicated the mechanism you use is the strength of your partnerships. Are you indicating the mechanism is the measure or is it the means by which you can measure. In either event what is the measurement telling you.

David Torrance asked (column 25) whether any of your priorities had changed as a result of the responses to your consultation. Could you indicate whether they did and if so in what areas.

At column 26 you state that that you have had to reduce your capital investment because it relied hugely on lottery funding. Has this affected delivery of any of the key outcomes set out in the 2015-2019 Corporate Plan?

Also in column (26) you stated you and your partners are providing great value for money to the Scottish purse. Could you evidence that statement please.