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Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee
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Dear Convener

The administration of the Scottish rate of income tax

As you know, from April 2016 the Scottish Parliament set a new Scottish rate of income tax (SRIT). HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) collects and administers the SRIT.

HMRC's accounts are audited by the National Audit Office (NAO). The Comptroller and Auditor General is required to report to the Scottish Parliament on HMRC's administration of the SRIT. The Comptroller and Auditor General's second report on the SRIT will be laid in the Scottish Parliament today.

When the Public Audit Committee published its report *Framework for auditing the Scottish Rate of income tax* in 2014, the Committee recommended that I should provide additional assurance on the NAO's audit work on the SRIT. I attach my report in response to that recommendation.

Yours sincerely



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