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Via E-mail

Dear Minister,

Financial Memorandums

In its [letter to the Committee of 19 May](#), the Finance and Public Administration (FPA) Committee reported the findings of its scrutiny of the Financial Memorandum (FM) for the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill.

The Committee highlighted a number of the FPA Committee's conclusions and recommendations within its Stage 1 Report; however, the Committee agreed to write to you separately regarding the FPA Committee's concern that the FM for the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill shares a similar lack of financial information and a need for further development of cost estimates as was the case with the FM for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

The Committee noted the FPA Committee's conclusion that it would be concerned, given ongoing issues regarding the FM for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, if there were an emerging pattern of not placing the best possible full and sufficient costings and information before Parliament for scrutiny ahead of Stage 1 votes.

The Committee therefore agreed to write to ask the Scottish Government to explain how it will learn lessons from scrutiny of this FM and the FM for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

The Committee would welcome your response by **19 July 2023**.

Yours sincerely

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Convener