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Via E-mail

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I am writing to follow up on your evidence session on the budget 2023/24 at the meeting of the Education, Children and Young People Committee on 22 February.

At the meeting, you offered to provide further written details to the Committee on the—

- re-profiling of the £7m contribution from councils to the Redress Scotland budget for 2024-25, which is to be reallocated to the funding of the teachers' pay settlement
- teacher audit that the Scottish Government has committed to, which will look at workforce planning to ensure that there are enough teachers to fill vacancies and also to deliver the reduction in class contact time.
- results of Education Scotland's deep dive on attendance
- work that the Scottish Government is doing with the Scottish Funding Council, to identify potential savings and reduce its administration costs

Additionally, the Committee would appreciate an update on the Flexible Workforce Development Fund when that is possible.

The Committee understands that some of these points cannot be responded to immediately, as the outcome will depend on ongoing discussions and work,

however, it would appreciate further details on the re-profiling of Redress Scotland contributions and the teacher audit as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Convener