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Dear Director-General,

Scotland's colleges 2023

Thank you for providing oral evidence to the Public Audit Committee on the above briefing at its meeting on [11 January 2024](#). Following the evidence session, the Committee agreed to write to you in relation to some of the evidence it heard at the meeting.

During the evidence session you confirmed that a ministerial update will be provided in March 2024, on the Scottish Government's plans to take over responsibility for skills planning and the introduction of a new model of public funding for colleges, universities, apprenticeships, and training. The Committee asks that the update is shared directly with the Committee.

The Committee also asks that the ministerial update includes information on how the Scottish Government plans to work with its partners, employers and trade unions to determine the types and level of courses required to match the demand for skills in Scotland.

The Committee notes the forthcoming changes that are planned for Scotland's college sector. We wish to impress upon both the Scottish Government and the SFC the need for more urgency in the speed of these reforms, in order to provide more clarity to the sector.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener