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Dear Auditor General,

At its meeting on 18 November, the Education and Skills Committee took evidence from Angela Morgan on the independent review she led of the implementation of additional support for learning legislation. The session can be watched [here](#) (and an Official Report of the session will be available soon).

We are aware that you have published a draft future work programme of audit activity, which includes potential work on children and young people with additional support needs. We are also aware that you are currently monitoring the Scottish Government's response to the review and that you plan to refine your draft work programme ahead of publication in early 2021.

The Committee therefore agreed to write to you in support of one of the recommendations of the independent review, which states:

Recommendation 4.1 Audit Scotland

- Audit Scotland must use the key themes in this report, and the associated findings from Audit Scotland's audit of educational outcomes, to inform the scope of their national performance audit on outcomes for children and young people with additional support needs.
- This must include assessing spend on additional support for learning across services, its impact on attainment and outcomes for children and young people at all stages; highlighting good practice and gaps.

It is likely that our Committee will keep a watching brief on this area for the remainder of this session, and that this will remain an issue of interest in future sessions of

parliament. We would therefore welcome you and Audit Scotland including this work in the final version of your work programme.

I have copied this letter to the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee in lieu of a response to their letter regarding the draft work programme.

Yours sincerely

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