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Dear Mr Burns

I refer to your letter of 10 January following your appearance before the Health and Sport Committee on 5 December 2017.

In your letter you indicated the Health Board was in discussion with the Scottish Government in relation to possible brokerage for the then current year. You advised “it would be premature to comment on repayment options”

Given Ayrshire and Arran have now received £23m in brokerage the Committee discussed this issue further and would be grateful if you would respond to the original questions on this matter posed in the letter to you of 14 December. For ease I repeat the relevant questions:

- Given the shortfall in current efficiency savings how do you anticipate repaying that sum?
- Given the deficit and shortfall can you explain further the detail underpinning how it is anticipated you will be able to meet the assurance provided that you will deliver services within resources in future years? (column 29)

Could you also indicate the circumstances that have arisen in the intervening period which have necessitated the amount of brokerage required increasing for the projected £20m to £23m?

The Committee/

The Committee would be grateful to receive these answers by 3 May.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Macdonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline.

Lewis Macdonald
Convener
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