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Dear Convener,

Thank you for your letter of 25 September 2019 regarding the delay to the opening of the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh.

Following her update to parliament, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport wrote to me on 11th September 2019 regarding this issue and the findings from two independent reviews she had commissioned from KPMG and NHS National Services Scotland (NSS).

I have responded to the Cabinet Secretary informing her that, after careful consideration of the reports from KPMG and NSS I have decided to draft a report under section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000. The report will be based on the auditor's report for NHS Lothian for the year ended 31 March 2019, and the reviews carried out by KPMG and NSS.

I intend to send the report to the Scottish Government for laying in Parliament by the end of November 2019. I will present the report to the Public Audit and Post Legislative Scrutiny Committee in Parliament in due course. Following this we would be happy to brief the Health and Sport Committee on our findings.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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