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Scottish Government Email of 29 November 2013

Dear Andrew

The meeting on 9th October saw both parties agree on the need to involve an independent third party in reaching a resolution to the on-going dispute. Both parties also expressed their wish to maintain momentum on this issue and move to a resolution as soon as possible. In light of the discussion, Scottish Government health officials liaised with legal colleagues and prepared a communication to both parties outlining the recognised methods of dispute resolution of arbitration and mediation as being appropriate ways in which to proceed. Scottish Government have offered financial support to enable one of these process to be adopted and have asked both parties to advise us by 2nd December of their preferred approach.

I hope this will be sufficient to update the committee for now; we will of course be happy to provide a further update when a dispute resolution approach has been agreed.

Kind regards

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