



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Public Audit Committee
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Sir Peter Housden
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Dear Sir Peter,

MANAGING EARLY DEPARTURES FROM THE SCOTTISH PUBLIC SECTOR

At its meeting on 11 December the Committee considered your response dated 17 October 2013 along with your letter of 10 December in relation to the joint Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission report entitled "Managing early departures from the Scottish public sector".

At that meeting the Committee noted that the Scottish Government "will be undertaking a consultation with the bodies in question to examine how we can best place data on Settlement Agreements in the public domain". The Committee agreed that it would welcome an update from you on the outcome of that consultation. The Committee would also welcome confirmation of the extent to which data on settlement agreements will be collected centrally by the Scottish Government (from the relevant bodies identified in Annexe A) and whether that data will then be published.

The Committee would be grateful if you could provide a response at the conclusion of your consultation in 2014. Should your officials have any questions please contact the Committee's clerking team.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Henry
Convener