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Dear Chair,

I am writing in response to your letters of 5th and 12th July 2023 about my appearance before the Scottish Affairs Committee Follow-up Inquiry into Coronavirus and Scotland.

The Committee will be aware that I did not take up office until March this year. I was therefore not in post when financial decisions were made about the availability of business support funding in Scotland. So, with that in mind and given that I have already submitted detailed written evidence, I do not consider that my appearance at your committee would add anything to your investigation, and would not be a good use of the Committee's valuable time.

I, therefore, respectfully decline your invitation, but wish you well in your Inquiry.

Kind regards,

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