HMP Birmingham

Thank you for your letter of 11 February informing the Committee that you have taken the decision to extend the statutory step-in period at HMP Birmingham for a further length of time.

As you know, the Committee has taken a keen interest in HMP Birmingham, and we held an evidence session with your officials and a representative from G4S on the events leading up to step-in on 11 December 2018. During the session, we heard that the cost of step-in, and who would bear those costs, was still being agreed between the Ministry and G4S. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with an update as to what the total cost of step-in has been to date and how those costs have been allocated between the Ministry and G4S.

In addition, we would be grateful if you would let us know when you expect the step-in to be reviewed again, and when you expect it to come to an end if you do not take a decision to extend it further.