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Christopher Tyrell
Clerk of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly Branch
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Dear Mr. Tyrell,

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2020. I appreciate that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts is interested in obtaining an update on our Ministry's action plans in response to the Auditor General's 2019 report on Adult Correctional Institutions. We are working to address the issues that were identified and are committed to improving operations at Ontario's adult correctional institutions.

As you are aware, we are currently in unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic and this has had a significant impact on our Ministry and its operations, specifically at our correctional institutions. We are having to pull resources from across the Ministry to address operational issues at some of our facilities. As such, this response has taken priority over regular day-to-day business.

Given the operational pressures and challenges we are facing, I am requesting a two-week extension to the deadline and am proposing we provide our response by June 13, 2020.

Please confirm with my Executive Advisor, Elaine Shin, whether this is acceptable to the Committee. You may contact Elaine Shin at Elaine.Shin@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Deborah Richardson
Deputy Solicitor General, Correctional Services

CC: Catherine Fife, MPP, Chair of the Committee
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