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Mr. Christopher Tyrell
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Standing Committee on Public Accounts
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Dear Mr. Tyrell:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 2020 requesting an update on Section 3.03 (Chronic Kidney Disease Management) from the Office of the Auditor General (OAGO) 2019 report.

As you may be aware the Ministry of Health (the "ministry") is not the lead organization for any of the Chronic Kidney Disease Management audit recommendations. The recommendations are being led by either the Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) or the Ontario Renal Network, part of Ontario Health (OH), with the ministry providing support as needed. I have reached out to these organizations to discuss a collective response to your request.

On behalf of the ministry, TGLN and OH, I am happy to provide the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) with an overview of the timelines each organization is targeting for implementation of the recommendations. This information was previously shared with the OAGO in November of 2019.

Both organizations, as well as the ministry, are currently engaged in addressing system pressures as a result of COVID-19. Given this, and that the recommendations have only been with TGLN and OH since November 2019, we are unable to provide a full update at this time.

To allow TGLN and OH with sufficient time to work on each recommendation, I would like to suggest that the ministry provide SCOPA with a more detailed response on the status of each recommendation by December 31, 2020. This will give each organization the opportunity to assess whether the timelines they had previously committed to will be impacted by the work they need to do to respond to the pandemic.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Taylor, Acting Director, Provincial Programs Branch at 416-564-2845 or via email at Kristin.Taylor@ontario.ca. Thank you for your understanding and support during this unprecedented time for our province.

Sincerely,



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