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Dear Tressa,

Thank you for your letters of 17 December and the Workstream's accompanying advice on Suitably Qualified Assessors and Sources of Evidence. The work done by the Workstream, and the quality of the advice provided is much appreciated by the Scottish Government.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the time which you have put in to the development of your guidance. These are both important issues which will be key in shaping our assessment processes for disability benefits. I will consider how best we can take account of your recommendations, alongside the recent advice provided on award duration, and I will be in touch in the New Year to follow up on this.

I look forward to continuing our work next year. Meantime please accept my very best wishes to you and the wider members of the Workstream. I hope you all manage to have a good break over the holiday period.

Best Wishes,

SHIRLEY-ANNE SOMERVILLE

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