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A report from the Scottish Government Internal Audit Team following their review of Social Security Scotland's stakeholder engagement approach.

The report provides an overall Reasonable assurance opinion, which means that Internal Audit believe that some improvements are required to enhance the adequacy and effectiveness of procedures relating to stakeholder engagement but the weaknesses are not of a significant nature.

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