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Dear Dr Klaassen

Many thanks for your e-mail following my visit to the AETC Project at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Blantyre. Could I take this opportunity to first thank yourself and Gwen Gordon sincerely for facilitating my visit to the Project last month. I understand that you brought forward a planned visit to Malawi especially to coincide with my visit, which I am very grateful for. As I said during our tour of the Hospital, I was exceptionally impressed with the work that you and colleagues in NHS Tayside have done alongside your partners in Malawi to establish a critical medical service for the Blantyre area, and I am delighted that the Centre appears to be sustaining itself despite the very limited resources available.

It is encouraging to hear that you are investigating the feasibility of rolling the AETC Project model out to other hospitals in urban centres across Malawi, as one of the main purposes of our Malawi Development Programme is to provide initial investment for projects that can then be rolled out nationally if successful. I am afraid I have an exceptionally busy schedule in the next few weeks that will prevent me from meeting with you in person, but in the meantime perhaps it would be beneficial to meet with my officials to discuss this matter further. If you think this would be of use, please contact Magnus Maharg, Malawi Development Officer, on magnus.maharg@gov.scot or 0131 244 1608.

In the meantime, can I wish you the best of success with your future work on the AETC Project, and it was great to see you at our 10th Anniversary Ceilidh at the Grassmarket Community Project last Saturday.

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