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Dear Graeme,

I am pleased to be able to inform you and your Committee members that we have today announced the location of the Scottish Land Commission.

The Scottish Land Commission will be based at Longman House in Inverness. This will provide around 20 new jobs in the area while establishing the Commission in a location accessible to all parts of Scotland. The city location makes clear that land reform can no longer be considered to be soley a rural issue, and that we are determined to see people in our towns and cities reap the benefits of land reform too.

I can also inform you that Hilary Pearce has been appointed to the post of interim Chief Executive Officer of the Scottish Land Commission. She will take up her position shortly and will work to establish and support the Commission's work until summer 2017.

I will be writing to you separately in reply to your letter regarding appointments to the Commission.

Yours

Roseanna Cunningham