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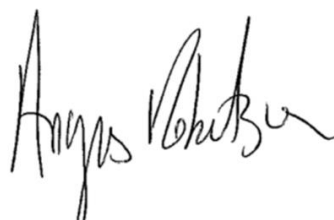
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Dear Clare,

I am writing to you in relation to Programme for Government (PFG) which was published this afternoon. The PFG includes a commitment to: “review the way the culture sector is supported, including a review of Creative Scotland (CS) as part of our commitment to ensuring excellence in Scotland’s public services. This review will also help to ensure the distribution of additional funding in the most effective way possible.”

I appreciate that this commitment will be of interest to the CEEAC Committee given your current work on funding for culture and scrutiny of the budgets for 2025/2026 and your recent work in relation to CS’ decision in relation to REIN. The announcement to review CS is related to the need to ensure that the remit and functions of CS remain relevant given the body was established in 2010 and the ever changing cultural landscape. I believe that it is important to undertake a review of CS now as part of a review of how the culture sector is supported more broadly. Given the Scottish Government’s commitment to increasing culture funding by £100m by 2028/2029 the Scottish Government wants to ensure that the additional funding can be used to best support the culture sector.

I would expect that the CEEAC committee would wish to be involved in the review process and will keep the committee updated as work on the review of CS and wider work in relation to how the culture sector is supported is developed.



Angus Robertson

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