

## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

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Dear Graham

## **Petroineos Grangemouth**

Thank you for attending the meeting of the Committee on 17 January and for your letter of 25 January.

The Committee welcomes your officials continuing discussions with INEOS about the potential for hydrogen production at Grangemouth and notes that the Scottish Cluster plans are expected to include at least one project located at Grangemouth, likely a new CCUS-enabled hydrogen production facility.

When you gave evidence, you stated that the UK Government "cannot see a route to net zero without hydrogen, and we are seeking to support that". The Committee is keen to ensure that any opportunities for further development of a hydrogen industry at Grangemouth are maximised and that the appropriate regulatory frameworks are put in place to support production and transportation. When do you anticipate that the required regulatory frameworks will be in place? I note the business model is expected in 2025 and that the start of the allocation process is being brought forward to this year.

In relation to the production of sustainable aviation fuel and the potential opportunities for Grangemouth and elsewhere, you referred to the SAF mandate from 2025 to require at least 10 per cent of jet fuel to come from SAF by 2030 and the revenue certainty mechanism to be in place from 2026, the detail of which will be consulted on shortly. The Committee would be grateful to be kept up to date with developments.

Kind regards

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