



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Dear Richard

The Auditor General for Scotland's draft work programme

Thank you for your letter of 12 May. It was considered at the Committee's meeting on 4 June. Members had the following observations:

- the Committee noted its interest in the planned education and skills reform briefing expected in March. Interest was also noted in the performance audit of the delivery of Glen Sannox and Glen Rosa due in February;
- following the recent debate in the Parliament on whether to establish a new national park, members noted that Audit Scotland is responsible for the annual audit of Scotland's two existing national parks. Recognising the economic benefits that national parks can have, Members were interested to know what plans Audit Scotland has for work in this area;
- on climate change, the Committee noted that a lessons learned report "to collate judgements and recommendations from four years of audit reports" is planned for February. Interest was noted in view of forthcoming carbon budgets and recognising that Scottish Government targets have been missed, a Member noted that planned audit work in the area of climate change seemed limited.

Yours sincerely,

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