



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Economy and Fair Work Committee

Kate Forbes MSP
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Scottish Government

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Dear Kate

Scotland's City and Regional Growth Deals

As you know, the Committee published its report on Scotland's City and Regional Growth Deals in early May.

Your preliminary response of 2 June welcomed the Committee's recommendations but did not address them in detail, noting that as the Deals programme is funded and delivered between the Scottish and UK Governments and local authorities, a collaborative approach would be required.

You indicated that you would write to the Committee further on the approach taken in responding to the Committee's recommendations. I would be grateful if you would now provide that update and in doing so, respond specifically to each of the Committee's recommendations. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Johnson MSP
Convener