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## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP  
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice  
Scottish Government

**20 March 2025**

Dear Shirley-Anne

### **Developing the Tackling Child Poverty Action Plan for 2026-31**

Thank you for your letter of 25 February setting out the Scottish Government's plans in preparation for the next tackling child poverty action plan. I note that a call for views is now open.

The Economy and Fair Work Committee has a busy work programme and will shortly turn its attention to Scotland's skills delivery landscape. As you know, ensuring Scotland's businesses and employers can access the skills they need, that Scotland's workforce is supported to gain experience and skills to align with need and that those not currently in work have access to appropriate employability support, all contribute to tackling child poverty.

In terms of relevant work already undertaken by this Committee, I would particularly draw your attention to the following three inquiry reports:

[Closing the disability gap in Scotland](#)

[Inquiry into a Just Transition for the North East and Moray](#)

[Inquiry into a Just Transition to Net Zero for the Grangemouth Area](#)

Yours sincerely,

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