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By email

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Dear Daniel,

I am writing to inform you that the Scottish Government has made substantial progress in supporting those affected by the closure of the Mossmorran Fife Ethylene Plant.

I am pleased to announce that I am allocating up to £1.3 million for Phase 2 of the Mossmorran Skills Intervention, which will be delivered by Fife College. This funding will ensure that targeted skills support is available to all workers directly affected by redundancy. The intervention will give both direct and contract workers access to essential upskilling and reskilling opportunities, supported by the regional expertise of Fife College, and will maximise the prospects for these highly skilled individuals to move into new roles, contributing to regional and national economic productivity. This package of support is part of our £3 million commitment in 2026/27 and will be immediately available from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. It builds on earlier support that facilitated the rapid deployment of a Training Needs Analysis during the current financial year.

Work is also underway at Forth Valley College to support skilled workers who lack formal qualifications to gain accreditation through a fast-tracked SVQ Level 3. This programme is co-funded by the Scottish Government and ExxonMobil, with the Scottish Government providing additional budget this financial year, in addition to our committed £9 million. This initiative will ensure that workers are able to convert extensive work-based learning into recognised qualifications, improving their ability to transition into new employment. One worker has already commenced the course, and a further six have expressed interest in undertaking the qualification.

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In addition, [the Scottish Government's Economic Impact Assessment of the Mossmorran Fife Ethylene Plant has been published](#). This assessment was independently produced by PwC.

I am committed to continuing the Scottish Government's support for the workforce at the Fife Ethylene Plant and seeking to secure a long term future for the site. I am grateful to our partners who are supporting us to deliver this key support for the workforce and the Committee's continued support as we take forward this essential programme of work. I will continue to engage with a range of stakeholders regarding the future of the site, including business, trade unions and community representatives. I have reiterated my call for the UK Government to match the funding that the Scottish Government is making available to achieve our ambitions.

Yours sincerely,



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