



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Economy and Fair Work Committee

Kate Forbes MSP  
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic  
Scottish Government

**10 February 2026**

Dear Kate,

## Scotland's City and Regional Growth Deals

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2025 outlining the Scottish Government's response to the Committee's report on its Scotland's City and Regional Growth Deals inquiry.

In its report, the Committee stated that "there should be a second phase of growth deals in Scotland". Your response noted that the existing deals have closure dates between 2027 and 2035, and that the experience and learning gained from the growth deals has been factored into recent work to consider options as part of wider thinking around future regional empowerment and delivery.

The Committee would welcome further clarification on the progress being made towards the development of a second round of growth deals, and an update on the status of ongoing dialogue between both the Scottish and UK Governments regarding future growth deals.

The Committee is also writing to the UK Government to seek a similar update on the status of the growth deals.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



**Daniel Johnson MSP**  
Convener