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Dear Convener,

I wrote to you on 07 June to make you aware that UK Government had published their response to the UK Government consultation on draft Regulations that would allow for Scottish local authorities to receive data on eligible families in their area, from DWP and HMRC.

In that publication, UK Government committed to taking forward legislation as soon as parliamentary time allows.

I am pleased to confirm that Regulations were laid on Friday 15 July 2022. Details can be found on the UK Parliament website here: [Details - SI 2022 - Statutory Instruments - UK Parliament](#)

This is an important milestone in supporting as many families as possible to benefit from the expansion of 1140 hours of high quality early learning and childcare that came into force from August last year, and I would like to thank the Committee for their continued interest in and support for this work.

I look forward to updating the Committee on this work as it progresses.

Yours sincerely

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