



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Economy and Fair Work Committee

Michael Shanks MP
Minister for Energy
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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Dear Michael,

Grangemouth's Industrial Future

Your office has been in touch with mine to advise that due to the emergence of urgent Ministerial business, you are no longer able to attend the meeting of Economy and Fair Work Committee on the morning of Wednesday 23 April. I note this had been arranged on the basis of your online attendance, rather than in person.

The Committee's invitation to a UK Government Minister was sent initially last November, and it was in February that our offices had agreed this date. It is extremely disappointing that you are no longer able to attend. Closure of the refinery at Grangemouth is now imminent. It is Scotland's only oil refinery and a key industrial site. As a result of the announced closure, it is understood that more than 400 workers have now received redundancy notices.

My office has now been in touch to suggest a number of alternative dates and I trust that an early date for you to give evidence to this Committee can be agreed quickly.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Smyth MSP
Convener