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Dear Convener,

During my evidence session on 11 June, I undertook to provide the names of the local authorities who expressed an interest in participating in the Test of Change phase of the Free School Meals Programme. These are listed in the annex to this letter.

As you are aware, the following local authorities will take part: Aberdeen, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Fife, Glasgow, Moray, North Ayrshire, Shetland, and South Lanarkshire. These participants represent a variety of geographical areas; urban, semi-urban, rural and islands and will allow us to support families across Scotland.

My officials are working closely with the 8 local authorities to ensure that they have the support they need to begin delivering meals to eligible young people living in these areas once they return to school in August.

I trust that the Committee finds this update helpful.

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