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Dear Convener

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE SKILLS DELIVERY LANDSCAPE

I am writing to advise the Committee of my [intention to initiate an independent review](#) of the skills delivery landscape.

The Review will focus on the functions and remit of Skills Development Scotland, and its interface with – and role within – the wider skills delivery landscape. The intention is not to abolish SDS, but to make recommendations about its future functions, remit and status which will ensure that our public body landscape is optimised to respond effectively to our ambitions as set out in the National Strategy for Economic Transformation and the Scottish Funding Council's [Review of Coherent Provision and Sustainability](#).

The Review will be led by an independent advisor and will commence in September 2022, reporting to Ministers in Spring 2023.

I intend to deliver a statement to parliament in the next few weeks setting out further details and a full remit for the Independent Advisor and the Terms of Reference will be published on the Scottish Government's website following my statement.

I hope this is helpful at this time. Whilst the Review will be independently led I would welcome the Committee's involvement in its considerations. I would be happy to provide further information if required.

I am also sending this letter to the conveners of the Economy and Fair Work Committee and the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

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