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Dear Convener,

On 2 November I laid The Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Thresholds) Amendment Order 2027 in draft for the Parliament's consideration. I understand that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee will be considering this instrument, and so I write as a courtesy to set out the background to this instrument. I have also written to the Convener of the Public Service Reform Committee.

One of the recommendations of the Economy and Fair Work Committee's post-legislative review of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 in the last session was that the Scottish Government should review the thresholds in that Act. This was also a theme in evidence given as part of the consideration of the Bill for the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026.

Subject to Parliament's approval, the threshold from which contracts for goods and services are regulated by the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 will increase from £50,000 to £100,000, while the threshold for works contracts will increase from £2 million to £4 million. The threshold from which the duty to consider the imposition of community benefit requirements will remain at £4 million. This reflects the outcome of a public consultation on the subject. This will mean that more lower value contracts can be awarded in a quicker, more proportionate way, which supports local supply chains.

I formally announced the intention to lay this draft order in a GIQ, which can be found on the Parliament's website at: Written question and answer: S7W-04591 | Scottish Parliament Website.

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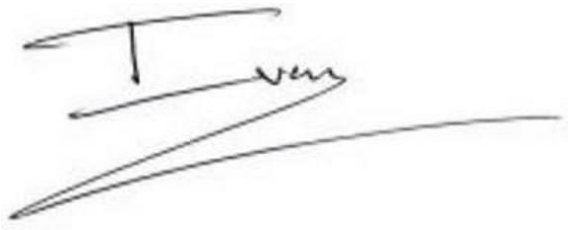
I look forward to appearing before the Committee on Tuesday 24 November to assist the committee's consideration of this instrument.

Yours sincerely



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