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Dear Duncan,

Thank you for your request for information following my appearance at the Committee's evidence session for the Scottish Government Priorities for Economy and Tourism on 29 September 2026, during which I made commitments to write to the Committee regarding the possible publication of a project by project timetable for Project Willow, and to provide the information the Scottish Government holds on the destinations and outcomes of the former Grangemouth refinery workers.

Grangemouth Commercial Projects

As I mentioned during my evidence session, due to commercial sensitivities I am unable to provide a detailed timeline for each of the Project Willow-related projects that have been allocated or that have noted interest in Grangemouth Just Transition Funding.

However, I can reaffirm the Scottish Government's commitment to supporting existing businesses at Grangemouth, unlocking new investment opportunities, and working with partners to ensure the site is fit for the future while supporting new jobs and regional economic growth.

We are providing £6.2 million over the financial years 25-26 and 26-27 to Celtic Renewables to support the company's expansion at Grangemouth. Over the same timeframe, we are providing £1.5 million, match funded by the UK Government, to support the construction of MiAlgae's new Omega-3 producing bio-reactor project at Grangemouth.

The Scottish Government is working with Scottish Enterprise and the UK Government via the Grangemouth Investment Taskforce to review and assess potential projects which may be suitable to receive Grangemouth Just Transition Funding.

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Grangemouth Skills Intervention

The Scottish and UK Governments have jointly funded a reskilling package for workers affected by redundancy as a direct result of the cessation of refining at Grangemouth. The Grangemouth Skills Intervention scheme, delivered by Forth Valley College with support from Unite the Union and Skills Development Scotland, has been used by the majority of eligible workers, who have overwhelmingly reported positive experiences following completion.

To date, I understand that 131 out of the 272 former Petroineos refinery workers supported through the Grangemouth Skills Intervention have secured employment. This information has been captured through survey responses or updates provided by telephone or email. The actual figure may be higher, as employment outcomes are self-reported and individuals do not always provide further updates to Forth Valley College once they disengage from the programme.

Yours sincerely

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