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Dear Bruce

**Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 – EJFW Committee response**

Given the very tight deadline for budget scrutiny, we are writing to you rather than providing our input in report form. The EJFW Committee looked at three aspects of the budget in particular this year – focusing on enterprise support but also addressing infrastructure and fuel poverty – and we have set out our consideration and findings in a paper accompanying this letter.

Recognising the move towards full-year scrutiny, we took evidence from Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise on 12 September 2017, West Lothian Chamber of Commerce on 28 November, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work on 19 December 2017, and sought written submissions from the various chambers of commerce plus other interested organisations.

I hope our contribution may be helpful to your own committee's considerations.

Yours sincerely

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Convener