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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

On 11 January, the Committee considered your letter updating it on progress with the European Structural Fund Programmes (ESIF) 2014-2020.

Members of the Committee expressed concern about the decommitment that you outlined in the second paragraph of your letter in which you indicated that €22.2m is likely to be deducted from the current operational programmes total of €944m, and asked whether this was evident in the delivery of ESIF programmes elsewhere. In addition, questions were raised about the £12.3m of outstanding invoices from the previous programming period and how much of that the Scottish Government will need to write off.

As the Committee was aware that the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the ESIF, it has written to the Convener of that Committee setting out its concerns about spending under the previous and current programmes in Scotland.

Kind regards,

Joan McAlpine MSP  
**Convener**  
**Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee**