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Dear Gordon,

**Devolved Employment Support Services – an Experimental Statistics Publication for Scotland**

At the Committee meeting on 2 October 2018, I agreed to write to you in regard to the publication of statistics on devolved employment support services. I am also writing in similar terms to the Convener of the Social Security Committee.

The Scottish Government has today published information on the first six months of Fair Start Scotland.

This experimental statistics release is the fifth in a series about devolved Scottish employability services. This fifth edition publishes statistics for the first six months of Fair Start Scotland, which launched in April 2018, and the first eighteen months of Work First Scotland and Work Able Scotland, both of which, launched in April 2017.

The publication can be found on the Scottish Government website at:  
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The Scottish Government is committed to delivering employability services that are flexible, tailored and responsive to the needs of individuals. I look forward to working with the Committee and with colleagues in the Scottish Parliament to promote Fair Start Scotland so that together, we can ensure that all those who could benefit from participating on the service have the opportunity to do so.



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