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**ECONOMY, ENERGY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE**

**SCOTLAND’S CONSTRUCTION SECTOR INQUIRY**

**SUBMISSION FROM [INSERT NAME]**

**Economic impact of the sector**

1. How important is the construction sector in Scotland as an economic enabler? If possible, please provide evidence of knock-on multiplier impacts at local, regional and national levels, and explore the impact of the sector on national GDP performance.
2. What are the causes of the sector’s productivity challenges? Can you suggest possible solutions?
3. How effective is Scotland’s construction supply chain? Explore areas of gaps, duplication, etc.
4. What is the future economic outlook and implications of Brexit on the sector?
5. The UK Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund and the linked Sector Deal for construction aim to address issues such as improving procurement practices, skills, exports and innovation. How do these impact on Scotland?

**Access to finance**

1. What are the sources of and barriers to accessing finance in the sector? We would welcome perspectives from all sizes of businesses from micro through to Tier 1.
2. What are your views on payment terms and payment behaviours across the sector?
3. How effective is the financial management of large scale infrastructure projects and the mechanisms used e.g. project bank accounts?

**Skills**

1. Does the sector’s skills planning model allow it to realise its full potential, in terms of attracting talent, meeting skill shortages, preparing for technological change?
2. How does Scotland’s apprenticeship system contribute to the sector? Is it doing enough to meet equality challenges in the sector?

**Procurement**

1. How do public procurement practices and procedures impact on the sector?
2. Do you have any suggestions on opportunities to enhance procurement practices across the sector?

**Infrastructure investment**

1. Considering the national infrastructure construction pipeline, is the planned pipeline sufficient? And has the sector got to the ability to meet the country’s infrastructure needs to drive growth?

**Innovation**

1. What are your views on the Construction Scotland Innovation Centre?
2. Where are the opportunities for growth within sub-sectors, e.g. offsite construction?
3. How will technological changes (e.g. robotics, automation) impact on the sector? How can Scotland take advantage of this change?