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**ECONOMY, JOBS AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT BUDGET 2019-20**

**SUBMISSION FROM [INSERT NAME]**

**Draft Budget for 2019-20**

**Employment support and fair work**

For further context, please see: [Employability in Scotland](http://www.employabilityinscotland.com/devolved-employment-services/developing-employment-support-2018/), [Fair Start Scotland](http://www.employabilityinscotland.com/devolved-employment-services/fair-start-scotland/)**,** the[No One Left Behind](http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/03/5358) strategy document, Scottish Enterprise’s [business plan](https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/knowledge-hub/articles/publication/business-plans), Highlands and Islands Enterprise’s [operating plan](http://www.hie.co.uk/about-hie/policies-and-publications/operating-plan.html), and the UK Department for Education’s guide to [Apprenticeship funding](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-levy-how-it-will-work/apprenticeship-levy-how-it-will-work).

*How Scotland’s new employment support budget is helping people into work*

* What are your views on how contract awards are decided and how “payment by outcome” works?
* How can the Scottish Government ensure “guaranteed service standards” and avoid “[parking and creaming](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/feb/20/work-programme-success-creaming-parking)”?
* How well do the newly devolved services work with reserved Job Centre Services?
* What can be done to ensure high levels of participation when the programme is voluntary?
* How are delivery agents and the Scottish Government helping people move into sustained and fair employment?
* How should success be measured?

*The role of the enterprise agencies (Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise) in supporting and growing good quality employment*

* How are the budgets of the enterprise agencies used to help businesses employ more people?
* What are the examples of the enterprise agencies safeguarding jobs?
* How do the enterprise agencies use their budgets to attract foreign investment?
* How do the enterprise agencies use their budgets to improve job quality and ensure fair employment?
* What has been the impact of recent budget reductions on the enterprise agencies’ ability to provide, maintain and safeguard employment within the areas they serve?
* How are the enterprise agencies’ budgets being used to address productivity and employment gaps between Scotland’s top and bottom performing local authority areas?

*Apprenticeship levy*

* How is Apprenticeship Levy money being used in Scotland?
* Has this UK Government policy led to employers taking on more apprentices?

**Community and Locally Owned Energy**

For further context, please see: the [CARES](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Energy-sources/19185/Communities) scheme and [Local Energy Scotland’s](https://www.localenergy.scot/projects-and-case-studies/searchable-map-of-local-energy-projects/) involvement in delivering the scheme.

* What are your views on the Scottish Government’s approach to financing and supporting community and locally owned energy?
* Is there adequate funding to hit the 2020 [target](https://www.localenergy.scot/projects-and-case-studies/searchable-map-of-local-energy-projects/) of 1GW of community and locally owned energy by 2020 and 2GW by 2030?
* Which technologies (heat and/or electricity) have the most potential to transform communtiy and locally owned energy, and are resources being adequately targeted?
* Are the organisational structures adequate to enable this?
* Is the joint focus on community and locally owned energy the correct approach? How might support for community energy be better targeted? What are the benefits and potential drawbacks of different ownership models?
* Are there any other issues in relation to Scottish Government support for community and locally owned energy that you would like to highlight?