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Dear Clare,

### **Positive Destination: Zero Hours Contracts**

I am writing to update the Committee on our progress in commissioning research to better understand the experience of young people on zero hours contracts.

We have established a Research Advisory Group with representation from the Scottish Government and Skills Development Scotland to assist in producing the research specification. They will work closely with the contractors to help shape the research to ensure that it meets the aims and objectives set out in my letter to you on 12 March.

With the procurement process expected to take around eight weeks from start to finish, it is anticipated that the study will commence at the start of August and we anticipate receiving the findings in the Autumn. I will update the Committee at that time.

I hope you find this letter helpful and that it provides assurance that we are working to better understand what we can do to tackle this serious issue.

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