BY E-MAIL

6 April 2020

Dear Fergus,

COVID-19

I am writing regarding the developing situation with Covid-19 and the impact upon the tourism sector and individuals employed within the sector. The Committee recognises the unprecedented nature of the challenges facing Scotland, and the Scottish Government, as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and of the essential restrictions that have been put into effect by the Scottish and UK governments to address this situation.

The Committee is aware that the restrictions in place to address Covid-19 are, and will continue to have, a significant impact upon the tourism sector and individuals employed within the tourism sector during this period. Accordingly the Committee, whilst recognising the unprecedented demands being placed upon the Scottish Government, would appreciate a written update, no later than Monday 27 April, on the measures being taken to support the tourism sector, and individuals employed within the sector, as a consequence of the restrictions in place to address Covid-19. The Committee would welcome regular written updates on this issue given the importance of the tourism sector to Scotland’s economy.

Yours sincerely,

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