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Dear Joan

At the evidence session on 10 January about the 2019-20 budget, I undertook to follow up on some points raised.

Historic Environment Scotland has been requested to provide the Committee with further detail of the income generated by visitor attraction and geographical categorisation, as specified in Stephen Herbert’s note of 14 January, and HES will write to the Committee directly about that.

Richard Lochhead wrote to you, as requested, on 22 January about Government funding requests from the Glasgow School of Art.

On the treatment of lottery funding used for the 2012 Olympics, officials have checked the position with the UK Government Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. The UK Government has an agreement with the Greater London Authority that the sum of £675 million, which was contributed from the National Lottery Distribution Fund towards the cost of hosting the London 2012 Games, will be repaid dependent on the net proceeds from relevant land sales by the London Legacy Development Corporation on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The timing of the return of funds depends on the timing and value of the land sales, possibly from the early 2020s.

As regards the historic profile of the tourism budget, the 2014-15 budget was significantly larger in 2014-15 than both the preceding year and subsequent years because of heightened...
spend on the Ryder Cup and the Commonwealth Games in 2014. There was therefore a spike in expenditure that year which needs to be borne in mind when making comparisons with other years.

Kind regards,
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