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SOCIAL SECURITY SCOTLAND AGENCY LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming announcement regarding the temporary location for headquarters of Social Security Scotland in Dundee.

A statement will be provided to the Dundee Courier today advising that the agency will be co-locating in the council buildings at Dundee House in the centre of the city. The statement will provide details on the building location, landlord, length of lease and will confirm that we will be working over the coming months to finalise longer term plans for our growth in the Dundee area, creating at least 750 new jobs.

This announcement on the location from which the agency will deliver wave 1 operations in Dundee marks another milestone in our work. In addition it supports progress that is being made with the recruitment of staff who will deliver the first wave of devolved benefits. An announcement regarding the agency's location in Glasgow will be made in due course.

Kind regards

JEANE FREEMAN