

**Economy and Fair Work Committee  
Wednesday 8 October 2025  
27<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)**

## **Scottish Government priorities Note by the Clerk**

### **Introduction**

1. The purpose of this session is to take evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic following publication of the [Scottish Government's Medium-Term Financial Strategy for 2025-26 to 2029-30](#) . It is also an opportunity to be updated on the Committee's areas of interest.
2. The Committee last took evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic on Scottish Government priorities on [9 October 2024](#).

### **National Strategy for Economic Transformation**

3. The Scottish Government published its [National Strategy for Economic Transformation](#) (NSET) in 2022, setting out its economic priorities for the next decade. [Delivery plans](#) were published in October 2022.
4. The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic provided an update [in November 2024](#). The most recent [NSET progress report](#) was published on 25 September.

### **Witnesses**

5. The Committee will take evidence from—
  - Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic;
  - Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development; and
  - Aidan Grisewood, Director of Jobs and Wellbeing Economy, Scottish Government.

**Clerks to the Committee  
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