

ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

**17th Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday 22
June 2022**

Broadband Connectivity

Introduction

1. The purpose of this session is to provide the Committee with a snapshot of the state of the broadband connectivity across Scotland and the vital role it plays in the Scottish economy.
2. In March 2022, [Audit Scotland published an update](#) on the Scottish Government's R100 programme. This programme aimed to deliver the Scottish Government's commitment that every home and business in Scotland would have access to superfast broadband by the end of 2021.
3. Following the publication of the Audit Scotland update, the Committee [wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy](#) requesting a status update on the programme, including the associated voucher process, together with a summary of other Scottish Government activity and priorities related to digital connectivity. The Cabinet Secretary's response can be found [here](#).

Evidence Session

4. The Committee will hear evidence from—
 - Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy;
 - Clive Downing, R100 Programme Director; and
 - Robert McGhee, Deputy Director for Digital Connectivity, Scottish Government.

**Clerk to the Committee
17 June 2022**