

# ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

## 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday 21 December 2022

### The outlook for business investment

#### Introduction

1. This evidence session is part of a wider set of three sessions looking at Scotland's economic outlook for the coming year and beyond. The first session took place on 14 December and provided an overview of the current macroeconomic context.
2. The purpose of this evidence session is to provide the Committee with the views of businesses generally and the appetite for business investment.
3. A third session will take place on 11 January and will focus specifically on businesses working in the renewables sector.

#### Witnesses

4. The Committee will hear from—
  - Carolyn Currie, Chief Executive, [Women's Enterprise Scotland](#);
  - Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy, [Federation of Small Businesses Scotland](#);
  - Fergus Mutch, Policy Advisor, the [Scottish Chambers of Commerce Network](#);
  - and
  - Clare Reid, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, [Scottish Council for Development and Industry](#).

#### Next Steps

5. Following the evidence session, the Committee will consider the evidence heard to inform the final session in January and the wider work programme.

**Economy and Fair Work Committee Clerks  
16 December 2022**