

# ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

**14<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2023 (Session 6), Wednesday  
10 May 2023**

## **Scottish Government policy priorities**

### **Note by the Clerk**

#### **Background**

1. The [Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy](#) was appointed on [30 March 2023](#). This is the first opportunity for the Committee to meet the Cabinet Secretary in his new role.
2. The purpose of today's evidence session is to take evidence and discuss Scottish Government priorities within the area of the Committee's remit.
3. The Cabinet Secretary has responsibility for—
  - Economic Growth Strategy:
    - support for business, industry and manufacturing
    - wellbeing economy and inclusive growth
    - cities investment and strategy
    - City Centre Recovery Taskforce
    - National Strategy for Economic Transformation
    - enterprise agencies
    - Scottish National Investment Bank
    - Office of the Chief Economic Adviser
    - industrial strategy
    - regional economic partnerships
    - support for economic transformation
    - women's employment
    - women in business and addressing the gender pay gap
    - supply chain development programmes
  - Infrastructure Investment:
    - Clyde Mission
    - City and Regional Growth Deals
    - government investments (Prestwick, Fergusons, BiFab)

- Employment and Jobs:
  - long-term labour market strategy
  - fair work (including living wage and living hours)
  - employability programmes
  - effective worker voice, including trade unions
  - workplace equalities (including gender, disability and race employment)
- Engagement with UK Government on various economy-focused funds:
  - shared prosperity fund, levelling up fund, ESIF
  - oil and gas

## **Witnesses**

4. The Committee will hear from—

- Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy;
- Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development;
- Gary Gillespie, Chief Economist and
- Nick Young, Head of Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage and Industrial Decarbonisation, Scottish Government.

**Economy and Fair Work Committee Clerks  
5 May 2023**