ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

4th Meeting, 2021 (Session 6), Wednesday 15 September 2021

Evidence Session

Introduction

- 1. This paper has been produced for the Economy and Fair Work Committee to aid Committee members during the evidence session.
- 2. The discussion will focus on support for Covid-19 recovery, witnesses will appear virtually.

Witnesses

- 3. There are two witness panels. The Committee will hear first from—
 - Adrian Gillespie, Chief Executive; and Douglas Colquhoun, Chief Financial Officer; Scottish Enterprise; and
 - Malcolm Roughead, Chief Executive; <u>Visit Scotland</u>.

[Scottish Enterprise is the Scottish Government's national economic development agency.

VisitScotland is the national tourism organisation for Scotland].

4. And then from—

- Carroll Buxton, Interim Chief Executive; and Nick Kenton, Director of Finance and Corporate Service; Highlands and Islands Enterprise; and
- Jane Morrison-Ross, Chief Executive; and Anthony Daye, Director of Finance, South of Scotland Enterprise.

[Highlands and Islands Enterprise is the economic and community development agency for the Highland and Islands region.

South of Scotland Enterprise is the economic and community development agency for Dumfries and Galloway and Scotlish Borders.]

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5. During the summer recess, the Committee wrote to the three enterprise agencies and Visit Scotland seeking an update on activities around Covid-19 support. These responses have been provided to members and will be published shortly.

Aim of evidence session

- 6. The aim of the evidence session is to—
 - · consider policies and actions needed to promote economic recovery; and
 - inform the Committee's input to the Scottish Government's budget for 2022-23.

Clerk to the Committee 10 September 2021