

Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Dear Mr McIntosh

Thank you for getting in touch about the proposals in the Minister of Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth's letter to the Committee of 21 December. I apologise for the delay in replying.

As you note, the regulations have not yet been laid, however I understand they are due to be laid shortly. Once laid, they will be subject to the "negative" procedure which means they will come into force unless annulled by the Parliament. They will be considered by the Delegated Powers and Legislative Reform Committee and then considered by the relevant subject committee, which is likely to be this Committee.

Once the Regulations are laid, and the Committee has sight of what is proposed, I will bring your letter to the Committee's attention. It will then be for the Committee to decide what action, if any, it wishes to take. I have noted your suggestions.

Meantime, I would ask you to raise your concerns with the Scottish Government. If you have already done this, I would be grateful for sight of any response you received.

Kind regards

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