

Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Dear Mr Palin,

Thank you for giving evidence to the Committee on behalf of Skills Development Scotland on Wednesday 1 March.

In your evidence, you commented on work being led by Skills Development Scotland, as part of the skills workstream for the Grangemouth Future Industry Board, to analyse the changing demand for green jobs and skills in the short, medium, and long-term.

This work was also referenced in the Board's written submission to the inquiry, where it was indicated that a copy of the report would be provided to the Committee once completed. The Committee welcomes this helpful offer.

As expressed by Members during the evidence session, the lack of women's representation in STEM fields is concerning. The Committee would be grateful if you could confirm whether women's access to training, upskilling, and reskilling in STEM fields will form a central part of this work.

I would also be grateful if you could provide the Committee with an overview of the anticipated timescale for completion of this work.

Kind regards

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