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Dear Convenor,

ALLOCATION OF THE JUST TRANSITION FUND FROM THE YEAR 2022-23

I would firstly like to reiterate my thanks to the Committee for inviting me to its meeting on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

Following this meeting, I wanted to update the Committee regarding the allocation of Just Transition Fund.

In response to a question from Liam Kerr MSP: “What or who precisely is that paying for or going to? What are the measurable year 1 outcomes of that £20 million”, I stated that “That fund does not sit directly in my portfolio; it sits in the finance portfolio.”

The Just Transition Fund did sit within the Finance Portfolio for the Financial Year 2021-22.

I would now like to update the Committee that this Fund will be transferred to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Portfolio from the Financial Year 2022-23.

The specific objectives and deliverables for the first tranche of £20 million funding from the Just Transition Fund will be informed by the programme of stakeholder engagement that is currently underway in the region. Detailed policy design work and implementation planning, informed by this engagement, is underway ahead of the new financial year. Further updates will be shared as this engagement develops.

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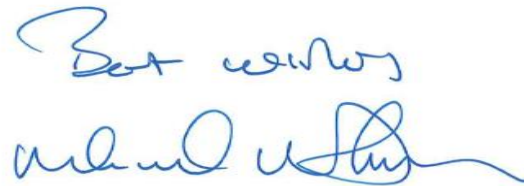


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There were a number of questions raised by members of the Committee that required further detail to answer fully. In addition to this letter, I will respond in writing to these questions separately.

Yours sincerely,



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