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Dear Susan,

As you will be aware, the Commission and Scottish Government last year agreed a protocol for engagement in what was the Commission's first year of operation as an independent statutory body. Over the course of the year amendments were made to the protocol to facilitate the production of forecasts to support the passage of the Budget Bill. I was grateful for the Commission's support in this.

Our officials have been working together on a revised protocol which builds in these previous changes. I am grateful for the opportunity to consider the draft protocol and I am pleased to confirm that I am content to agree it on behalf of the Scottish Government.

I believe that the protocol continues to demonstrate our shared commitment to transparency in the relationship between the Commission and Scottish Government and to the independence and integrity of the work which the Commission undertakes.

I look forward to our continuing to work together.

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