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Dear Dame Susan,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 October 2019, enclosing the report published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, following their review of the Commission this summer.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to you and everyone at the Commission on a very positive review. I would like to add my own appreciation for your leadership in establishing the authoritative, independent and respected institution that is now such a critical part of our fiscal landscape in Scotland.

I am also pleased to note that the OECD consider the founding legislation a potential model for other countries, which reflects our commitment to ensuring that Scotland's approach to public finance reflects international best practice.

I note with interest the insights and recommendations set out in the report and agree that it provides a very helpful resource for discussions between the Commission, Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament. I have asked my officials to work closely with yours in that regard.

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