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Dear Convener,

Please find attached our first annual Statement of Data Needs which we published at 9.30am this morning setting out the data we require to create our forecasts. It also indicates which organisations we rely on for these data, and highlights areas for improvement. Of particular relevance to the Social Security Committee will be our data needs relating to social security forecasting. This covers data we require from the Department of Work and Pensions as well as the Scottish Government and the new social security agency.

My colleagues and I on the Scottish Fiscal Commission will be appearing at the Finance and Constitution Committee next Wednesday to give evidence. We, and our staff, would be very happy to discuss these reports with the Committee, either informally or in a formal evidence session.

Best regards,



Susan Rice DBE