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Dear Susan,

In [his response](#) to the Finance Committee's [Stage 1 Report](#) on the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill, the Deputy First Minister stated—

“Many of the Committee’s Stage 1 recommendations relate to the operation of the Commission and how it discharges its scrutiny functions. These are clearly matters for the Commission and over which the Scottish Government rightly has no jurisdiction, so I will not comment on these in my response.”

In order to inform Parliamentary scrutiny of the Bill we would welcome the views of the Commission on those recommendations which relate to its operation and how it discharges its scrutiny functions.

Stage 3 proceedings are expected to take place on 10 March and it would be helpful if we could receive the Commission’s response by Friday 4 March.

Yours sincerely

**Kenneth Gibson MSP,
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