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Fiscal Commission Operating Budget 2015-16

I am writing to confirm the budget for the Scottish Fiscal Commission for 2016-17.

As the Deputy First Minister explained to you in his letter of 1 October 2015, we have agreed to an increased non-statutory operating budget for 2015-16 of £230,000. The non-statutory operating budget for the Commission for 2016-17 will remain the same, with these funds being made available to meet the operational costs incurred by the Commission.

Additionally, a budget of £350,000 is being made available to cover the operating costs the Commission will incur as part of the transition to statutory status. This is in accordance with the Financial Memorandum accompanying the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill and includes funding for Fiscal Commission staff, accommodation and related costs.

The total budget available to the Commission for all operational expenditure in the 2016-17 fiscal year will therefore be £580,000.

Yours sincerely

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