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Dear Convener,

The Scottish Fiscal Commission has today <u>published</u> estimates of the costs of two Scottish Government policy changes included in the Coronavirus (Scotland)(No. 2) Bill, one of which is a social security policy change.

We have estimated the cost of the introduction of the Coronavirus Carer's Allowance Supplement. The Supplement of £230.10 will be paid in June alongside the existing twice-yearly Carer's Allowance Supplement payment of £230.10. This additional payment is expected to be made to the 83,000 people already receiving Carer's Allowance and will cost £19 million in 2020-21.

We are happy to answer any questions the Committee may have. We will publish this correspondence and our publication on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Susan Rice