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*Sent via email*

Dear Convener,

The Scottish Fiscal Commission has now published its [Supplementary Costing: Child Winter Heating Assistance](#). Our publication sets out our forecasts of a new payment being launched by the Scottish Government, Child Winter Heating Assistance. Legislation to enact this payment has been introduced to the Scottish Parliament today, 31 August 2020.

Child Winter Heating Assistance is an additional £200 annual payment for children and young people in Scotland receiving the highest rate care component of Disability Living Allowance, to support them with additional heating costs. We estimate that spending on Child Winter Heating Assistance will be £2.9 million in 2020-21, with approximately 14,000 children receiving support.

We are committed to being independent, transparent and accessible. Our forecast of spending on Child Winter Heating Assistance is just one of a number of publications over the next few weeks. We are publishing a Fiscal Update, Statement of Data Needs and Forecast Evaluation Report later this week, on 2 September. We look forward to discussing this policy costing and the other publications mentioned above at the Social Security Committee on 1 October 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan".

Dame Susan Rice