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Dear Dame Susan,

Please accept the Committee's thanks for the oral and written briefing provided by the Scottish Fiscal Commission, at the meeting of 12 May 2021, in relation to the establishment of a Fiscal Council for Northern Ireland.

The Committee found the evidence session to be extremely useful in its consideration of this issue and will use the information provided to help inform its scrutiny going forward. The Committee was pleased to note the informal undertaking from the Scottish Fiscal Commission to continue to provide advice to the Committee as the Fiscal Council for Northern Ireland is developed.

The Committee also agreed to write to the Scottish Fiscal Commission seeking further information and a breakdown of the overall operating costs for the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

If you require further explanation or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A response in respect of the above at your earliest convenience, would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*Peter McCallion*



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