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Dear Graeme,

Scottish Fiscal Commission Statement of Data Needs

Thank you for sharing your most recent 'Statement of Data Needs' and for acknowledging the collaboration between the statistics team in Social Security Scotland and Scottish Fiscal Commission. We are committed to improving our data for all stakeholders.

As you will appreciate we are in the middle of the large, complex and fast-paced devolution of social security benefits and Social Security Scotland are working closely with Scottish Government on the Programme of delivery. The Programme takes an agile approach in developing systems and processes while balancing delivery to the people of Scotland. The systems are not the same as those used in Department for Work and Pensions resulting in differences in how the data is gathered, generated, held and then extracted. While we continue to improve the content of our statistical publications, those will need balanced with a continuing Programme of benefit delivery.

I do appreciate the importance this data plays in the Scottish Fiscal Commission's forecasts and I suggest we meet together with Stephen Kerr, Director for Social Security at the Scottish Government, to discuss how we can continue to work constructively in the future.

Yours sincerely

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