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Dear Claire,

Many thanks for your invitation to discuss just transition with the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 16th November. I would be pleased to join you then.

In the interim, I would like to highlight the recent developments on the Just Transition Fund. As announced by the First Minister on October 10, the Just Transition Fund will support 22 projects with a total cumulative value of over £50 million in Year 1. A full list of projects complete with funding amount and short project description is available on the gov.scot website here: [Just Transition Fund: year one projects - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/just-transition-fund-year-one-projects)

Successful projects cover a range of sectors across the three regions including: skills, emerging renewable energy technologies, sustainable agriculture and ecological restoration and will have a transformative impact on the region. Alongside these projects we have also committed £1 million to participatory budgeting in the region, which will see local communities vote to spend money on local projects that matter to them, and £1 million to Social Investment Scotland to deliver a just transition fund for social enterprises in the region.

I look forward to our discussion on 16th November.

Kind regards,

Richard Lochhead

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