



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Economy and Fair Work Committee

Richard Lochhead
Minister for Business
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Dear Richard

Artificial Intelligence: Scottish Government Strategy

At a recent work programme discussion, the Committee identified AI as an area of interest and agreed to write to the Scottish Government for an update.

The Committee notes that the Scottish Government published a strategy in 2021. In response to a question in the Chamber on 26 March 2025, you advised that the strategy is currently being refreshed. How is the Scottish Government involving /consulting with stakeholders and businesses in refreshing the strategy? What issues are under consideration and when do you anticipate the refreshed strategy being available? The Committee would also be interested to hear your views on how the Scottish AI Register and the Scottish AI Playbook might be developed.

The UK Government's AI Opportunities Action Plan was published in 2025. What discussions has the Scottish Government had with the UK Government about how this will be taken forward?

I would be grateful for a response by 21 June.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener