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Dear Convener

I am writing to the Economy & Fair Work Committee to advise that a new life sciences strategy for Scotland - *The Life Sciences Strategy for Scotland 2035 Vision: Accelerating Growth, Driving Innovation* - will be published today. I will be officially launching the strategy, with industry, this morning in Dundee.

This is a refresh of the previous Life Sciences Scotland Strategy 2017 – 2035 and was co-produced by Scottish Government and the Life Sciences Scotland Industry Leadership Group (ILG). The strategy can be found at <https://www.lifesciencesscotland.com/life-sciences-strategy-for-scotland> and I am very grateful to the ILG and wider industry for their work.

The strategy starts from the premise that life sciences ranks alongside the energy transition, critical technologies and AI as a key driver of change in the world economy and that the quality of Scotland's research base means that we are well positioned to secure economic advantage as well as transforming health and care outcomes. Further, the strategy sets out an ambition to grow the value of the life sciences sector to £25 billion by 2035.

I hope you and your committee find this update helpful.

Sincerely



Richard Lochhead