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Dear Michael

Thank you for giving evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Public Administration Committee on 18 January 2024 in relation to replacing EU funding. We also appreciate you taking the time to write to the Committee on 6 February 2024 with follow-up information on the Project Adjustment Request process for the Levelling Up Fund and the allocation/prioritisation methodologies for different funding programmes.

During the evidence session, we discussed calls from some local authorities for greater flexibility in the use of Multiply funding to support wider skills interventions, for example, improving literacy skills. The Committee would welcome any further information you can provide regarding how the UK Government is responding to these concerns.

Finally, the Committee also noted your comments at the end of the evidence session that you hope to be in Holyrood soon. Can I therefore extend an open invitation to you to return to the Committee to discuss replacing EU funding when you are next in the Scottish Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener
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