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By email only

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Dear Mr Reekie,

SCOTTISH BUDGET 2023-24

The Committee considered its approach to its scrutiny of the 2023-24 budget at its meeting on 29 June 2022.

As well as considering the overall rural affairs and islands budget, the Committee has agreed a specific focus on the Scottish Government's Islands Programme and financial commitments to support the implementation of the Islands Plan.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Futures Trust to ask for the following information—

- What role does the Scottish Futures Trust have in the delivery of the £30 million (or £25.8 million) Islands Programme?
- What is “transformational” infrastructure, as [highlighted in the Scottish Government's March announcement](#), and how is impact measured?
- Details of projects on Scotland's islands which the SFT are assisting.
- How does the SFT work with local authorities and island communities in helping deliver capital projects?
- How does Islands Programme investment work with other capital funding, e.g. the Islands Growth Deal, HIE investment, capital grants from the SG, Levelling-up funding and the Scottish National Investment Bank?

I would be grateful for a response by Friday 27 August 2022.

Please contact the clerks to the Committee, via the above contact details, if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Finlay Carson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Finlay Carson MSP

Convener

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