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## Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Dear Minister,

As you may be aware, just transition falls within the remit of this Committee. The Committee met recently to discuss its work programme. Just transition is a policy area in which the Committee has expressed an interest. As a first step, it was agreed I should write to you seeking an update on the Scottish Government's £500 million Just Transition Fund, its future development and the Scottish Government's Just Transition plans.

The Scottish Government's response, [Just Transition – A Fairer, Greener Scotland](#), to the final report of the Just Transition Commission stated “people will be equipped with “the knowledge and skills they need, while putting in place safety nets to ensure no-one is left behind.” The Committee would be grateful if you would set out your plans for this and how you intend to ensure people will have the right skills to take advantage of new job opportunities in a way “that delivers fairness and tackles inequality and injustice.” The Committee notes that in the [National Strategy for Economic Transformation](#), the Scottish Government pledges to work with regional partners including trade unions to develop Just Transitions plans for every sector and region. The Committee would be grateful for an update on progress to develop these plans with partners and on how the Scottish Government has identified and engaged with partners.

The [Scottish Budget for 2022-2023](#) stated that an initial sum of £20 million had been made available for “identifying key projects, through co-design with those impacted by the transition to Net Zero”. The Committee would be grateful for details of the key projects identified, timescales for each, progress to date, measures of success and information on the expected spending profile of the remainder of the £500 million fund.

I look forward to receiving your reply by Monday 22 August 2022.

Kind regards

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Convener