



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Economy and Fair Work Committee

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Dear Colin

Grangemouth refinery evidence session follow-up

Thank you for attending the Committee meeting yesterday. Members found the session helpful. You may be aware that we will take evidence from worker representatives next week. During discussion of your evidence, members agreed it would be helpful to receive the following further information from you, ideally in advance of that session next Wednesday.

The Committee is keen to better understand the hydrocracker unit and the reasons for it being taken offline. The Committee understands that the unit was welcomed back into operation this year, only to be shut down again soon after, and that the cost of repair was a material consideration in the decision to close the refinery. The Committee requests information on what would need to happen and the estimated costs to bring the hydrocracker back into operation.

Further to the discussion about the regulatory regime for low carbon technologies, and the barriers you see, the Committee would be grateful if you would set out the key regulatory hurdles and reforms required to encourage low carbon manufacturing economy in Scotland, particularly in Grangemouth.

Finally, impact assessments of the transition to an import terminal were discussed in consideration of environmental, energy security and wider society and economic impacts. It would be helpful if you would share as much detail from these assessments as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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