



The Scottish Parliament  
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## Economy and Fair Work Committee

Ivan McKee  
Minister for Public Finance  
Scottish Government

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Dear Ivan

### Post-legislative scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Thank you for your letter of 21 November responding to the Committee's report following post-legislative scrutiny of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

At paragraph 94 of [the Committee's report](#), the Committee asked the Scottish Government to consider a clear definition of Fair Trade within legislation.

The Committee notes that Fair Trade is specifically mentioned in the list of responsibilities of the Minister for Business. However, the Scottish Government's response to the Committee's ask was unclear. I would be grateful if you would respond to the Committee's specific point about having a clear definition in legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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