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Dear Convener,

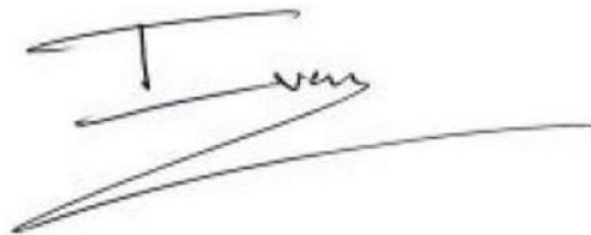
Thank you for your letter of 5 February regarding paragraph 94 of the Committee's report, asking the Scottish Government to consider a clear definition of Fair Trade within legislation.

Since our initial response to your recommendations, officials have been working with the Scottish Fair Trade Forum (SFTF) to progress this recommendation.

In collaboration with SFTF, we are currently in the process of updating existing Fair and Ethically traded procurement guidance. We are also continuing to engage with stakeholders including SFTF on developing a clear, agreed definition of fair and ethical trade that could be used in public procurement.

I trust that the Committee will find this update on progress helpful, and I would be happy to keep you updated as this work develops.

Yours sincerely,



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