

Douglas Ross MSP
Convener, Education, Children & Young People Committee
Scottish Parliament

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By email

Dear Mr Ross

University of Dundee: Independent Investigation

Further to the Scottish Funding Council's (SFC) appearance at the Education, Children and Young People Committee, I am writing to confirm that the Terms of Reference for the independent investigation into the Financial Oversight and Decision-Making at the University of Dundee have now been published. These are available on the [SFC website](#).

Based on feedback from Committee members, the investigation will now be commissioned solely by SFC. We have also sought input from the staff trade unions and students in finalising the Terms of Reference. We are also committed to reflecting the views of the wider community and have invited comments over the coming week.

The process is now underway to appoint an independent team who will support the lead investigator, Professor Pamela Gillies, and manage the detailed work, including writing of the final report. As noted in the Terms of Reference, it is our expectation that the investigation, including submission of the final report, will be completed within two months of the team being appointed. We also expect it to be compiled in a way which will enable it to be published in full. We will share details with the Committee at that point.

Given the interest from local MSPs who attended your Committee session last week, a copy of this letter has been shared with both members of the Committee and with constituency and regional list MSPs.

Yours sincerely

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