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Dear Mr Gibson

Update on data provided by Social Security Scotland to inform the Scottish Fiscal Commission's Forecasts

As you will recall, I responded on 16 February 2023 to the Committee's letter of 26 January about Social Security Scotland's plans to ensure that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has the data it needs to support its May 2023 forecasts. In that letter, I undertook to provide you with a further update in March.

I am happy to advise the Committee that on 8 March we were able to provide the Scottish Fiscal Commission with the data that I outlined to you in my letter of 16 February, including information on caseload by month and award level for Child and Adult Disability Payment, and data on sex of the child for Child Disability Payment covering the period up until 30 October 2022.

This met the Scottish Fiscal Commission's deadline and they have confirmed that this gives them the information they need to support their May forecasts.

Given the tight timescales involved, and as the Scottish Fiscal Commission is aware, the data has not been fully quality assured. Once it has undergone quality assurance checks, we would hope to publish it in coming months.

We continue to work with the Scottish Fiscal Commission to ensure that they have the information they will need for subsequent rounds of forecasting.

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I hope that this information will be reassuring to the Committee. I have copied this letter to the Convener of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee and to the Scottish Fiscal Commission for their information.

Yours sincerely

David Wallace

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