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Dear Kenneth,

I wrote to the Committee on [15 July](#) with regards to HMRC's publication of 2022-23 outturn for Scottish and UK Income Tax. This publication allowed officials to calculate the reconciliation for 2022-23 income tax which will apply to the 2025-26 Scottish Budget. My letter to the Committee set out that the Scottish Government's calculation of the reconciliation, which amounted to positive £447 million.

Since then, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have updated their population estimate for England in 2022-23, which details a slight increase of around six thousand people. As the comparable growth rate between Scotland and the rest of the UK is a component of block grant adjustment (BGA) calculations, this impacts the 2022-23 outturn BGAs and reconciliation.

The outturn BGA has moved from £14,912 to £14,911 million as a result of this population change, which moved the reconciliation from positive £447 million to positive £449 million. This is reflected in the joint statement between SG and HM Treasury, which has now been [published](#). The impact of the population change is outlined in Annex A.

My officials will be happy to answer any questions you have on this.

Yours sincerely,

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**ANNEX A**Table 1 - 2022-23 reconciliation applying to the 2025-26 Budget, pre-ONS update

<b>2022-23 Income Tax</b>			
	<b>Revenues (£m)</b>	<b>BGA (£m)</b>	<b>Net Position (£m)</b>
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Table 2 - 2022-23 reconciliation applying to the 2025-26 Budget, post-ONS update

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