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By email only

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Dear Màiri,

Budget 2024-25

Thank you for your letter of 3 February on corrections to Annexe J of the Budget documents. Having taken time to review the documents and the changes you highlighted, I am writing to request further details.

- There appear to be 444 changes to the updated spreadsheet provided as part of Annexe J. This now shows spending categorised as positive to total £4.85 billion. In your revised Annexe J, a figure of £4.7 billion is cited. Please could you explain the difference in the figures?
- The proportion of the affordable housing supply programme classified as positive has risen from £394 million to £556 million. This does not appear to have been offset elsewhere. Please could you explain what this change reflects, and how this is consistent with the message given to the Committee on [30 January](#) that “the conclusions drawn in annex J are still correct, and the numbers in the main budget document are absolutely correct”?

This information would be helpful in advance of the Committee’s meeting on 16 April at which you will be giving evidence on climate change and net zero. I therefore request a response by 10 April 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener

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