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Dear Finlay,

ARGYLL AND BUTE GROWTH DEAL – FULL DEAL SIGNING

I am writing to confirm that I signed the Full Deal agreement for the Argyll and Bute Growth Deal alongside the UK Government and Argyll and Bute Council on 10 March 2025. The Deal will now move into delivery.

We have committed £25 million across the Growth Deal over the next 10 years to deliver inclusive economic growth across the region. The Deal will drive sustainable and inclusive economic growth, benefitting individuals, businesses, and communities across the area.

The projects we are supporting, which have been designed in collaboration with the local authority and other regional partners, will leverage the area's natural marine resources to grow the aquaculture sector, promote sustainable tourism, create new training opportunities, and generate high-value jobs.

I hope this information is helpful and attach a copy of the Full Deal document.

KATE FORBES

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