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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

Following publication of the [Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill](#), I am contacting you on behalf of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee regarding case transfer from Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit to Employment Injury Assistance.

In the report, there is a quote from your appearance at Committee on 30 November which says:

“More than 100,000 paper files relating to Scottish awards are held in a number of warehouses, contrasting starkly with the largely digital systems associated with the benefits that have been devolved to date.”

Following this, there is a recommendation at paragraph 57 that states:

“The Committee intends to write to the Scottish Government asking whether the practical process of transferring these files onto a digital format has started.”

This letter follows up on that recommendation and the Committee would therefore be grateful for a response to this ahead of the Stage 1 debate on the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Stevenson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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