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Dear Ms. Peat,

## **SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1319: “Improving Youth Football”**

Thank you for your further letter of 1 May, and enclosures, in connection with the Public Petitions Committee’s continuing consideration of petition PE1319.

Whilst the Association was interested to note the reply of Swedish club IFK Gothenburg in response to a variety of youth development questions, I am obliged to point out that the Association’s Football Development and Performance Departments are in regular contact with both FIFA and UEFA member associations and clubs in the constant review and refinement of Scottish FA youth development policy and procedure. Indeed, whilst IFK Gothenburg’s experience of the reimbursement of training and developments costs for young players is different from that in Scotland, I must again emphasise that the Association remains comfortable that it continues to observe and comply with FIFA regulations in this area.

By means of an update to the Committee, I am pleased to confirm that following the appointment of the Association’s new Director of Football Governance and Regulation, Andrew McKinlay, a formal working party has been established by the Scottish FA, SPL and SFL to review the existing system of training compensation for youth players that is currently applied within senior Scottish football.

Yours sincerely

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE.