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Dear Kate

The Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019

At this morning's meeting the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee agreed to seek your views on a number of points related to the above instrument in advance of your appearance before the Committee on 19 November 2019:

- Why has the Scottish Government decided it is necessary to add these seven non-Crown bodies to the list of persons specified as producers of official statistics?
- What difference has official statistics status made to HESA, Student Loans Company and NHS National Services Scotland (added in 2008)?
- How was this list of seven bodies arrived at?
- Why are Scottish Enterprise and Highland and Islands Enterprise not included in this list?
- Why are these bodies being added now (11 years after the Act was passed)?

I would be grateful if you could respond by close on Wednesday 13 November to allow members to consider your response in advance of the debate on the instrument.

Kind regards

Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Convener