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Dear Mr Mitchell and Ms MacDermid

Debt Arrangement Scheme

Thank you for your joint letter of 6 November 2019. We note your concerns about the funding of the free money advice sector and the value you place on the Committee's consideration of these issues.

On 13 November, the Committee wrote to the Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills to highlight issues raised during consideration of the Draft Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019. In particular the Committee welcomed the commitments made by the Minister in relation to the funding of the free money advice sector. This letter is available at the following link:

https://www.parliament.scot/S5_EconomyJobsFairWork/Inquiries/20191113_DAS-Letter_Minister.pdf

In this letter the Committee also notes that the Scottish Government intended to publish the findings of the Tackling Problem Debt Working Group in the Debt Routemap in September. The Committee has sought an update on the expected publication of this piece of work.

The Committee expects to receive a response to this letter by 11 December. The response will be uploaded on our website at the following link, once available:

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/112273.aspx>

Kind regards

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