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Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2018 with the Scottish Government's response to the Education and Skills Committee's report on School Infrastructure. The Committee [considered its response on 24 January 2018](#).

You may have seen the reports in the press suggesting that a number of schools in Fife do not have automatic fire detection¹. The Committee agreed that I would write back to you regarding these reports.

One aspect of the Cole Report related to inadequate fire stopping. The Committee would be grateful if the Scottish Government could identify whether in the context of Fife Council responding to the lessons learned from the Cole Report the Council had considered the comments on adequate fire stopping and more broadly whether the council examined fire safety in its schools.

Noting the [Committee's recommendations in paragraphs 47 and 48 of its report](#), I would be grateful for your comments on this particular case and whether this may be a wider issue which the Scottish Government intends to address.

I would be grateful for a response to this letter by 2 March 2018.

I am copying into this letter: John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; and David Stewart MSP, proposer of the Social Housing (Automatic Fire Suppression Systems) (Scotland) Bill

Yours sincerely

¹ The Courier, *More than one in four Fife Schools don't have smoke alarms*, 22 January 2018

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