

## Email from the Clerk of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

The REC Committee is not undertaking any specific scrutiny on Covid-19 financial support to business.

However, what it is doing is raising this as one of the many issues it discusses with stakeholders and Ministers when they provide regular updates on the SG's response to the pandemic in those areas within its remit. This tends to be in the form of more general questions, such as whether the nature or amount of support from the SG and UKG is sufficient and appropriate, rather than detailed scrutiny along the lines set out in your Convener's letter.

Our current financial scrutiny work on the on "*The implications of COVID-19 for the Scottish budget as this relates to the rural economy and connectivity in Scotland*" also touches on financial support issues, looking at how future SG budgets might best be deployed to develop resilient rural businesses, communities and supply chains, provide support to transport operators etc.. The [call for views](#) on this piece of work provides more details.

I hope this is helpful.