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Dear Susan,

I would like to thank the Commission for providing my officials with details of your planned external review, required to be undertaken by way of section 13 of *the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2014*, and in accordance with best international practice for Independent Fiscal Institutions.

Following the Chief Accountable Officer's assurances that appropriate procurement procedures have been considered in the appointment, I can confirm that I approve payment of up to £90,000 from the Scottish Fiscal Commission to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development for the purpose of undertaking this review.

DEREK MACKAY

