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Dear Julie Holland,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October 2023 to Humza Yousaf MSP, the First Minister, welcoming his announcement of £500 million investment to develop Scotland's offshore wind supply chain. The First Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf as the portfolio Minister for this area.

As I discussed during my engagement with your colleagues and Chamber members at our engagement on 31 October, the government will ensure we invest this capital in the projects that are going to help us deliver our priorities and bring maximum economic impact. To do this we are developing a framework which will achieve strategic alignment of public sector investment in offshore renewables supply chain development. Your colleagues will be able to tell you that I put the question to the businesses present about how they would like to see the funding being deployed to achieve our shared aims. I am sorry you could not make the roundtable to have been part of a very useful discussion.

Once key infrastructure and supply chain requirements have been identified for the successful and timely delivery of projects in Scottish waters, public sector partners will adopt a consistent and agile approach to any strategic investment requests and trade opportunities, removing complexity and streamlining our approach for developers and investors alike.

Ultimately, this commercial and grant investment will stimulate and support private investment in the infrastructure and manufacturing facilities critical to the growth of our world-leading offshore wind sector. It will support market certainty, helping to create a highly productive, competitive economy, providing thousands of new jobs, embedding innovation and boosting skills.

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We are finalising our approach and more details will be made available in due course. In the meantime, should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact directly .

Yours sincerely



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