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Dear Convener,

FOLLOW UP: AI STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this clarification.

We intend to combine the publication of a new AI strategy for Scotland with an action plan, setting out the immediate steps and deliverables for AI Scotland in 'Year 1' (2026-27) that relate to this strategy. Both documents will be published in Spring 2026.

The slightly longer timescale for the action plan allows for a more extensive discussion with key stakeholders and ensures that the strategy and action plan are fully integrated. The Minister for Business has already led a discussion with the Technology Council on this topic, and the Council has established a subgroup of industry members to shape the strategy and plan.

Yours sincerely,

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