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Dear Daniel,

Today, Alexander Dennis has announced a final extension to its consultation period which is now scheduled to conclude next Monday 15 September. This is very welcome and will allow some additional time to make further progress towards solutions that support continued bus manufacturing in Scotland.

I also welcome the positive outcome of the trade union ballot announced last night. This remains a difficult time for the workforce and we appreciate their contribution. I assure the Committee that the Scottish Government's full focus continues to be on exploring all possible options to protect their skilled manufacturing employment.

Our extensive work is ongoing, including the consideration of a company-operated furlough scheme. This week I have again met with the company and the UNITE union and I hope to be in a position to say more following the conclusion of Alexander Dennis' consultation.

I will continue to keep the Committee updated.

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