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Dear Ed,

Provisions for inclusion in the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2027

Thank you for your letter of 2 November 2026 regarding the draft provisions proposed for inclusion in the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2027.

I very much appreciate the Commission's consideration of these amendments and your response. I note the Commission's comments regarding the complexity of the entitlement conditions of Pension Age Winter Heating Payment and the potential for confusion amongst those affected by this amendment. As preparations are made for next winter, we will consider how best to communicate these changes to clients and stakeholders, including ensuring that information is provided in a clear and accessible way.

Thank you again for your response and for the Commission's continued engagement on these regulations. I look forward to receiving the Commission's report on the uprating regulations in full following the budget announcement and referral in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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