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Dear Clerks,

PUBLICATION OF THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S 'EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION ON THE SCOTLAND ACT 2016'

Today, I was pleased to lay the UK Government's 'Eighth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016' in Parliament. This Report sets out another year of progress in the implementation of the transfer of powers, devolved under the Scotland Act 2016, to the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government. The powers devolved by the Scotland Act 2016 are extensive and include the power to set rates and bands of Income Tax in Scotland, the assignment of VAT, in addition to powers to create new benefits in devolved areas and top up reserved benefits.

The Fiscal Framework, published on 25 February 2016, sets out that both the UK Government and the Scottish Government would produce annual updates on their activities to implement the Scotland Act 2016, which are to be provided to both the UK and Scottish Parliaments. In line with our commitments under the Fiscal Framework, I would be grateful if you could place a copy of the Scottish Government's report in the Library of both Houses.

*Yours sincerely,
Alister Jack*

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