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By email

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Dear Clerks,

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

Today, I have laid before Parliament the UK Government's Ninth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016. This Report highlights continued progress in devolving powers under the Act to the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government.

The Scotland Act 2016 devolves a broad range of powers, including the ability to set Income Tax rates and bands in Scotland, the assignment of VAT revenues, and extensive welfare powers—such as creating new benefits in devolved areas and topping up reserved benefits.

As set out in the Fiscal Framework, published on 25 February 2016, both the UK and Scottish Governments are required to provide annual updates to the UK and Scottish Parliaments. In line with this commitment, I would be grateful if you could arrange for a copy of the Scottish Government's report to be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

**THE RT HON IAN MURRAY MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND**