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Dear Rachel

I led a government debate in the Scottish Parliament on 24 September, focused on Scotland's priorities for the UK Budget. **[redacted – out of scope]**

I would like to bring to your attention the main priorities that were highlighted in the debate in Parliament.

**[redacted – out of scope]**

### **Winter Fuel Payment**

During the debate members criticised the decision of the UK Government to restrict winter fuel payments to recipients of Pension Credit, and the impact that this decision will have on vulnerable older people in Scotland. In particular, members highlighted the complexity of the application form for Pension Credit and expressed concern that this may deter eligible pensioners from applying. Members also pointed to the colder temperatures in Scotland, compared to other parts of the UK, as an additional concern. The motion called on the UK Government to reverse this decision.

**[redacted - out of scope]**

Yours sincerely



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**MOTION AGREED BY THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2024  
(S6M-14614)**

That the Parliament **[redacted – out of scope]** believes that the UK Government should reverse its cut to the Winter Fuel Payment, as this cut will impact many of the most vulnerable older people in society **[redacted – out of scope]**

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