

In order to respond appropriately your queries, I have detailed our response to each below. I have added your requests in bold text and our response in plain text.

You asked for:

I would like to ask if the following commitments made in the 2021 SNP manifesto have been fulfilled by the Scottish Government. Please provide as much detail on the progress of each pledge

1. Our Green Investment Portfolio will expand from its current value of £1 billion to £3 billion, attracting investment to support our transition to net zero and the growth of innovative environmentally sustainable businesses in Scotland

The Invest Scotland Portal, launched on 25 November 2025, provides an improved, simplified investor journey, reflecting lessons learnt on best practise from international competitors.

The Portal delivers a 2025 Programme for Government commitment and is a key part of our wider programme to increase capital investment into Scotland by implementing the investor panel recommendations.

It provides a single credible source of high-quality, national-scale investment opportunities from across the country that are ready for promotion. Opportunities featured will include renewables, housing, and enabling infrastructure, aligned with Scotland's Green Industrial Strategy and Programme for Government commitments.

2. we will establish Green Growth Accelerators to unlock £200 million investment by local authorities in meeting our net zero ambitions

The Scottish Government made the very difficult decision to pause the Green Growth Accelerator (GGA) programme. The GGA programme supported six local authorities with the development phase of low carbon infrastructure projects. The six local authorities selected as pathfinders were: Aberdeen; Edinburgh; Highland; North Lanarkshire; West Dunbartonshire; and Western Isles. Each local authority received £120k in 2021/22 to support the development phase of their pathfinder project.

The range of pathfinder projects included: green hydrogen infrastructure; energy efficiency upgrades of buildings; expansion of a local heat network; restoration of peatland and tree planting; and installation of water source heat pump.

As a result of the decision to pause the GGA programme, the Councils are exploring alternative funding routes to enable project delivery.

3. We will implement the recommendations of the Logan Review to raise our tech sector to world-class status

The Scottish Government does not hold a tracker for the implementation of the Logan Review. As such, we are unable to provide a full breakdown of the implementation of the recommendations.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the costs of locating, retrieving and providing the information requested for this request would each exceed the upper cost limit of £600. The reason for this is that, due to the broad scope of your request and the Scottish Government’s statutory obligation to respond accurately and compliantly, in order to locate and retrieve the requested information we would need to conduct a wide series of comprehensive searches of all of the records that the Scottish Government holds in attempts to find all information that would fall within scope. Under section 12 of FOISA, public authorities are unable to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit.

However, we are able to provide some progress updates to demonstrate how some of the recommendations have been taken forward in the table below.

Area	Recommendation	Progress Update
Tech-Scaler National Backbone	Rec. 1. Creation of a Tech-Scaler National Backbone.	<p>As a direct result of the Logan Review, Scottish Government awarded a contract to a Scottish SME company called CodeBase.</p> <p>CodeBase are a company who had experience and a proven track record in helping technology start-ups and scale-ups to learn, grow and achieve their ambitions. Under the contract, Codebase undertake the administration and management of a national network of tech-scalers and a new economic infrastructure which provides technology start-ups and scale-ups with the community environment, networks, support and education they need to grow”</p> <p>The following Public Contract Scotland link provides details of the contract award -</p> <p>View Notice - Public Contracts Scotland</p>
	Rec. 2. Structure of Scottish Government contract model for the provision of services.	The contract was awarded for a five year period. It is currently in year four of delivery.
	Rec. 3. The Tech-Scaler North Star Metric should be aligned to value created, using the Current and past	Each year Codebase service provider for Techscaler publish an annual report including key metrics. The second annual report can be found here - Techscaler Annual Report 2024 Techscaler Within this can also be found the logic model

	tenant value (CPTV) metric.	which underpins service delivery. The third will be published on 12 February.
	Rec. 4. Tech-Scaler Grant Funding Should be Integrated into the Tech-Scaler Network.	Through partnerships with our Enterprise Agencies – Scottish Enterprise & Highlands and Islands Enterprise – eligible Techscaler members are able to access grants. Details can be found in annual report – see prior link
Foundational Talent Pipeline: School-Level	Rec. 5. Treat Computing Science like Maths or Physics and follow through on the consequences of that decision.	<p>STACS (Scottish Teachers Advancing Computer Science) was formed in 2021 with a £1.65 million budget over 5 years. STACS have created teaching resources, led a nation-wide upskilling programme, and created a national network to support computing science teachers in Scotland. More information can be found at https://www.stacs.scot/</p> <p>Since 2021, Education Scotland have also continued to develop their support for schools and teachers, providing professional learning opportunities for over 10,000 teachers from ELC, Primary and Secondary in 2008 establishments. They deliver 4 themed weeks through out the year, Computing Science week in Nov, Cyber Scotland Week in Feb, AI in Schools week in March and Digital Literacy Week in May. During these weeks they deliver professional learning sessions, sharing practice sessions and live lessons for learners and teachers. Since August 2022 over 70,000 learners have joined 82 live lessons.</p> <p>There is currently an ongoing curriculum cycle review with Computing Science being one of the first to be reviewed. This will help shape future support for the subject.</p>
	Rec. 6. Establish an industry partnership with schools to give Computing Science pupils summer work experience.	<p>STACS has developed strong partnerships with a range of industry employers and trade bodies. These relationships have been particularly valuable in raising awareness of the sector.</p> <p>To date, these partnerships have been used primarily to bring industry</p>

		<p>representatives, and into events designed to promote the subject. Their involvement has helped showcase real career pathways, highlight emerging opportunities within the sector, and provide learners with direct insight into the skills and attributes valued by industry. These events have also helped strengthen the link between classroom learning and real-world application, supporting more informed career choices for learners.</p>
	<p>Rec. 7. School-stage extra-curricular programming clubs should be strategically supported.</p>	<p>We have supported extra-curricular clubs through our support to Digital Xtra, a charity whose goal is for every young person in Scotland to have access to innovative, meaningful, and creative extra-curricular computing activities.</p> <p>This investment has enabled the organisation to engage nearly 60,000 young people across the country in extracurricular projects, helping schools and community groups deliver high quality computing and digital skills activities. These projects have offered learners hands on experiences outside the classroom, broadened participation in computing, and helped inspire a more diverse range of young people to consider future pathways in digital and technology careers.</p>
	<p>Rec. 8. Overcoming gender-stereotyping in early years.</p>	<p>STACS has consciously ensured that all support materials are designed with inclusivity at their core. This includes careful consideration of language and classroom activities to ensure that they reflect the diversity of learners and actively challenge stereotypes associated with the subject.</p> <p>In addition to the development of inclusive resources, STACS played an active role in the Women in Computing events held in 2024 and 2025. These events focused on addressing and overcoming the persistent gender stereotypes surrounding computing science. Through workshops, talks, and engagement with role models</p>

		from industry and academia, the events aimed to inspire more girls and young women to consider computing as a viable and rewarding pathway.
Foundational Talent Pipeline: University-Level	Rec. 9. Adjust university incentivisation and funding to improve tech-entrepreneurial focus.	Multiple university initiatives funded through the Ecosystem Fund address entrepreneurial focus and student engagement, including: Edinburgh Innovations' enterprise education improvement (£50,000), University of Stirling's "See It & Be It" programme (£31,104), Creator Campus's Student Startup Matchmaking Fair (£9,500) connecting all 19 Scottish universities and 24 colleges, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's Split Screen (£40,000), UWS Academic Entrepreneurs programme (£11,950) and Glasgow Clyde College's Launch Pad student accelerator (£40,000).
	Rec. 10. Increase university funding to create more local software engineers.	
	Rec. 11. Adjust university incentivisation to improve spin-out scale and quality.	
	Rec. 12. Relax other KPIs in the overall university KPI portfolio to accommodate the new KPIs.	
	Rec. 13. National, pan-university Tranzfuser-style summer-school.	
	Rec. 14. Increase the number of start-up internships available to students.	See recommendation 9-12
Foundational Talent Pipeline: Funnel-Wideners	Rec. 15. Codeclan should be treated as a strategic ecosystem asset.	The Ecosystem Fund has supported complementary digital skills initiatives including Boutique Innovation's Scotcol Accelerator (£40,000) working with FE colleges on innovation and commercialisation skills.
	Rec. 16. Introduction of a Scottish Tech-Visa.	

	Rec. 17. Attraction of executive-level talent to Scotland.	The Ecosystem Fund supported Mint Ventures' "Toolkit for Raising Equity Investment for Women" (£47,800) and Doquaru's "ElevateHER Sales Mastery" (£48,810), programmes that develop executive capabilities within Scotland's founder community.
	Rec. 18. Reduction in inter-city rail travel costs.	<p>The Scottish Government froze ScotRail fares for 18 months from January 2022 until July 2023 (with Season Tickets and Flexipass prices remaining frozen until 2024)</p> <p>The ScotRail peak fares removal pilot ran from October 2023 until September 2024. From September 2024 until 2025 there was a 20% discount on Season Tickets, and a permanent improvement to the value for money of Flexipass. ScotRail peak fares were permanently removed from 01 September 2025.</p> <p>The removal of ScotRail peak fares is equivalent to a reduction in the average ticket price, on all routes and at all times of the day, on ScotRail of around 17% (but is close to a 50% reduction for some routes at peak times).</p>
International Market Square	Rec. 19. Provide support for our major tech conferences, to internationalise them.	The Ecosystem Fund has invested significantly in internationalising Scotland's entrepreneurial ecosystem through: Turing Fest's Founders Dinners programme (£40,000) connecting Scottish founders with European tech hubs through 10 curated dinners, Impact Rise Ventures' San Francisco Tech Week 2025 cohort visit (£38,000) for high-potential Scottish tech companies, FORAS International Trip Series (£50,000) and Turing Festival Investor Event Phase 1 (£50,000). Conference support includes Scottish Games Network's "Hello World!" Scottish Students Startup Summit (£23,800) and Converge TEDx Global Ideas Conference (£47,400).
	Rec. 20. Establish International Investor Conference, not limited to Scottish Start-ups.	
	Rec. 21. Provide support for the Scottish tech meet-up network.	Community is a key element of the Techscaler programme with meetups happening regularly across Scotland. Enabling likeminded individuals

		to network, collaborate and share knowledge. Details can be found in annual report – see prior link
	Rec. 22. Support and strategy for specific economic sectors.	See recommendation 19/20
	Rec. 23. Establish a strategy to exploit Scotland’s Diaspora.	<p>Scotland is an open, connected and outward-looking country with a long and proud history of intellectual, cultural and economic exchange. Scotland’s diaspora and our Scottish Connections are an extension of Scotland itself.</p> <p>The Programme for Government 2021-22 set out plans to “engage with our Scottish Connections international community and expand on our work with Scottish diaspora networks across the world”. This commitment was reiterated in our Global Affairs Framework, published May 2022.</p> <p>The <u>Scottish Connections Framework</u> was published in April 2023 and outlined a cross-cutting approach to diaspora engagement. Taking a broad definition of diaspora, we want to strengthen and expand Scotland’s links and networks with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scottish people living elsewhere in the world; ○ Those with Scottish heritage; ○ People who have previously lived in Scotland, including alumni; and ○ Those with a professional, business, cultural or other links to Scotland. <p>A series of 50+ commitments and ambitions sets out the case for engaging our diaspora around the world, whether they are connected through heritage, education, business or any other affinity, as an end in itself, but also to promote Scotland as a place in which to live, work, study, do business, and visit.</p>
	Rec. 24. Establish Funding Coverage	Delivered through the Scottish Government’s Ecosystem Fund, which

Integrated Ecosystem Grant Funding	in Four Ecosystem Areas.	provides grants of up to £40,000 to organisations supporting entrepreneurship infrastructure, programmes and community building across Scotland. Since its launch in 2021, the fund has invested £3.4 million across over 100 projects, supporting thousands of entrepreneurs.
	Rec. 25. Foundational Talent Fund.	The Ecosystem Fund has supported foundational talent development through numerous projects including youth entrepreneurship programmes, university enterprise education, digital skills training and initiatives specifically targeting underrepresented groups in entrepreneurship.
	Rec. 26. Tech-Scaler Start-up Fund.	See recommendation 4
	Rec. 27. Ecosystem-Builders Fund.	Delivered through the Scottish Government's Ecosystem Fund, which provides grants of up to £40,000 to organisations supporting entrepreneurship infrastructure, programmes and community building across Scotland. Since its launch in 2021, the fund has invested £3.4 million across over 100 projects, supporting thousands of entrepreneurs.
	Rec. 28. International Market square Fund.	Addressed through Ecosystem Fund support for international connectivity initiatives including founder delegations to San Francisco and European tech hubs, investor conferences and programmes that position Scottish startups in global markets.
Investment Funding	Rec. 29. Scottish VCs should partner with the Scottish Government on various joint initiatives	
	Rec. 30. Explore the possibility of establishing a Series A fund in a partnership between the Scottish Government,	

Scottish VCs and External Investors.	
Rec. 31. Introduce an investment vehicle specifically supporting female founders.	The Ecosystem Fund has supported multiple women-focused initiatives including: Women's Enterprise Scotland's Strategic Funding for Growth programme (£40,000), egg Scotland Community Amplification (£40,000), Mint Ventures' investment toolkit for women (£47,800), Empowering Female Tech Founders (£38,000) and Doquaru's ElevateHER Sales Mastery (£48,810).
Rec. 32. Introduce an education/mentoring scheme for start-ups in funding models, venture capital, pitching.	<p>Multiple funded programmes address investment readiness including: Ecosystem Builders' Capital Catalyst Investment Readiness programme (£39,300) targeting Scotland's pre-seed funding gap, Opportunity North East's Finance for Founders (£32,500), Women's Enterprise Scotland's funding options course (£40,000) and Scottish EDGE Peer Group Coaching (£19,150).</p> <p>As part of the Techscaler programme a range of methods are deployed to help founders become investor ready. Details can be found in annual report – see prior link</p>
Rec. 33. Grant support for Scottish start-ups to support external raising expenses.	
Rec. 34. Maintain and publicise a live database of all angels and all start-ups in Scotland. In due course extend concept into a specialised crowdfunding platform for angels and Scottish start-ups.	

- 4. We will create a dedicated Women's Business Centre to provide financial support, advice and training to women looking to start or grow their business. This will be backed by £50 million over the course of the parliament. As part of this, we will invest £3 million per year to pay the equivalent of a full time salary for 100 female applicants to develop their pioneering business idea.**

Following the 2021 election, the Scottish Government listened to the many stakeholders calling for a more detailed examination of the barriers impacting the ability of women to start and scale businesses in Scotland. Ana Stewart was subsequently commissioned to conduct such a review and worked for more than a year with the then Chief Entrepreneur, Mark Logan, to produce the '[Pathways](#)' report on women's entrepreneurship. The report was informed by over 200 interviews, surveys, focus groups and international comparisons, which revealed little demand for a women's business centre or evidence of a gap in business support provision that would be most effectively addressed by a single institution or programme.

The report provides a systematic, evidence-based analysis of the wide range of interventions required to transform the participation of women in entrepreneurship, including ideation, incubation, financial support, caring responsibilities, investment and skills.

In June 2024 the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy committed the Scottish Government to implementing the report's recommendations.

- 5. We will also invest £10 million in wider initiatives including the Lossiemouth East Beach footbridge, the Inverness Castle Project, rural hotel infrastructure, and the deployment of Seasonal Rangers to encourage responsible tourism in rural hot-spots.**

The Scottish Government has provided £1,905,816 for the Lossiemouth East Beach footbridge, a total of £19.6m for the Inverness Castle project, and an estimated total of £4.1m for Seasonal Rangers.

With regards to 'rural hotel infrastructure' - although it is not a direct equivalent, the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund (RTIF) is managed on the Scottish Government's behalf by VisitScotland, collaborating with local authorities, national parks and other delivery partners.

The RTIF supports projects that focus on enhancing visitor experiences and improving support to communities in rural areas that are facing pressure as a result of increased visitor numbers.

Since 2018, £24.5 million of grant funding has been awarded to 86 projects, leveraging more than £20.6 million in additional funding from delivery partners.

6. Our aim now is to use it to create an additional 20,000 jobs, increase Scottish GDP by over £4 billion, boost Scottish exports by over £2 billion and add up to £680 million annually to government revenues

As noted in Response to your request section, under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

However, in an effort to be as helpful as possible, I have provided links below to the relevant publications which address your queries. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website(s) listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

- Labour market statistics can be found at the link here:
<https://www.gov.scot/collections/labour-market-statistics/#currentlabourmarketstatisticspublications>.
- GDP statistics are publicly available at link here:
[https://www.gov.scot/collections/economy-statistics/#quarterlygrossdomesticproduct\(gdp\)](https://www.gov.scot/collections/economy-statistics/#quarterlygrossdomesticproduct(gdp)).
- Scottish Government recently published its “Exports Statistics Scotland 2023” in November 2025. This publication presents estimates of the value of international and rest of the UK exports for all sectors of the Scottish economy from 2008 to 2023 Those statistics can be found here:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/exports-statistics-scotland-2023/pages/introduction/>.
- The Scottish Government archive of its published Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland statistics publications can be found at the link here:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/gers-statistics-archive/>

7. we will establish a “Percentage for the Arts” scheme which will create a requirement for a percentage of the overall cost of a construction project for new public buildings, places or spaces to be spent on community art commissions.

The Scottish Government has concluded initial scoping of a range of mechanisms that could deliver a ‘percentage for the arts’ scheme in view of what is at play internationally and what they could, or would not, achieve in Scotland.

The Scottish Government is committed to focusing on proposals that demonstrably strengthen the support available to Scotland’s culture sector and, where possible, increase the overall level of investment. Initial scoping of ‘percentage for the arts’ has identified a range of challenges to delivery and alternative options may be better placed to deliver the intended outcomes.

8. we will agree 3 year funding settlements for Scottish Government core funded cultural organisation

The Scottish Government is supportive in principle that as many of our sector organisations as possible, where a compelling case can be made, should benefit from multi-year funding. However, a lack of multiyear funding from the UK Government until their Spending Review in 2025 has made it harder for the Scottish Government to issue multiyear allocations to portfolios and then on to public bodies.

Despite this, the Scottish Government is running a Fairer Funding Pilot which gives selected organisations a commitment to two years of funding and early grant notification in 2025-26 and 2026-27. Sistema Scotland and the Youth Music Initiative are part of this pilot, and an evaluation of this approach is underway.

Additionally, Creative Scotland's move to multi-year funding is already helping provide greater stability for organisations and artists. For 2026/27, £74 million will be shared among 263 organisations. Across the three years of the programme, the total is over £210 million.

The Scottish Government is also in active discussion about the potential of multi-year funding with a number of sector organisations including Museums Galleries Scotland and our National Performing Companies with the aim of providing what assurances it can on future funding pending the outcome of the current budget process.

9. We will expand our Culture Collective programme, giving artists and communities the length and breadth of Scotland even more opportunities to collaborate on creative activity, supporting a sustainable creative recovery from the pandemic.

The Scottish Government has provided £4 million to restart the Culture Collective in 2025-26 and £400,000 to our flagship community culture project Creative Communities, offering a package of support to expand the reach and impact of cultural activity in communities. This funding is also proposed for 2026-27 financial year.

10. We will create a new £2 million fund for public artwork which broadens the range of representation in public spaces of Scotland's history and culture, in particular the contribution of women and minority ethnic communities

The Scottish Government paused activity on this commitment in order to prioritise activity that would strengthen the culture sector in the face of increased cost pressures.

11. we will extend the reach of the arts by launching an open competition for further National Towns of Culture for example, Scotland's National Live Music Town, Folk and Trad Town, or Scotland's Visual Art Town

The Scottish Government paused activity on this commitment in order to prioritise activity that would strengthen the culture sector post-Covid and in the face of ongoing cost of living and inflationary pressures.

12. We will develop a single marketing brand for all Scottish produce – Sustainably Scottish – available to all Scottish based producers, manufacturers and suppliers, big or small, that can satisfy stringent criteria on provenance and low carbon operations

The Scottish Government worked with partners to conduct industry research, and as a result Scotland Food and Drink introduced the Naturally Scottish brand marketing scheme for Scotland's food and drink sector. Details of the scheme can be found here: <https://foodanddrink.scot/our-industry/naturally-scottish/>

13. Legislate to ensure equal rights of succession for women in agriculture

As noted in the introductory paragraphs, this manifesto commitment does not easily match to commitments made in Programmes for Government publications since the last election. However, in an effort to be as helpful as possible, please find the attached links which I hope will be useful in the general area of your enquiry.

- Scottish Government pages on Women in Agriculture: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/agriculture-careers/women-in-agriculture/>
- Scottish Government publication – Women in agriculture – leadership programme development: research - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/women-agriculture-leadership-programme-development-research/documents/>
- Scottish Government publication – Women in agriculture - implementing equality commitments: research report - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/women-agriculture-approaches-implementing-equality-commitments/>

14. We will modernise and update the Animal Welfare Act from 2006

The Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 was amended and strengthened by the introduction of the [Animals and Wildlife \(Penalties, Protections and Powers\) \(Scotland\) Act 2020](#) with a number of the provisions introduced via said Act enacted after the date of the manifesto commitment referred to in your request. Further information that you may find helpful can be found at the link here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/animals-wildlife-penalties-protections-powers-scotland-act-2020-review-provisions-requirements-additional-animal-welfare-animal-health-wildlife-offences/> .

15. We will develop a maritime strategy and set up a dedicated agency

The [Blue Economy Vision for Scotland](#) sets out the Scottish Government's long-term ambition for Scotland's blue economy to 2045. The maritime strategy referred to in your request was integrated into this wider work as Scotland's blue economy includes the marine, coastal and the inter-linked freshwater environment of Scotland, the different marine and maritime sectors it supports and the people connected to it.

16. We will review and reform urea fertiliser

The Scottish Government has been working with Defra and other Devolved Governments to review the existing UK fertilisers regulatory regime, and on a UK-wide consultation to update the regulations. The Scottish Government recognises that fertiliser legislation needs to be updated to bring a wider range of products into scope and to embed a consistent standard into production and marketing rules.