



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**Finance Committee**

John Swinney MSP  
Cabinet Secretary for Finance,  
Employment and Sustainable  
Growth  
(by email)

Room T3.60  
The Scottish Parliament  
EDINBURGH  
EH99 1SP

Direct Tel: (0131) 348 5215  
(RNID Typetalk calls welcome)  
Fax: (0131) 348 5252  
[finance.committee@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:finance.committee@scottish.parliament.uk)

4 June 2014

Dear John

As you are aware, at its meetings on 28 May and 4 June the Committee took evidence from the nominees for appointment to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

In light of the evidence heard some members expressed concerns about potential conflicts of interest, or perceived conflicts of interest, for the two nominees who are members of the Council of Economic Advisers.

The Committee agreed to seek clarification as to whether you agree that such a conflict exists or that one could be perceived.

You may wish to refer to the Official Report of the relevant meetings.

It would be helpful to have a response by close on Monday 9 June in order to allow the Committee to consider the nominees further at its meeting on 11 June.

Yours sincerely

**Kenneth Gibson MSP**  
**Convener**

