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I am delighted to inform you that I am due to publish *Scotland's Digital Future – Supporting the Transition to a World-leading Digital Economy* on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013. This is in line with the commitment made in *Scotland's Digital Future – First Annual Progress Report and Update 2012*.

The publication sets out the emerging findings from a review of public sector support to ensure Scotland's businesses are fit for a digital future. It has been put together by a team of partners from Scotland's enterprise and skills agencies, along with representatives from the digital industry. It sets out a series of ideas and proposals for building upon current activity and better supporting Scottish businesses to make the most of the opportunities of the digital age. These emerging findings are offered as a contribution to *Scotland's Digital Dialogue*, the national debate about how we achieve our world-class ambitions by 2020. They are offered in the hope and expectation that stakeholders across Scotland will use this process of dialogue to refine and build upon them and help map out a strategy for ensuring a world-class, vibrant and successful digital economy in Scotland.

The report will be published on the Scottish Government's website at [www.scotland.gov.uk/digitaleconomyemergingfindingsreport](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/digitaleconomyemergingfindingsreport).

I trust this will be helpful to the Committee in its consideration of the progress we are making in delivering Scotland's digital ambitions.

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