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Dear Mr Gibson

SRUC

We refer to your letter of 26 February 2016 and welcome the recognition of the Committee in that letter of the central role which SRUC plays in the rural economy in Scotland and the contribution SRUC will make to the development and growth of a successful rural economy in Scotland.

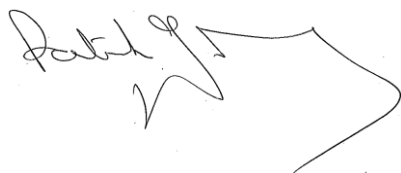
As we set out in our letter to the Committee on 5 February, we have a strong, clearly articulated vision, which is accepted within the organisation and which we are in the process of implementing.

SRUC is evolving and there are many decisions which will need to be taken in order to unlock the full potential and opportunities available to our students, staff and stakeholders. We will continue to offer courses to meet the demands of our current and our potential future students.

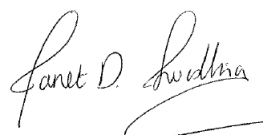
It is unclear why you have raised a question around cash reserves however we are happy to discuss those and have written to the Cabinet Secretaries seeking early meetings with them.

Your assurance of the commitment to SRUC is gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman of SRUC



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