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Dear Keith,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 November regarding your constituent's interest in the development of a coordinated Scottish framework linking supercomputing, quantum technologies and artificial intelligence. I am grateful for the thoughtful contribution they have made to this important discussion. As your constituent notes, some aspects of national computing infrastructure including large-scale supercomputing assets, are reserved to the UK Government. We continue to engage with UK counterparts to ensure Scotland's interests are recognised as new investments, such as the national supercomputing facility in Edinburgh, progress

Our approach to linking innovation, skills and economic opportunity is delivered in part through Scotland's cluster-building model. The Critical Technologies Supercluster is central to this and is recognised as one of our key Strategic Industry Clusters. Through additional Scottish Government funding, Technology Scotland as the cluster management organisation (CMO) are leading vital work to map Scotland's capability and strengthen our national and international presence in these areas. In May of this year, they announced the formation of an industry-led advisory board, which brings together industry, academia and public sector leaders across quantum, photonics, semiconductors and related fields to guide and support this work.

We are underpinning these ambitions with targeted investment, including an additional funding for Fraunhofer Centre for Applied Photonics , and a broader cluster development package for adjacent sectors like Space and Robotics, Offshore Wind and Fintech totalling over £2m.

To harness transformative potential for economic growth of Artificial Intelligence, the Scottish Government is advancing its Programme for Government commitment to establish AI Scotland, a national programme of programme, of developed in collaboration with business, academia and public

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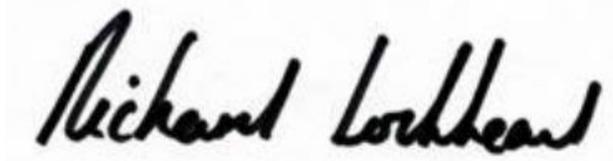
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agencies. A new AI Strategy for Scotland will be published alongside the launch of AI Scotland to set out actions for collaboration between AI Scotland, Government and partners, such as the Critical Technologies Supercluster, to help grow Scotland's broad AI ecosystem.

Taken together, this demonstrates Scotland's coordinated and strategic approach to AI, quantum and advanced computing—rooted in our cluster-building model and designed to ensure Scotland fully benefits from wider UK-level developments. I hope this is helpful to you and your constituent

Yours sincerely,



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