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Dear Emily,

I am writing to inform you that the FCDO Permanent Secretaries have today informed staff that we will not be relocating our Joint Headquarters from East Kilbride (Abercrombie House) to Glasgow.

We've been clear that this government will take the difficult decisions, prioritising critical projects and ensuring that every penny of taxpayer's money goes to where it is most needed. It is in this context, that this decision has been taken.

We remain committed to maintaining our presence in Scotland as part of the UK Government's wider footprint. We will continue to further Britain's interests at home and abroad from our joint headquarters in Abercrombie House.

Yours ever,

**CATHERINE WEST MP**  
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