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Dear Pete,

Thank you again for the invitation to give evidence to the Scottish Affairs Committee. During the session I agreed to follow up in writing with detail of the resources provided to the Scottish Government and Local Authorities following Storm Arwen by the UK Government and energy sector.

134 military personnel were deployed to the Grampian region on 2 December. This followed a request by the region for military aid, to provide humanitarian aid to customers off supply. These personnel assisted local partners, checking on vulnerable people and conducting door-to-door checks on over 4,000 homes. Requesting military aid is a devolved matter.

237 engineers were deployed to Scotland from elsewhere in the UK to support restoration, under the NEWSAC scheme. NEWSAC is an industry organised mutual aid agreement between the electricity network operators across the UK.

No financial support was provided to the Scottish Government in relation to this incident. Consequence management, which includes providing welfare for those impacted by storms, is a devolved matter.

I trust that the above answers your request.

Yours sincerely,

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