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**Review of grants Issued by Scottish Enterprise**

Dear John,

As the most recent illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces approaches its first anniversary, it is important that we continue to demonstrate Scotland's solidarity to Ukraine and its people. I was therefore deeply alarmed to hear allegations that Baker Hughes, one of the world's largest oil field services firms, apparently exported oil and gas equipment from Scotland to Russia months after the conflict began and after the Scottish Government's appeal to businesses operating in Scotland that they cease trading with Russia.

Whilst I appreciate that the Scottish Government is not responsible for the decisions of private enterprises, I am raising this matter with you as it is reported that Baker Hughes has, to date, received £4.9 million of public money in grants from Scottish Enterprise.

According to reports in the Herald, import documents filed with the Russian Customs Service on 11 September 2022 amounted to £21 million worth of equipment supplied by Baker Hughes. 17 of these declarations of exports from Scotland to Russia specifically are said to involve equipment for Russia's oil and gas industry.

Western equipment supplied to Russia has undeniably helped maintain their domestic oil and gas sector, which has long been used as a geopolitical weapon by the Kremlin as well as a significant economic asset whose returns allow for the financing of the Russian war machine.

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It would be extremely disappointing if a multinational company with operations in Scotland and which is funded partly by Scottish taxpayers money has played an indirect role in supporting Putin's invasion.

I am writing to you today to ask for an urgent review of all grants issued by Scottish Enterprise to ensure that our public money is not being used to support companies that continued to trade with Russia after February 2022. If current policy allows for companies like this to continue receiving public funds, then I would ask for the policy to be reviewed and strengthened.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ross Greer', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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