<u>Covid support for Scottish businesses</u> <u>– Job Support Scheme expanded</u>

The Chancellor has announced [9 October] that the UK Government's Job Support Scheme will be expanded to support businesses required to close their doors as a result of coronavirus restrictions.

Welcoming the move, Alister Jack said:

The extension of the Chancellor's Job Support Scheme is welcome news for businesses across Scotland, providing a vital safety net for companies which are asked to close temporarily.

From the very start of the pandemic, the UK Government has focussed on stopping the spread of coronavirus and keeping people safe, while also doing everything we can to protect the economy.

The unprecedented package of measures we have put in place to support all parts of the country shows the clear benefits for Scotland being part of a strong United Kingdom.

Full details of the announcement are <u>here</u>.