

Scottish GDP Figures March 2021

Press release

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack responds to the latest Scottish GDP figures



Commenting on today's [Scottish GDP Figures](#), Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

Achieving a strong and stable recovery from the pandemic remains our priority.

We know that Scottish businesses and families still face huge challenges, and the UK Government will continue to support jobs right across the UK.

The UK Government's furlough and self-employed schemes – both extended until September – are together supporting the jobs of nearly half a million people in Scotland. Business loans and VAT cuts are helping hardest-hit sectors and we are making sure that the welfare system has the funding it needs to support people across Scotland.

We've allocated the Scottish Government more than £14.5 billion in additional funding, and local economies are seeing direct investment through our city deals programme and our new UK-wide investment funds. That is all while the success of the UK Government-funded vaccine and testing programme continues to give us hope for a brighter future.

The UK Government's focus is firmly on Covid recovery, and we want to work with the Scottish Government on strengthening our economy to build back stronger.

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