

# Scottish Secretary Alister Jack responds to October 2021 GDP

News story

Our focus must remain on sustainable recovery and encouraging vaccinations and boosters, says Secretary of State.



Figures for GDP in Scotland for October 2021 have been published [here](#) today.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

Our focus is on a strong, sustainable recovery, particularly as we face new challenges from the Omicron variant. That's why this week we doubled the amount of additional funding available to the Scottish Government to tackle Omicron to £440m – and that's in addition to the record £41 billion per year funding settlement set out in October for the next three years.

The hugely successful UK Government-funded vaccine and booster programme has never been more important and I'd urge everyone to get their jabs when eligible.

Helping people back to work is crucial and our Plan for Jobs is working. We're also investing £191million in projects at the heart of communities across Scotland from three major Levelling Up funds and £1.5billion is going into Growth Deals from Shetland to Selkirk. Building back better and stronger is our priority.

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