



Scotland's Colleges Media Statement

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Commenting on the announcement from the Scottish Government that an extra £20m in funding is planned for the Scottish Funding Council Linda McTavish, Convenor of Scotland's Colleges Principals' Convention said:

"If the Scottish Parliament approves the Government's budget this afternoon with its increase in funding for further and higher education it will be welcome news for Scottish college students.

"The new Cabinet Secretary for Education & Lifelong Learning is continuing the policy of increasing funding to Scotland's Colleges and Universities established by his predecessor.

"At a time of economic difficulties increasing numbers of Scots are turning to Scotland's colleges to access the high quality learning and development opportunities offered right across the country.

"The proposed increase for college funding in Scotland comes at a time when budgets for further and higher education are being squeezed in other parts of the UK in particular in England. The approach by the Scottish Government shows a far sighted appreciation of the need to invest in education as a means of countering the economic downturn.

Scotland's colleges urge MSPs to support the budget."

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