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Scotland's Colleges respond to funding announcement

Commenting on the announcement from the Scottish Government last night that funding losses to colleges would be capped at 8.5%, spokesperson John Spencer, Convener of Scotland's Colleges' Principals' Convention said:

"The Scottish Government's announced a move to cap the level of cuts in the first year of the reform process at 8.5% is a helpful development."

"It is, however, important to restate that this will still be an 8.5% cut coming after a 10.4% cut in the current year. Colleges want to protect places, and committed to retain activity at the same level with the 10.4% cut this year, but we remain to be convinced as to how this may be achieved again."

"We will be seeking urgent clarification on the details of the settlement, and how extra support may come from the Scottish Funding Council and Skills Development Scotland to help colleges protect places for learners without compromising quality."

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