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Colleges Scotland's Response to the Learning the Hard Way Report

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“Scotland’s colleges are delivering for students, communities, businesses and the wider economy. Yes, the landscape has changed but new evidence, an economic impact analysis of the sector in Scotland, shows that Scotland’s colleges contribute £14.9bn to the Scottish economy each year. That’s 8.8 per cent of the total economic output of the nation. For every £1 spent on college education, £6.30 is returned to the economy.

“It is vital that colleges receive adequate revenue and capital investment so that we can continue to deliver. As a sector we are working to protect existing funding streams and seek further investment where possible.”

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