

ECONOMY, ENERGY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

COVID-19 – impact on Scotland’s businesses, workers and economy

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I was working on a BBC drama but that has now stopped totally, and I do not see any work happening till very late this year.

Although I regard myself as Self-employed / Freelance I run through a Ltd Company which I normally pay myself about £35k per year of which I take about £8k in PAYE and the rest in dividends that are taxed again at 7.5%

In discussion with my accountant she has advised me that currently I am entitled to no benefit as I don't have any property and am not eligible for any Self-employed scheme.

Self-employed people that operate as one-person Ltd companies are common in the Film and TV sector and under the existing packages are entitled to zero help.

My fixed overheads are reliably low at £1.5k per month but the longer this lockdown goes on the poorer I will become. Film and TV sector was the first to shut down and will be the last to start up and I believe that there will be no meaningful production well into next year.

I would therefore ask the Scottish Government to lobby the UK Government to provide support for the ones like myself that fall in the cracks or failing this for the Scottish Government to set up a scheme mitigating the shortfall in the UK Schemes.

I hope this give an insight into the plight if one-person Ltd companies during this crisis.

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