

# Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee

## National Fraud Initiative

### Submission from Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Enterprise has been involved in the National Fraud Initiative since 2010/11. Whilst there have been no frauds or errors identified in the exercises completed, we have recognised the benefits of the data matching exercise across the public sector.

For Scottish Enterprise there may have been no financial benefit from these exercises but there have been clear benefits in providing assurance in relation to our payroll and creditor data. In addition, the exercise also acts as a deterrent for any individuals considering fraudulent activity.

Overall, Scottish Enterprise has very positive views of the National Fraud Initiative. Our only recommendation for improvement is that compulsory participation for all public bodies in Scotland would be beneficial.

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