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Thank you so much for your letter of 19th March and for the thoughtful way you have set the views of people in Scotland following the Budget.

You accurately convey some of the confusion and concern among some of our supporters, and you can rest assured that we will do our best to allay these worries.

I liked your comparison of treating our difficulties to a course of antibiotics and I will try to make use of it.

Your main point is well taken and the conclusions you reach in your final paragraphs are ones which I share wholeheartedly.

In these difficult days it is comforting to know I can rely on you and your fellow office-bearers for maximum support and understanding.

Dr. Alistair Smith.