

# Scottish Education Committee

## Update on financial redress

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The Scottish Government has updated the Education & Skills Committee on progress to establish a financial redress scheme for survivors of abuse in care in Scotland from 2021, and an advance payment scheme for survivors who are elderly or ill from this April.

Commenting following the Budget Bill passing Stage 1, Deputy First Minister John Swinney said:

“The Scottish Government has been progressing work at pace on financial redress.

“We will make advance payments to survivors who may not live long enough to apply to a statutory scheme. I am pleased the Budget Bill has now passed Stage 1 and has a Parliamentary agreement to pass at Stage 3, which means the £10 million set aside for the advance payments scheme is now available from this April.

The budget will in effect be demand led and the provisional allocation of £10 million may be higher or lower depending on the number of applications received.

“We are working with the Review Group to gather their views on key aspects of the application process and how the scheme will be publicised to those survivors who may not live long enough to apply to the statutory scheme.

We will publish full details of the advance payments as soon as possible.

“We also continue to consider the detailed design of a financial redress scheme which treats survivors with sensitivity and respect and draws on the experience of other countries. There will be a full public consultation later this year and, subject to Parliamentary approval, legislation for a financial redress scheme will be passed by the end of this Parliamentary term.”

Deputy First Minister John Swinney’s letter to Education & Skills Committee is [here](#).