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Dear Laurie Ann,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2018-607988

We acknowledge your request for information seeking: *Any recent updates on a briefing paper titled 'Alternatives to GDP' no 11/63.*

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- A blog looking at the national performance framework <https://spice-spotlight.scot/2018/04/16/guest-blog-the-national-performance-framework/>
- A Guide to Gross Value Added
<https://digitalpublications.parliament.scot/ResearchBriefings/Report/2018/2/23/A-Guide-to-Gross-Value-Added--GVA--in-Scotland>

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Yours sincerely,

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