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*Dear Mr. Costello,*

Thank you for your letter of 31 August asking me to speak at your next National Sitting in Saltcoats on 29 October. I am delighted to accept this invitation and look forward to engaging with MSYPs in the Q&A session which follows my speech.

I believe the Scottish Youth Parliament plays an invaluable role in representing the views of Scotland's young people and I appreciate the involvement of your Members in the seminars I have held across the country in the past five months on tackling youth unemployment. I plan to hold one more local seminar later this year, followed by a national convention early in 2012. I will continue to invite your Members to these events.

Given the commitment of the Government to supporting youth employment, I am very pleased that I will have the chance to discuss with your Members their experiences of education, work and unemployment.

I look forward to meeting you next month.

*Yours sincerely,  
Michael Moore*

**Rt Hon MICHAEL MOORE MP  
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