

Wester Hermiston

An **AI data centre** for
the City of Edinburgh
and Scotland

200 MW grid capacity | 200 MW demand capacity

Apatura is proposing to enable a multi-billion pound investment for a large **hyperscale AI data centre** in the City of Edinburgh.

To determine the local and national impacts of Wester Hermiston, **Glic** was appointed to produce a wholly independent economic analysis of its construction and operation.

£1.2 billion

total capital investment

£100 million

of construction spend
retained in local supply chain

£173 million

GVA to the City of Edinburgh
every year once operational

Value to the economy



In Scotland

£95 million
GVA every year
of construction

£381 million
total GVA through
construction

£319 million
total GVA every
year in operation

0.2% uplift
to Scotland's GDP
once operational

In the City of Edinburgh

£15 million
GVA every year
of construction

£61 million
total GVA through
construction

£173 million
total GVA every
year in operation

£100 million
local procurement
construction spend

Employment



Direct and indirect jobs created for **construction** of Wester Hermiston

**In
Scotland**

1,283
job years created
every year



5,131 job years
created total through
construction phase

**In the City of
Edinburgh**

227
job years created
every year



907 job years
created total through
construction phase

Employment



In Scotland

1,526
permanent
roles

Greatest local
supply chain
job creation in:

- **Information services**
- **Security & investigation**
- **Building & landscape services**

High-value, long-term
jobs created in **operation**
of Wester Hermiston

In the City of Edinburgh

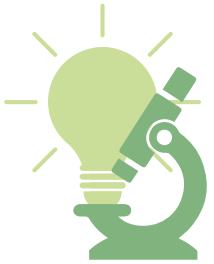
539
permanent roles

with a
£54,913
average
annual salary

332
on-site roles

with a
£66,117
average
annual salary

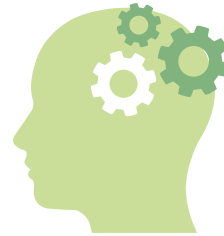
Research



£23 million

potential uplift in expenditure on innovative research and development in Scotland

Skills & education



Up to **£268,000** additional payment from activities at Wester Hermiston to the UK apprenticeship levy every year in operation



AI and tech job opportunities and investment will **strengthen the STEM education pipeline**, with new potential for partnership-working

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Clarifications

- Job years are direct, indirect and induced FTEs
- Construction is estimated to take place over four years
- Figures for the City of Edinburgh are a subsection of figures for Scotland
- All figures have been rounded for presentation

Acronyms and abbreviations

AI	Artificial intelligence
FTE	Full-time equivalent
GDP	Gross domestic product
GVA	Gross value added
GWh	Gigawatt hour
MW	Megawatt
R&D	Research and development

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