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Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Rishi

The Finance and Public Administration Committee is the lead Committee for considering fiscal matters in the Scottish Parliament.

A key aspect of our scrutiny of the Scottish Government's approach to income raising and welfare spend is informed by the forecasts provided by the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Office for Budget Responsibility. The Committee's pre-budget scrutiny beginning in September will consider the economic and fiscal context and what this means for the Scottish Budget 2023-24, expected later this year.

Another important aspect of this is the Fiscal Framework which sets out the funding arrangements that help determine the size of the Scottish Budget each year. The UK Government and HM Treasury, in particular, have a significant role in this. While the Committee is able to hold the Scottish Government to account for the revenues raised from taxes devolved to Scotland, the block grant including the annual adjustments remains a matter for the UK Government. Significant policy decisions by the UK Government can also impact on the block grant adjustment including its response to the impact of inflation.

Given the above, the Committee invites you to give evidence on these matters as well as more generally on the key challenges facing the UK economy and which you consider need addressing in 2023-24.

I would therefore seek confirmation that you would be available to give evidence to the Committee in late October. The Committee's clerks are happy to liaise with your officials over a suitable date.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kenneth J Gibson MSP
Convener
Finance and Public Administration Committee