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Dear Mr Wallace

Thank you for your letter of 7 October 2022 in which you respond to the Finance and Public Administration Committee's concerns regarding the level of detail in the data provided by Social Security Scotland to the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) to inform their forecasts.

The Committee's [Report on the Scottish Budget 2023-24](#), published on 25 January 2023, highlights this exchange of correspondence, as well as highlighting more recent evidence we heard from the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) regarding this issue.

The SFC told us on 20 December 2023 that they "do not have the information on sex and gender for child disability payments yet, which is a challenge for our forecasting". They also indicated that it is unclear when SSS will be able to provide this data from equality monitoring forms.

The Committee agreed to pursue this matter with you given the potential impact on the robustness of the SFC's take-up forecasts. We therefore request a clear timeframe for when the SFC can expect to receive the data obtained from equality monitoring forms for child disability payments, including on sex and gender.

Further information regarding the discussion that took place between the Committee and the SFC can be found in the [Official Report from our meeting of 20 December 2022](#).

We look forward to receiving your response by 16 February 2023.

The Committee is copying this letter to the SFC and to the Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Social Justice and Social Security Committee for their information.

Yours sincerely

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Convener
Finance and Public Administration Committee