

## **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

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Dear Shona

By email

Further to the recent Ministerial changes, the Finance and Public Administration Committee looks forward to continuing to work with you and building on our positive and constructive relations, as we navigate the financial challenges ahead.

With this in mind, the Committee has asked me to seek an early meeting with you, before Parliament reaches summer recess, to discuss a number of issues of common interest. These matters include the challenges and expectations relating to the timetable for publication and scrutiny of the Scottish Budget and other relevant Scottish Government documentation.

The Committee also seeks an update on when we can expect the Scottish Government's debate on the Scottish Fiscal Commission's March 2023 Fiscal Sustainability Report, given this was committed to back in October 2023 and raises significant fiscal challenges for the long-term.

As you are aware, the Committee is due to take evidence from you in relation to the Scottish Government's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Scottish Fiscal Commission Economic and Fiscal Forecasts at our meeting on 18 June. At that meeting, it would also be helpful to hear more about your portfolio priorities going forward.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth Gibson MSP Convener Finance and Public Administration Committee