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Dear Kenneth,

Thank you for your letter of 1 October 2025 following my appearance at Committee on 30 September. I appreciate the Committee's recognition of the need to balance the time required for the Scottish Government and the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) to respond to the UK Government's Autumn Budget that will be published on 26 November, with the equally important need for robust parliamentary scrutiny.

Having considered the Committee's views carefully, I can confirm that the Scottish Government will publish the 2026-27 Scottish Budget and associated documents on **Tuesday 13 January 2026**. I trust this date will allow for meaningful scrutiny while also enabling us to take account of the implications of the scheduling of the UK Autumn Budget.

As I outlined during my evidence session on 30 September, I will follow up in due course with the further information I committed to providing to the Committee.

My officials will continue to liaise with the Committee Clerks to support the development of a Budget Bill timetable that maximises the time available for parliamentary consideration and Royal Assent.

I am copying this letter to Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the SFC.

Kind regards

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