



The Scottish Parliament
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Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Shona

Thank you for your letter of 3 September 2025 in relation to the UK Government's announcement that the Autumn Statement will take place on 26 November 2025.

The Committee shares your disappointment that the Scottish Government received no prior notice of the announcement. We are also deeply concerned at the significant challenges presented by the decision to schedule the UK Budget so late in the calendar year.

While the Committee understands that there will be a consequential delay to publication of the Scottish Budget, we request that the Scottish Spending Review and Infrastructure Investment Plan are both published to the original timescales, to enhance the Committee's ability to consider them at an earlier stage. This would also enable the Committee to then focus solely on scrutinising the Scottish Budget in what we expect to be a very short timeframe.

In the meantime, you will be aware that we are currently taking evidence as part of our pre-budget 2026-27 scrutiny and expect to report in October.

We look forward to hearing from you as part of this work on 30 September and to continuing to contribute the Committee's views to support your consideration of the options available in relation to publication of the Scottish Budget.

Yours sincerely,

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