



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Scottish Government

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Dear Shona

Thank you for your letter of 28 October 2025 in relation to the overall Budget Bill timetable for the Scottish Budget 2026-27.

The Finance and Public Administration Committee has previously set out our concerns regarding the short timeframe available for parliamentary scrutiny of the Scottish Budget 2026-27 arising from the late scheduling of the UK Autumn Budget on 26 November 2025. In our [pre-budget scrutiny 2026-27 report](#) published last week, we therefore urged the UK Government to place greater emphasis on the impact on devolved budgets when considering the timing of its fiscal events.

Notwithstanding these concerns, the Committee is content with the key dates proposed in the Scottish Budget Bill timetable provided in your letter and appreciates the Scottish Government's agreement to publish the Scottish Budget 2026-27 document two days earlier than originally intended to assist with the necessary preparatory work to enable informed evidence-gathering.

We understand that constructive discussions continue to take place between the Committee Clerks and Scottish Government officials regarding the timing, nature and format of the Committee Conveners' debate and we look forward to considering options as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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