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Dear Stephen,

Scotland's public finances: challenges and risks

Thank you for giving evidence to the Public Audit Committee on your recent briefing on the challenges and risks currently facing Scotland's public finances, at the Committee's meeting on [1 December 2022](#).

The Committee agrees with you that the significant financial challenges we face are the most testing since devolution and it believes that a further briefing on these matters would be extremely helpful in supporting parliamentary scrutiny of the difficult and complex decisions that lie ahead.

The Committee therefore agreed to write to you to ask whether you intend to produce a further briefing in this area once the Scottish Government's forthcoming Budget Bill has completed its parliamentary scrutiny.

We hope that you will give consideration to such a briefing in your future work programme.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Leonard MSP,
Convener