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SCOTTISH BUDGET 2027-28

Dear Clare,

The Committee will be aware that the UK Government announced on Friday 31 July 2026, that the UK Autumn Budget will take place on 28 October 2026. As this will be the first Budget delivered by the new Prime Minister and Chancellor, there remains a degree of uncertainty regarding the scale and nature of any spending, tax and wider policy changes that may be announced.

It will therefore be important that the Scottish Government has sufficient opportunity to assess the implications for Scotland and reflect them appropriately within our own Budget plans, while ensuring that Parliament has adequate time for effective scrutiny.

On the basis of these considerations, I can confirm that I will present the draft Scottish Budget 2027-28 to Parliament on **Thursday 03 December 2026**. I have written to the Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) to request they produce their Economic and Fiscal Forecasts in line with this timescale.

I look forward to supporting the Committee's pre-Budget scrutiny ahead of the draft Scottish Budget.

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