The Scottish Parliament
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Public Service Reform Committee

Clare Haughey
Convener
Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Convener,

Budget debate

Thank you for your letter of 12 November in relation to the proposed pre-budget scrutiny debate.

The Public Service Reform Committee welcomes the opportunity for committees to reflect on and discuss the impact of their pre-budget scrutiny work and considers that a debate provides a useful forum for highlighting committees' priorities as well as exploring common themes across committee scrutiny.

The Committee is supportive of a pre-budget scrutiny debate being held again this year and would be happy to participate.

At this stage, the Committee has no specific suggestions for changes to the format of the debate but welcomes recent steps piloted in the last debate, particularly the designation of a theme for the debate and identifying common areas of interest across committees' scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

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