

## Budget (Scotland) (No 3) Bill

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Introduced on: 19 January 2006 [SP Bill 53]  
Introduced by: Tom McCabe, Minister for Finance and Public Sector Reform (Executive Bill)  
Passed: 9 February 2006  
Royal Assent: 21 March 2006

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### Passage of the Bill

The [Budget \(Scotland\) \(No 3\) Bill](#) [SP Bill 53] was introduced on 19 January 2006. The Stage 1 debate took place on 26 January. The Finance Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 on 31 January and it was passed by the Parliament on 9 February 2006.

### Purpose and objectives of the Bill

The passage of the Bill is the final stage in the annual budget process and gives parliamentary authority for spending in Scotland for financial year 2006-07. The budget process is intended to allow the Parliament's subject committees the opportunity to comment on the Executive's spending plans at several points during the year prior to the annual budget being agreed. The expectation is that the subject committees should have an active role in scrutinising and making recommendations on spending priorities.

### Provisions of the Bill

The Bill will authorise over £25.46bn of cash expenditure by the Scottish Executive and its associated bodies, other organisations whose core funding is centrally provided (e.g. local authorities and health boards), the Forestry Commissioners, the Food Standards Agency, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and Audit Scotland.