

## **ICI Committee - call for views on the Scottish Government's draft budget 2014-15**

The Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee will take evidence during October and November on the draft budget 2014-15 relating to issues under its remit from academic experts, stakeholders and the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities.

This year, the Committee will adopt a different approach from previous years to its scrutiny of the draft budget. The Committee will concentrate on an evaluation of the Scottish Government's performance in delivering its priorities as set out in the 2011 Spending Review, concentrating on areas within its remit i.e. housing, transport, capital investment, digital infrastructure and broadband, Scottish Water and public procurement.

### **Your views**

The Committee is interested in hearing your views on the draft budget 2014-15 and the Scottish Government's response to the Committee on its performance against stated priorities in the 2011 Spending Review. Both documents can be accessed at the following links:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/09/9971>

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_FinanceCommittee/Draft\\_Budget\\_2014-15\\_Performance\\_Evaluation.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_FinanceCommittee/Draft_Budget_2014-15_Performance_Evaluation.pdf)

The Scottish Government has highlighted the following National Performance Framework indicators as relevant to this Committee's scrutiny of the draft budget:

- To raise the GDP growth rate to the UK level by 2011
- To match the growth rate of the small independent EU countries by 2017
- To reduce emissions over the period to 2011 / To reduce emissions by 80 percent by 2050
- Reduce deaths on Scotland's roads
- Improve access to suitable housing options to those in housing need
- Improve digital infrastructure
- To rank in the top quartile for productivity against key trading partners in the OECD by 2017
- To maintain our position on labour market participation as the top performing country in the UK
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Increase the proportion of journeys to work by public or active transport
- To narrow the gap in participation between Scotland's best and worst performing regions by 2017
- Increase the number of new homes
- Increase people's use of Scotland's outdoors
- Reduce Scotland's carbon footprint

The Committee is keen to hear from you on whether you think the draft budget proposals are consistent with the Scottish Government's strategic priorities as they relate to the Committee's remit.

The Committee will also welcome views on any other issues in relation to the draft budget which are pertinent to the Committee's remit. These views will help shape the Committee's scrutiny, and feed into oral evidence sessions with stakeholder representatives and the Cabinet Secretary. As required, the Committee will also ensure that issues relating to equal opportunities and climate change will be considered as part of its scrutiny.

The following information is provided for your assistance in preparing your organisation's submission, please note the closing date for submissions is **Monday 14 October 2013**.

#### **How to respond**

- please limit your written response to no more than 3 sides of A4
- the written response should be provided electronically in MS Word format (please note, there is no need to provide a confirmatory hard copy) to [ici.committee@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:ici.committee@scottish.parliament.uk)
- written submissions will be made public on the Committee's webpage. If you do not wish your response to be made public, please contact the clerks to discuss (you may wish to refer to the [Parliament's policy on handling information received in response to calls for evidence](#)).

The Committee welcomes written evidence in English, Gaelic or any other language and submissions should be sent electronically to:

You may also make written submissions to: [ici.committee@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:ici.committee@scottish.parliament.uk)

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