

Social Justice and Social Security Committee  
Thursday 4 September 2025  
21<sup>st</sup> Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

## Budget scrutiny 2026-27: future social security spending in Scotland

### Note by the Clerk

#### Written submissions

1. Please see below links to submissions from some of the organisations giving evidence today:
  - [David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling](#)
  - [Fraser of Allander Institute](#)

#### Call for views

2. 42 individuals and stakeholders responded to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's call for views, which ran until 17 August 2025.
3. 29 responded via Citizen Space. Those responses can be viewed here: [Published responses](#)
4. 13 sent submissions over email, and these are available on the webpage for the Committee's 2026-27 budget scrutiny.
5. Questions for today's session have therefore been informed by submissions from witnesses, as well as from other relevant responses to the call for views.

#### Correspondence

6. The Committee has also received the below written correspondence:
  - [5 August 2025: Letter from the Auditor General for Scotland regarding Upcoming Publications](#)
  - [22 August: Public Health Scotland](#)

- [26 August 2025: Letter from Professor Graeme Roy regarding two reports published by the Scottish Fiscal Commission](#)

## **SPICe Briefings**

7. SPICe have prepared an analysis of the call for views, which is paper 2 of today's pack, and is also available here: [Pre-Budget Scrutiny – Call for Views Summary](#)

**Clerks to the Committee**  
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