

Social Justice and Social Security Committee
Thursday 25 September 2025
24th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

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

Note by the Clerk

Evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

1. The Committee will today take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice on the pre-budget evidence received so far.
2. Questions for today's session have been informed by evidence taken from oral witnesses, as well as from responses to the call for views.

Call for views

3. 42 individuals and stakeholders responded to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's call for views, which ran until 17 August 2025.
4. 29 responded via Citizen Space. Those responses can be viewed here: [Published responses](#)
5. 13 sent submissions over email, and these are available on the webpage for the Committee's 2026-27 budget scrutiny.

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 available here:
[Pre-Budget Scrutiny – Call for Views Summary](#)

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