

Social Justice and Social Security Committee
Thursday 05 February 2026
5th Meeting, 2026 (Session 6)

Scottish Government's 2026-27 budget

Note by the Clerk

Introduction

1. The Committee will take evidence from Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, as part of its scrutiny of the Scottish Government's budget for 2026-27.
2. The Cabinet Secretary will be supported by the following officials:
 - Julie Humphreys, Director Tackling Child Poverty and Social Justice
 - Stephen Kerr, Director for Social Security
 - Adele Corner, Finance Lead, Social Justice, Scottish Government

Previous scrutiny

3. The Committee's pre-budget report is available here: [Pre-Budget scrutiny 2026-27: future social security spending in Scotland](#).
4. The Scottish Government's response to the report is available here: [2026 27 Pre Budget report on future social security spending in Scotland](#).

Clerks to the Committee
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