

**Social Justice, Housing and Local Government Committee
Wednesday 9 September 2025
2nd Meeting, 2025 (Session 7)**

Note by the Clerk

Evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and the Minister for Public Finance

1. At its meeting on 24 June 2026, the Committee agreed to invite relevant Scottish Government ministers to give introductory evidence on their priorities for Session 7 in policy areas within the Committee's remit.
2. These introductory evidence sessions will provide an opportunity for the Committee to engage with Scottish Government ministers at the outset of Session 7, to hear about the Scottish Government's priorities and planned work in areas falling within the Committee's remit, and for Members to ask questions on those priorities.
3. At its meeting on 9 September 2026 the Committee will take evidence from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, and the Minister for Public Finance.
4. The Cabinet Secretary is attending to discuss matters relating to local government, and the Minister is attending due to her responsibility for community empowerment and planning matters and her role in supporting the Cabinet Secretary.

**Clerks to the Committee
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