

ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

21st Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday 28 September 2022

Pre-budget scrutiny 2022-23

Introduction

1. In line with the recommendations of the [Budget Process Review Group](#) (BPRG) report, Scottish Parliament committees undertake pre-budget scrutiny, in advance of the publication of the Scottish budget.
2. The purpose of pre-budget scrutiny is for Committees to provide comment to the Scottish Government, in the form of a letter or report, at least six weeks prior to the Scottish budget with the aim of influencing the budget when priorities are set.
3. The date of the Scottish budget has not yet been confirmed, as it will depend on the timing of the UK budget. For now, the working assumption is that pre-budget reports/letters should be published by the end of October.
4. The purpose of today's session is to allow members to hear evidence on women's contribution to the economy as part of this pre-budget scrutiny.

Witnesses

5. The Committee will hear from—
 - Ruth Boyle, Policy and Parliamentary Manager, [Close the Gap](#); and
 - Carolyn Currie, Chief Executive, [Women's Enterprise Scotland](#).

Next steps

6. Following the evidence session, the Committee will consider the evidence heard and agree a letter to the Cabinet Secretary with its recommendations at a future meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee Clerks
23 September 2022