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Dame Susan

Following the Chancellor's confirmation of his plans to publish the first Autumn Budget on Monday 29 October, I wrote to the Finance and Constitution Committee of the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 27 September to propose a budget timetable that would see the Scottish Budget be published on Wednesday 12 December 2018.

At their meeting on 3 October the Committee agreed with my proposals. I am therefore writing to provide the Commission with maximum possible notice of the publication date and as agreed in the "Protocol for Engagement".

My officials will work with yours to agree a more detailed timetable covering the pre-Budget activity and engagement as required by the Protocol. I look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming months and to our meeting in December to discuss the Commission's forecasts.

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