



Log of Contact May 2019

1. This document contains a log of forecast round meetings that took place following notification of the date the Scottish Government planned to publish their Medium Term Financial Strategy. The Commission received official notification from the Scottish Government on 7 March 2019. The meetings took place as the Commission developed its forecasts which were published on 30 May 2019. It also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors since our forecasts in December 2019.
2. The Commission held a number of meetings with officials from across the public sector. These meetings were designed to ensure we were challenged on our judgments, and that we were using the best available information to inform our forecasts. These took the form of several rounds, which started in April 2019.
3. The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. It is provided in accordance with paragraphs 51 to 55 of the Protocol agreed between the Commission and the Scottish Government.¹

¹ Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government Version 2.0 (2018) ([link](#))

Log of Meetings with Officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Round 1 Meetings	8 April 2019	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)
Round 2 Meetings	8 May 2019	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland

Log of Contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Contact	Date	Further information
Confirmation of Scottish Fiscal Commission funding	4 March 2019	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to Dame Susan Rice. ²
Notification of date of Medium Term Financial Strategy	7 March 2019	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to Dame Susan Rice. ³
Approval to appoint OECD to review Commission	16 March 2019	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to Dame Susan Rice. ⁴
Notification of change of date	18 April 2019	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to Dame Susan Rice. ⁵
Confirmation the Commission would postpone publication	23 April 2019	Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work. ⁶
Provision of draft report	17 May 2019	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.
Phone call	28 May 2019	Phone call between Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and

² Letter from Cabinet Secretary to Dame Susan Rice – Confirmation of the SFC funding for 2019-20 and indicative funding for 2020-21 and 2021-22 – 4 March 2019 ([link](#))

³ Letter from Cabinet Secretary to Dame Susan Rice – Confirmation of the date of the Medium Term Financial Strategy – 7 March 2019 ([link](#))

⁴ Letter from Cabinet Secretary to Dame Susan Rice – Regarding external review by OECD – 16 March 2019 ([link](#))

⁵ Letter from Cabinet Secretary to Dame Susan Rice – Advising a delay to the publication of the Medium Term Financial Strategy – 18 April 2019 ([link](#))

⁶ Letter from Dame Susan Rich to Cabinet Secretary – Confirming the Commission would postpone publication – 23 April 2019 ([link](#))

Contact	Date	Further information
		Fair Work and Dame Susan Rice. This meeting was scheduled as per paragraph 55 of the Protocol.
Provision of final publication-ready report	29 May 2019	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.