

Bruce Crawford MSP
Convener
Finance Committee
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear Convener,

As required by the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act, the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) and the Scottish Government have agreed a protocol for their engagement relating to the forecasting and assessment process. As defined in the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016 ('SFCA'), the forecasting and assessment process refers to all of the Commission's duties on the production of forecasts and forecast evaluation.

The production and publication of the protocol is intended to ensure there is transparency in the interactions between the SFC and Scottish Government. It therefore covers the interactions between the Commission and the Scottish Government both during the formal periods of engagement around fiscal events, and engagement outwith fiscal events.

The Protocol will be published on the SFC website today and I have attached a copy of the Protocol for your information.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan".

Susan Rice CBE

cc: Mr Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution