

Log of Contact January 2021

- 1.1 This document contains a log of forecast round meetings that took place following notification of the date the Scottish Government planned to publish their Budget 2021-22. The Commission received official notification from the Scottish Government on 11 November 2020.¹ The meetings took place as the Commission developed its forecasts which were published on 28 January 2021. It also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors since our forecasts in February 2020.
- 1.2 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 judgements, and that we were using the best available information to inform our forecasts. These took the form of several rounds, which started in December 2020.
- 1.3 The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. It is provided in accordance with paragraphs 45 to 49 of the Protocol agreed between the Commission and the Scottish Government.²

Log of Meetings with Officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Round 1 Meetings	9 December 2020 10 December 2020	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland Social Security Scotland Office for Budget Responsibility
Round 2 Meetings	18 December 2020 21 December 2020	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland Social Security Scotland
Round 3 Meetings	13 January 2021	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland Social Security Scotland

¹ Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice regarding the notification of date of the Scottish Budget and MTFS – 11 November 2020 ([link](#))

² Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government Version 4.0 (2020) ([link](#))

Log of contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Contact	Date	Further information
Confirmation of SFC funding for 2020-21 to 2022-23 ³	27 March 2020	Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice
Notification of the rescheduling of the 2020 fiscal events ⁴	1 April 2020	Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice
Pre-release draft of our April Fiscal Update publication	22 April 2020	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff
Update on the timings of 2020 fiscal events ⁵	25 August 2020	Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice
Pre-release draft of our Supplementary Costing – Child Winter Heating Assistance	28 August 2020	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff
Pre-release draft of September publications provided. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Update – September 2020 • Statement of Data Needs • Forecast Evaluation Report 	1 September 2020	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff
Pre-release draft of our income tax October publications provided	2 October 2020	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff
Notification of our 2020 Annual Report and Accounts publication ⁶	28 October 2020	Letter from Dame Susan Rice to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance
Pre-release draft of our Supplementary Costing: Scottish Child Payment	4 September 2020	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff
Notification of the 2021-22 Scottish Budget date ⁷	11 November 2020	Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice
Provision of draft report	26 January 2021	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff
Phone call	26 January 2021	Phone call between Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Dame

³ Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice regarding the confirmation of SFC funding for 2020-21 to 2022-23 – 27 March 2020 ([link](#))

⁴ Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice regarding the notification of the rescheduling of the 2020 fiscal events – 1 April 2020 ([link](#))

⁵ Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice on the update on the timings of 2020 fiscal events – 25 August 2020 ([link](#))

⁶ Letter from Dame Susan Rice to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance on notification of our 2020 Annual Report and Accounts publication – 28 October 2020 ([link](#))

⁷ Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice on notification of the 2021-22 Scottish Budget date – 11 November 2020 ([link](#))

Contact	Date	Further information
		Susan Rice. This meeting was scheduled as per paragraph 49 of the Protocol.
Provision of final publication-ready report	27 January 2021	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff