

Log of Contact August 2021

1. This document contains a log of forecast round meetings that took place since we published our previous forecasts in January 2021. The meetings took place as the Commission developed its forecasts which were published on 26 August 2021. The log also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors within the same period.
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 June 2021.
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.¹

Log of Meetings with Officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Round 1 Meetings	12 July 2021 13 July 2021	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland Social Security Scotland Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)
Round 2 Meetings	26 July 2021 27 July 2021	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland Social Security Scotland Department for Work and Pensions OBR
Round 3 Meetings	12 August 2021	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials OBR Revenue Scotland Social Security Scotland

¹ 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
Notification of the publication of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee Report ²	5 February 2021	Letter from the Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills to Scottish Fiscal Commission Chief Executive
Notification on Public Sector Leadership Summit on race equality in employment ³	2 March 2021	Letter from the Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills to the Scottish Fiscal Commission Chief Executive
Pre-release draft of Supplementary Costings – Non-Domestic Rates Measures and Self-Isolation Support Grant – March 2021	5 March 2021	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Scottish Fiscal Commission staff
Response to the Minister's letter on Public Sector Leadership Summit ⁴	8 March 2021	Letter from the Scottish Fiscal Commission Chief Executive to the Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills
Confirmation of the funding for the Scottish Fiscal Commission for 2021-22 to 2023-24 ⁵	22 March 2021	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice regarding SFC funding for 2021-22 to 2023-24
Pre-release copy of May 2021 occasional papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we forecast the Scottish economy • Funding for the Scottish Budget • How we forecast devolved taxes • How we forecast social security: disability and carer's payments 	25 May 2021	Reports provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Scottish Fiscal Commission staff

² Letter from the minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills to Dame Susan Rice – SFC notified of the publication of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee Report – 5 February 2021 ([link](#))

³ Letter from the minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills to the Scottish Fiscal Commission Chief Executive – notification of Public Sector Leadership Summit on race equality in employment – 2 March 2021 ([link](#))

⁴ Letter from the Scottish Fiscal Commission Chief Executive to the minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills - Response to the Minister's letter on Public Sector Leadership Summit – 8 March 2021 ([link](#))

⁵ Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance to Dame Susan Rice – confirmation of the Scottish Fiscal Commission funding for 2021-22 to 2023-24 – 22 March 2021 ([link](#))

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Provision of pre-release copy of Supplementary Costing – Carer’s Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill – June 2021	21 June 2021	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Scottish Fiscal Commission staff.
Provision of pre-release copy of Forecast Evaluation Report publication	9 July 2021	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Scottish Fiscal Commission staff
Provision of near-final copy of Scotland’s Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – August 2021 report	23 August 2021	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Scottish Fiscal Commission staff.
Phone call	24 August 2021	Phone call between Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Finance and Dame Susan Rice. This meeting was scheduled as per paragraph 49 of the Protocol.
Provision of pre-release copy of August 2021 publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland’s Economic and Fiscal Forecasts (SEFF) report • Fiscal Update • Supplementary Forecast Evaluation Report 	25 August 2021	Reports provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.