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Dear Professor Roy,

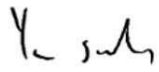

I am writing to provide the Commission with confirmation of when the Scottish Government intends to publish the Scottish Budget 2023-24, in accordance with our joint 'Protocol for Engagement'.

There continues to be significant uncertainty of the UK Government's Autumn fiscal plans, including the timing and scope of the next set of Office of Budget Responsibility's (OBR) forecasts. It is important however for the Scottish Government to strategically plan for the introduction of the 2023-24 Scottish Budget. I am also mindful however, of our joint protocol that requires the Scottish Government to provide you with 10 weeks notification of a budget date.

I can confirm that I intend to publish the 2023-24 Scottish Budget on 15 December 2022.

I have copied you into my letter, sent today to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for your information. My officials will contact your own to discuss the timetabling for a 15 December Budget. I very much look forward to working with you over the coming weeks and months.

I am copying this letter to the Convenor of the Finance and Public Administration Committee.



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