

Log of Contact December 2023

1. This document contains a log of forecast round meetings that took place ahead of our publication. The meetings took place as the Commission developed its forecasts which were published on 19 December 2023. The log also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors within the same period.
2. The Commission held several 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 were held in October, November, and December 2023.
3. The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. It is provided in accordance with paragraphs 47 to 51 of the Protocol agreed between the Commission and the Scottish Government.¹

Log of meetings with officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Pre-Round 1 Director Meetings	11 October 2023	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government Directors (Tax and Revenue, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Chief Economist, Budget and Public Spending, Social Security) Social Security Scotland Chief Executive
Round 1 Meetings	15 November 2023	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials Revenue Scotland officials
Round 2 Meetings	29 November 2023	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials Revenue Scotland officials
Post-Round 2 Social Security Director Meeting	29 November 2023	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government Director of Social Security

¹ Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government – September 2023 ([link](#))

		Social Security Scotland Chief Executive
Post-Round 2 Public Funding and Spending Director Meeting	06 December 2023	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government Directors (Tax and Revenue, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Budget and Public Spending)

Log of contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Reason of Contact	Date	Further information
Confirmation of publication date for the 2024-25 Scottish Budget	09 October 2023	Letter from Deputy First Minister to Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission. ²
Provision of near-final copy of Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – December 2023 report	13 December 2023	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.
Provision of pre-release copy of Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – December 2023 report	18 December 2023	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.
Call between the Deputy First Minister and Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission.	18 December 2023	This was scheduled as per paragraph 51 of the Protocol. ³

² Letter from Deputy First Minister to Professor Graeme Roy confirming Budget on 19 December 2023 – 9 October 2023 ([link](#))

³ Scottish Fiscal Commission (2023) Protocol of Engagement with the Scottish Government – September 2023 ([link](#))