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Dear Professor Roy,

Now that the *Budget (Scotland) Bill* has concluded its Parliamentary stages, I am writing in line with the Scottish Fiscal Commission's (SFC) Framework Document, to confirm that funding for the Commission for the year 2024-25 is £2,706,000.

The SFC Framework Document states that the Scottish Government will provide the Commission with an indication of funding for the subsequent two years, in line with OECD best practice for Independent Fiscal Institutions. I have set out below indicative funding for the years 2025-26 and 2026-27. These figures reflect recent exchanges between our officials regarding the SFC's projected expenditure and can be reviewed if circumstances change.

2024-25	2025-26 (indicative)	2026-27 (indicative)
£2,706,000	£2,731,000	2,751,000

Given the ongoing financial challenge, all public bodies are being asked to use the resources allocated to them in whichever ways best ensure the services they provide remain sustainable in future and contribute to better outcomes. I recognise the SFC's positive contribution to date, and look forward to your continued engagement, in the public service reform workstream.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the work of the SFC and its staff in producing the forecasts which supported the budget process last year and your ongoing work to support the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Yours sincerely,



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