



Finance and Public Administration Committee

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Dear Chancellor

Congratulations on being appointed as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

As you will be aware, the Finance and Public Administration Committee is the lead Committee for considering fiscal matters in the Scottish Parliament. A key aspect of our scrutiny of the Scottish Government's approach to income raising and welfare spend is informed by the forecasts provided by the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Office for Budget Responsibility. Alongside this the tax and spending decisions of the UK Government set the economic context for the UK and can impact on the Scottish Government Budget whether through the fiscal framework or through the Block Grant.

As the Committee notes in its pre-budget scrutiny [Report on Scotland's Public Finances in 2023-24 and the Impact of the Cost of Living and Public Service Reform](#), Governments are facing challenging decisions on how to balance the books. Key challenges for budgets in 2023-24 include addressing the impact of the cost of living and inflation.

The Committee would therefore welcome an early opportunity to take evidence from you on these matters as well as the wider challenges you consider are facing the UK economy and which you consider need addressing in 2023-24 and beyond.

I would therefore seek confirmation that you would be available to give evidence to the Committee before the end of the year. The Committee's clerks are happy to liaise with your officials over a suitable date.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Convener
Finance and Public Administration Committee