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Dear Sir Robert

The Finance and Public Administration Committee is considering the Scottish Fiscal Commission's first fiscal sustainability report at our meeting on 28 March 2023.

To inform this evidence session, the Committee would welcome any written insights that the Northern Ireland Fiscal Council (NIFC) is able to provide which may support our scrutiny, given its recent experience in producing its first such report. This might include any further context on its approach to producing a sustainability report within a devolved context, its methodology, how it works with the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) to ensure the robustness of the data used in these long-term reports, and how the NIFC's first report is being used and scrutinised.

The Committee is also seeking written insights from both the OBR and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

We would welcome your written submission by 22 March 2023.

Yours sincerely

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