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Dear Kenneth,

2025-26 SCOTTISH BUDGET BILL TIMELINE

In my letter dated 24 September on the date of the 2025-26 Scottish Budget, I advised that introduction of the Budget Bill on 18 December would be contingent on agreement from the Secretary of State for Scotland and Law Officers to expedite their consideration of the Bill. I am pleased to confirm that I have now received this agreement in principle.

I am grateful for the collaboration between our officials in producing a draft timeline for the Budget Bill and I have set this out in the attached annex. I recognise that the proposed Bill dates are subject to Parliamentary agreement and it will be for the Parliamentary Bureau to consider in the new year.

I have copied this letter to Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission for information.

Kind regards,

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DRAFT BUDGET BILL TIMELINE

Stage	Date
Publication of the Scottish Budget	04/12/2024
FPAC Committee scrutiny of Budget (session 1)	10/12/2024
FPAC Committee scrutiny of Budget (session 2)	17/12/2024
Budget Bill introduced in Parliament	18/12/2024
Budget Bill published	19/12/2024
Recess	21 December 2024 – 5 January 2025
FPAC Committee scrutiny of Budget (session 3)	07/01/2025
FPAC Committee scrutiny of Budget (session 4)	14/01/2025
Committee finalises Budget report	28/01/2025
Committee Convener’s Debate	30/01/2025
Stage 1 Debate	04/02/2025
Recess	8 – 16 February 2025
Stage 2 Committee Session	18/02/2025
Scottish Rate Resolution	20/02/2025
Stage 3 Debate	25/02/2025
Royal Assent deadline	31/03/2025
Commencement	01/04/2025

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