

# ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

**23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday  
26 October 2022**

## **Pre-budget scrutiny 2023-24**

### **Introduction**

1. In line with the recommendations of the [Budget Process Review Group](#) (BPRG) report, Scottish Parliament committees undertake pre-budget scrutiny, in advance of the publication of the Scottish budget.
2. The purpose of pre-budget scrutiny is for Committees to provide comment to the Scottish Government, in the form of a letter or report, at least six weeks prior to the Scottish budget with the aim of influencing the budget when priorities are set. The Scottish Budget will be [published on 15 December 2022](#).
3. As part of this scrutiny, the Committee heard from Close the Gap and Women's Enterprise Scotland on women's contribution to the economy. The Official Report of that session can be accessed [here](#).
4. The Committee also held an evidence session with Unite Hospitality, UKHospitality, and the Scottish Tourism Alliance on the impact the current cost crisis is having on the tourism and hospitality industries. The Official Report of that session can be accessed [here](#).
5. Today's session will also focus on the cost crisis, with representatives from industries with relatively high energy usage.

### **Witnesses**

6. The Committee will hear from—
  - Euan Clark, Commercial Director, [Scottish Building Federation](#);
  - Ian Laird, Chair, [Scottish Textile Industry Leadership Group](#);
  - Paul Sheerin, Chief Executive, [Scottish Engineering](#); and
  - David Thomson, Chief Executive, [Food and Drink Federation Scotland](#).

### **Next Steps**

7. Following the evidence session, the Committee will consider the evidence heard and agree a letter to the Cabinet Secretary with its recommendations at a future meeting.

**Committee Clerking Team  
21 October 2022**