

**Economy and Fair Work Committee
Wednesday 25 September 2024
24th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)**

**Pre-budget scrutiny 2025-26
Note by the Clerk**

Purpose

1. Budget consideration is intended to be a continual process to provide an evidence base of the impact of spend. Committees are encouraged to embed this in their work throughout the year. At least six weeks prior to publication of the Scottish Government's next budget, committees are expected to write to their respective Cabinet Secretary setting out their views on future spending priorities for the coming year. The Scottish Government's 2025-2026 budget will be published on 4 December.
2. A recent [SPICe blog](#) highlights in-year changes to this year's Budget and scrutiny challenges.
3. Today is the Committee's second specific pre-budget scrutiny session. Evidence will be heard from Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish National Investment Bank. Highlands and Islands Enterprise, South of Scotland Enterprise, and Visit Scotland gave evidence on 11 September 2024.

Witnesses

1. Today's witnesses are—
 - Al Denholm, Chief Executive Officer; and
 - Michael Robertson, Chief Financial Officer, Scottish National Investment Bank.

 - Adrian Gillespie, Chief Executive; and
 - Douglas Colquhoun, Chief Finance Officer; Scottish Enterprise.
2. Following today's session, the Committee will consider the evidence heard and issues to be included in the pre-budget letter. A draft letter will be prepared for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting.

**Clerks to the Committee
September 2024**