

Social Justice and Social Security Committee
Thursday 9 January 2025
1st Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Scottish Government Budget 2025-26

Note by the clerk

1. For the 2025-26 Scottish Government budget, the Committee focussed its pre-budget scrutiny on third sector principles and how the Scottish Government's approach to fair and efficient funding can contribute to the continued effectiveness of the third sector. More information on the Committee's scrutiny of the Scottish Budget process is available [here](#).
2. At its meetings of [05 September](#), [12 September](#) and [10 October 2024](#), the Committee took evidence from a range of stakeholders as part of its pre-budget scrutiny to determine areas for the Scottish Government to focus on when preparing its 2025-26 budget.
3. The Committee's [pre-budget report](#) was published on 13 November 2024. [The Scottish Budget 2025 to 2026](#) was published on 4 December 2024. The [Scottish Government's response](#) to the Committee's pre-budget report was received on 12 December 2024.
4. At its evidence session on 9 January 2025, the Committee will undertake scrutiny of the 2025-26 budget. The Committee will hear from Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice.

Clerks to the Committee
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