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Dear Kenneth,

Scottish Budget 2026-27 – Committee Conveners' Debate

Thank you for your letter of 6 November, confirming that the Finance and Public Administration Committee is content with the key dates proposed in the 2026-27 Scottish Budget Bill timetable. I appreciate the Committee's constructive approach in scheduling scrutiny activities within a compressed timeframe.

Following engagement between yourself and the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, we have now identified Wednesday 21 January 2026 for the Committee Conveners' debate to take place. I would welcome confirmation that the Committee is satisfied with this timing.

As you know the Budget Bill timetable is subject to agreement with Parliament and securing agreement from the Law Officers and the Secretary of State for Scotland to expedite their post-Stage 3 consideration of the Bill.

I look forward to further engagement with the Committee as the Government sets out its 2026-27 Budget.

Yours sincerely,

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