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Dear Kenneth,

In my previous letter dated 6 May 2025, I informed the Committee of my intention to defer publication of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Fiscal Sustainability Delivery Plan (FSDP) to the week commencing 23 June 2025.

I can now confirm that the publication is scheduled for 25 June 2025, subject to Parliamentary approval.

As previously outlined, this revised timing will allow the MTFS to incorporate the outcomes of the UK Spending Review (UKSR), enabling the Government to present a more robust central funding forecast as the basis for pre-Budget scrutiny.

Today, I have written to the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) to advise them of the confirmed publication date, subject to Parliamentary approval. Professor Graeme Roy has confirmed that the SFC will proceed with publishing its economic and fiscal forecasts on the originally planned date of 29 May 2025. I welcome this decision, as the forecasts will provide an opportunity for early consideration of key fiscal outlook components before the MTFS is published. I also welcome the SFC's plans to publish an additional report alongside MTFS to reflect the outcome of the UKSR on the funding outlook for the Scottish Government. I also anticipate that this will support the Committee's scrutiny of the future funding position. I greatly appreciate the constructive approach taken by the SFC to the change to the publication date of the MTFS.

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I look forward to engaging with the Committee in the coming months.

I am copying this letter to the Public Audit Committee.

Kind regards,

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