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Dear Kenneth,

Today, I published the Scottish Government's seventh Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and first Fiscal Sustainability Delivery Plan (FSDP).

The Medium Term Financial Strategy has a familiar scope and structure, providing the economic, funding and spending outlooks for the next five years, and setting out the Governments strategy aiming to ensure we continue to deliver a balanced budget each year alongside strengthening the public finances over the medium term.

To strengthen and build upon our strategic approach and bring further transparency to the key actions this Government is taking to set the public finances on a sustainable trajectory, we have published our first Fiscal Sustainability Delivery Plan (FSDP). This brings together, in one place, the range of activity currently underway across government to deliver our fiscal strategy over the next five years.

Together, these documents set out how we are ensuring that public money is fully focused on delivering government priorities, as set out in the Programme for Government 2025 to 2026 and underpinned by necessary reform and prioritisation to maximise the impact of public spending.

You can find the publications here:

MTFS https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836918356 FSDP https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836918363

I would like to thank the Committee for their continued engagement with the Scottish Government, and welcome the upcoming parliamentary scrutiny of the MTFS and FSDP. I look forward to working together with the Committee to improve and develop the MTFS and

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| FSDP going forward, as part of our wider engagement and following your recent report on the budget process in practice. |
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| Yours sincerely, |
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