

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
Wednesday 21 January 2026
3rd Meeting, 2026 (Session 6)

Scottish Government Budget 2026 to 2027

Introduction

1. This paper supports the Committee's evidence session on the Scottish Government's Budget for 2026 to 2027 with the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.
2. The Committee will scrutinise the spending plans for the Rural Affairs and Islands (RAI) portfolio within the Budget.
3. [Information about the budget process has been produced by SPICe.](#)

The Scottish Government's Budget for 2026 to 2027

4. The Scottish Government's Budget for 2026 to 2027 was published on 13 January 2026.
5. [Information regarding the RAI portfolio responsibilities, national outcomes and spending plans are set out in Chapter 11 of the budget document.](#)
6. [SPICe has published a blog on the initial reactions to the final budget of session 6.](#) SPICe will publish more detailed briefings in advance of the Committee's meeting and these will be circulated to members, and published on the Scottish Parliament's website, in advance of this meeting.

Clerks to the Committee
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