



# Log of Contact May 2018

1. This document contains a log of forecast round meetings that took place following notification of the date of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The Commission received official notification from Scottish Government staff on 7 March 2018. The meetings took place as the Commission developed its forecasts which were published on 31 May 2018. It also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors since notification of the date of the MTFS.
2. The Commission held a number of meetings with officials from across the public sector. These meetings were designed to ensure we were challenged on our judgments, and that we were using the best available information to inform our forecasts.
3. These took the form of several rounds, which started in April 2018 after we received official notification of the MTFS date.
4. The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. It is provided in accordance with paragraphs 51 to 55 of the Protocol agreed between the Commission and the Scottish Government.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government Version 2.0 (2018) ([link](#))

## Log of Meetings with Officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Timetable Meeting	22 March 2018	Commission staff Scottish Government officials
Round 1 Meetings	18 April 2018	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials
Round 2 Meetings	8 and 9 May 2018	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland HMRC Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)
Round 3 Meetings	14 May 2018	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials

## Log of Contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Contact	Date	Further information
Agreement on revised protocol	21 March 2018	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution to Dame Susan Rice. <sup>2</sup>
Consultation on draft regulations	19 April 2018	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution to Dame Susan Rice. <sup>3</sup>
Response on draft regulations	27 April 2018	Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution. <sup>4</sup>
Provision of draft report	24 May 2018	Report provided electronically to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution by Commission staff
Phone call	30 May 2018	Phone call between Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution and Dame Susan Rice. This meeting was scheduled as per paragraph 55 of the Protocol.
Provision of final publication-ready report	30 May 2018	Report provided electronically to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution by Commission staff

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Cabinet Secretary to Dame Susan Rice – Agreement of Protocol 21 March 2018 ([link](#))

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Cabinet Secretary to Dame Susan Rice – Consultation on draft regulations 19 April 2018 ([link](#))

<sup>4</sup> Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary – Response on draft regulations 27 April 2018 ([link](#))