



# Log of Contact February 2020

1. This document contains a log of forecast round meetings that took place following notification of the date the Scottish Government planned to publish their Budget 2020-21. The Commission received official notification from the Scottish Government on 2 October 2019.<sup>1</sup> The meetings took place as the Commission developed its forecasts which were published on 6 February 2020. It also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors since our forecasts in May 2019.
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. These took the form of several rounds, which started in October 2019.
3. The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. It is provided in accordance with paragraphs 50 to 54 of the Protocol agreed between the Commission and the Scottish Government.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Letter to SFC from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work regarding the date of the 2020-21 Scottish Budget – 2 October 2019 ([link](#))

<sup>2</sup> Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government Version 3.0 (2019) ([link](#))

## Log of Meetings with Officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Round 1 Meetings	24 October 2019 25 October 2019	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland Office for Budget Responsibility
Round 2 Meetings	6 November 2019 7 November 2019	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland
Round 3 Meetings	27 November 2019	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland
Round 4 Meetings	20 January 2020	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Revenue Scotland

## Log of Contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Contact	Date	Further information
Commission's second Annual Report and Accounts for 31 March 2019 <sup>3</sup>	19 September 2019	Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work.
Notification of the date of the Budget 2020-21 <sup>4</sup>	2 October 2019	Letter to Dame Susan Rice from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work.
Report by OECD following the review of SFC <sup>5</sup>	24 October 2019	Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work.
Congratulation on the report by OECD <sup>6</sup>	29 October 2019	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to Dame Susan Rice.
Cancellation of Scottish Budget 2020-21 on 12 December 2019 <sup>7</sup>	6 November 2019	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to Dame Susan Rice.

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work – Second Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31 March 2019 – 19 September 2019 ([link](#))

<sup>4</sup> Letter to SFC from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work regarding the date of the 2020-21 Scottish Budget – 2 October 2019 ([link](#))

<sup>5</sup> Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work – Report by OECD following the review of SFC – 24 October 2019 ([link](#))

<sup>6</sup> Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work – Congratulation on the report by OECD – 29 October 2019 ([link](#))

<sup>7</sup> Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work – Cancellation of Scottish Budget 2020-21 on 12 December 2019 – 6 November 2019 ([link](#))

Contact	Date	Further information
Response to letter detailing the delay to the Scottish Budget 2020-21 <sup>8</sup>	7 November 2019	Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work.
SFC informed that the Scottish Budget 2020-21 will be after Christmas 2019 <sup>9</sup>	14 November 2019	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work to Dame Susan Rice.
Confirmation of date of Scottish Budget 2020-21 <sup>10</sup>	13 January 2020	Letter to Dame Susan Rice from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work.
Provision of draft report	31 January 2020	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.
Phone call	5 February 2020	Phone call between Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work and Dame Susan Rice. This meeting was scheduled as per paragraph 54 of the Protocol.
Provision of final publication-ready report	5 February 2020	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.

<sup>8</sup> Letter from Dame Susan Rice to Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work – Response to letter detailing the delay to the Scottish Budget 2020-21 – 7 November 2019 – ([link](#))

<sup>9</sup> Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work – SFC informed that the Scottish Budget 2020-21 will be after Christmas 2019 – 14 November 2019 ([link](#))

<sup>10</sup> Letter to Dame Susan Rice from Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work confirming date of Scottish Budget 2020-21 – 13 January 2020 ([link](#))