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Dear Dame Susan,

I am writing, in accordance with our joint 'Protocol for Engagement', to provide the Commission with confirmation of when the Scottish Government plans to publish the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and the Scottish Budget 2021-22. I have now taken the decision to publish both documents on 28th January 2021.

The timing of the budget will help Scottish Government to account for, and respond to, the final nature of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, the path of COVID-19 over the course of the winter months whilst incorporating emerging public health, fiscal and economic information.

I have also copied you to my letter to the Convenor of the Finance and Constitution Committee for your information. My officials will contact your own to discuss the timetabling for a 28th January Budget and MTFS. I very much look forward to working with you over the coming weeks and months.

I am copying this letter to the Convenor of the Finance and Constitution Committee.

KATE FORBES

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