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Dear Professor Roy,

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government has today published the 2023 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The document can be found on the Scottish Government website at the following link:

Medium-Term Financial Strategy: <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781805259268>

I would like to thank you and your colleagues at the SFC for the work that has gone into producing the Economic and Fiscal forecasts. The role that the forecasts have in underpinning the MTFS, as well as the role the Commission plays as an independent scrutiniser of Scotland's public finances, are invaluable and play a key role in enhancing fiscal transparency in Scotland.

I am pleased to see that good working relationships continue to be forged between the Government and the SFC. As we look ahead, the Scottish Government will continue to work collaboratively with the Commission, and I look forward to future discussions for the upcoming 2024 – 25 Budget.

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