

Log of Contact May 2023

1. This document contains a log of forecast round meetings that took place ahead of our publication. The meetings took place as the Commission developed its forecasts which were published on 25 May 2023. The log also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors within the same period.
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 judgements, and that we were using the best available information to inform our forecasts. These took the form of several rounds, which were held in March and May 2023.
3. The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. It is provided in accordance with paragraphs 48 to 52 of the Protocol agreed between the Commission and the Scottish Government.¹

Log of meetings with officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Pre-Round 1 Social Security Director Meeting	13 March 2023	Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Senior Commission Staff Social Security Scotland Chief Executive Scottish Government officials
Pre-Round 1 economy and taxes directors meeting	14 March 2023	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials including Director for Tax and Revenues
Pre-Round 1 Social Security Meeting	15 March 2023	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials
Round 1 Meetings	29/30 March 2023	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials
Round 2 Meetings	3 May 2023	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials

¹ Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government – October 2022 ([link](#))

Post-Round 2 Director Meeting	17 May 2023	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government Directors (Tax and Revenue, Budget and Public Spending, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Chief Economist)
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Log of contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Reason of Contact	Date	Further information
Confirmation of publication date for the 2023-24 Scottish Budget	1 March 2023	Letter from Deputy First Minister to Professor Graeme Roy confirming MTFS on 25 May 2023 ²
Confirmation of SFC budget for 2023-24 and indicative budgets for the subsequent two years	21 March 2023	Letter from Deputy First Minister to Professor Graeme Roy confirming budget for 2023-24 and indicative budgets for subsequent two years ³
Provision of final policy measures that may affect economic forecasts	26 April 2023	Provided electronically to the Scottish Fiscal Commission by Scottish Government staff.
Introductory call between Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Commission, and the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance	4 May 2023	Introductory call following the appointment of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance in March 2023.
Provision of final policy measures with the Commission, including final borrowing information if final figures have not already been provided	4 May 2023	Provided electronically to the Scottish Fiscal Commission by Scottish Government staff.
Provision of near final version of Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts report with the Cabinet Secretary responsible	19 May 2023	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.

² Letter from Deputy First Minister to Professor Graeme Roy confirming MTFS on 25 May 2023 – 1 March 2023 ([link](#))

³ Letter from Deputy First Minister to Professor Graeme Roy confirming budget for 2023-24 and indicative budgets for subsequent two years – 21 March 2023 ([link](#))

Reason of Contact	Date	Further information
for Finance and other relevant Cabinet Secretaries		
Provision of pre-release copy of Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – May 2023 report	24 May 2023	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff
Call between the Deputy First Minister and Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission	24 May 2023	This was scheduled as per paragraph 52 of the Protocol