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Dear Professor Roy,

I wrote to you on 21 May to confirm my intention to publish the seventh Medium-Term Financial Strategy on 20 June. However, since then, the UK Government has called a General Election with the pre-election period taking effect from 00:01, 25 May 2024 with the election to follow on 4 July.

The Permanent Secretary has advised the First Minister that the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, draft Tax Strategy and Infrastructure Investment Pipeline annual report and pipeline refresh will need to be delayed in line with the pre-election guidance. The Permanent Secretary wrote to the Finance and Public Administration Committee to confirm this delay. A new publication date will be communicated as soon as possible and we will engage fully with your officials as we consider the possible options, recognising the 11 week notification period in place.

I would like to thank the Commission for its continued engagement and flexibility throughout the pre-election period and prior transition period.

Yours Sincerely,

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