

Log of Contact December 2024

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 4 December 2024. The log also records any contact between Commissioners and Ministers or Special Advisors within the same period.
2. The Commission held several 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 October and November 2024.
3. The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. It is provided in accordance with paragraphs 47 to 51 of the Protocol agreed between the Commission and the Scottish Government.¹

Log of meetings with officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Pre-Round 1 Director Meeting Tax and Economy	9 October	Commissioners Senior Commission staff Scottish Government Directors (Tax, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Chief Economist)
Pre-Round 1 Director Meeting – Social Security	16 October	Commissioners Senior Commission staff Social Security Scotland Chief Executive Scottish Government Director of Social Security
Round 1 Meetings	23 October	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials

¹ Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government – September 2023

		Social Security Scotland officials
Post-UK Budget Director call – Funding and Spending	6 November	Commissioners Senior Commission staff Scottish Government Directors (Public Spending, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Chief Financial Officer)
Round 2 Meetings	13 November	Commissioners Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials
Post-Round 3 Director Meetings Public Funding and Spending Social Security Economy and Tax	20 November	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government Directors (Public Spending, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Social Security, Tax, Chief Financial Officer) Social Security Scotland Chief Executive
Final Director call Funding and Spending	28 November	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government Directors (Public Spending, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Chief Financial Officer)

Log of contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Reason for contact	Date	Further information
Confirmation of publication date for the 2025-26 Scottish Budget	24 September	Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission ²
Provision of near-final copy of Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – December 2024 report	27 November	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.
Call between the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal	3 December	This was scheduled as per paragraph 51 of the Protocol. ³
Provision of pre-release copy of Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – December 2024 report	4 December	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.

² [Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to Professor Graeme Roy confirming Budget on 4 December 2024](#) - 24 September 2024

³ [Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government](#) – September 2023