

Log of Contact January 2026

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 13 January 2026. 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 November and December 2025, and January 2026.
3. The log aids understanding of the process the Commission went through in constructing our forecasts. Throughout the forecasting period our interaction with the Scottish Government has been guided by our protocol for engagement.¹

Log of meetings with officials

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
Pre-Round 1 Economy and Tax meeting	5 November 2025	Commissioners Senior Commission staff Scottish Government officials Scottish Government Directors (Tax, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Public Spending, Chief Economist)
Pre-Round 1 Spending meeting	12 November 2025	Commissioners Senior Commission staff Scottish Government officials Scottish Government Directors (Tax, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Public Spending, Chief Financial Officer)
Pre-Round 1 Director meeting – Social Security	12 November 2025	Commissioners Senior Commission staff Scottish Government officials

¹ Scottish Fiscal Commission (2023) [Protocol for engagement between the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Government](#).

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
		Social Security Scotland Chief Executive Scottish Government Director of Social Security
Round 1 Meetings	19 November 2025	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials
Round 2 Meetings	10 December 2025	Commissioners Commission staff Scottish Government officials Social Security Scotland officials
Post-Round 2 Post -UK Budget Director Meetings Public Funding and Spending	10 October 2025	Commissioners Senior Commission Staff Scottish Government officials Scottish Government Directors (Public Spending, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Tax, Chief Financial Officer)
Post-Round 2 Director meetings Social Security	17 December 2025	Commissioners Senior Commission staff Scottish Government officials Scottish Government Directors Social Security Social Security Scotland Chief Executive
Final Director call (Funding and Spending)	7 January 2026	Commissioners Senior Commission staff

Meeting Title	Dates	Attendees
		<p>Scottish Government officials</p> <p>Scottish Government Directors (Public Spending, Fiscal Sustainability and Exchequer Development, Tax, Chief Financial Officer)</p>

Log of contact with Ministers or Special Advisors

Reason for contact	Date	Further information
Confirmation of publication date for the Scottish Budget 2026 –27	6 October 2025	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 – January 2026 report	7 January 2026	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 Commission	12 January 2026	This was scheduled as per paragraph 51 of the Protocol. ³
Provision of pre-release copy of Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – January 2026 report	12 January 2026	Report provided electronically to the Scottish Government by Commission staff.

² Scottish Fiscal Commission (2025) [Letter from Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government to Professor Graeme Roy about 2026-27 Scottish Budget date - 6 October 2025](#).

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