

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair, Finance Committee

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Budget timetable 2024–25

Dear Peredur,

As required by Standing Order 20.2, the Business Committee has been formally notified that the Government intends to publish the outline and detailed proposals of the 2024–25 Draft Budget together on 12 December 2023, at the latest, and to publish the final Budget on 27 February 2024. I am writing to seek the views of the Finance Committee on the proposed deadline for you to report on the Draft Budget, as required by Standing Order 20.4.

Standing Order 20.5(i) states that the Finance Committee must normally be given eight weeks to report on the outline budget proposals, while Standing Order 20.5(ii) requires that other committees have at least five weeks to consider the detailed budget proposals, within the timeframe set by the above dates notified to us by the Government.

The Trefnydd has indicated that the Government intends to schedule the debate on the Draft Budget on Tuesday 6 February 2024. This would require the Finance Committee and other committees to report on or before Monday 5 February 2024, which would provide seven weeks and four days, comprising four sitting weeks, for scrutiny of both the outline and detailed Draft Budget proposals.



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In her letter, the Trefnydd indicated that there was once again uncertainty this year regarding the date of the UK Government fiscal event and that, therefore, the Welsh Government will provide a firm timetable as soon as possible after the UK Government has made an announcement regarding its Budget.

I would be grateful for your views on the proposed timetable to enable the Business Committee to publish the timetable for the consideration of the budget.

Yours sincerely,



Rt. Hon Elin Jones MS

Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

