

Additional information provided by Boundaries Scotland following the evidence session on 9 November 2023.



1. The process by which Boundaries Scotland's budget is set, including (a) whether the budget is laid before the Scottish Parliament and (b) whether, and if so how, the budget proposals are scrutinised by the Scottish Parliament.

Boundaries Scotland produces a corporate plan annually setting out its financial plans for the current and future two years. This is used by Scottish Government to inform budget allocation. A line for Boundaries Scotland is included in the annual Budget Bill which goes through the Scottish Parliament. There is no other specific scrutiny of the budget by Parliament.

2. Whether Boundaries Scotland's accounts or annual reports are (a) laid before the Scottish Parliament and (b) routinely scrutinised by a Scottish Parliament committee

Boundaries Scotland does not hold its own budget so does not produce annual accounts. Its budget is held by Scottish Government. Boundaries Scotland does produce an annual report summarising key activities and outturn against budget allocation. This is not laid in the Parliament but is available via the Commission's website.

3. The process by which the Chair and members of Boundaries Scotland are appointed, including what role (if any) the Scottish Parliament and/or its committees have in those processes.

The Chair and members of Boundaries Scotland are appointed by Scottish Ministers through the Scottish Government public appointment process. There is no role for the Parliament and/or its Committees.