

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS  
Chair, Finance Committee

9 July 2024

### **Budget timetable 2025–26**

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 2025–26 Draft Budget together on 10 December 2024, at the latest, and to publish the final Budget on 25 February 2025. 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.

In doing so, I note your letter of 27 June 2024 to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and the Cabinet Office summarising the views received in response to your consultation with other Senedd committees on their experiences of scrutinising the Draft Budget for 2024–25. That letter was noted by the Business Committee at its meeting held on 2 July 2024.

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.



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The Trefnydd has indicated that the Government intends to schedule the debate on the Draft Budget on Tuesday 4 February 2025. This would require the Finance Committee and other committees to report on or before Monday 3 February 2025, which would provide seven weeks and four days, comprising four sitting weeks, for scrutiny of both the outline and detailed Draft Budget proposals.

In her letter, the Trefnydd indicated that there was once again uncertainty regarding the date of the UK Government fiscal event, this time due to the General Election. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elin', is positioned above the printed name.

**Rt. Hon Elin Jones MS**

Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

