



HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum

12 February 2025

Dear Kenneth, Peredur and Matthew,

HM TREASURY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY FINANCE COMMITTEE FORUM

1. Thank you for your letter of 24th September to the Chancellor regarding engagement with devolved legislature Finance Committees, which she has passed to me as minister responsible for public spending, and for your letter of 3rd December inviting me to the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum on 19th March. I am sorry for the delay in responding.
2. I am happy to attend the closed session meeting of the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum on 19 March and my officials will liaise with the Assembly Finance Committee Clerk to make arrangements.
3. I recognise the importance of the devolved legislature Finance Committees in providing rigorous scrutiny to devolved government spending and I am keen to support your work, whilst also recognising the importance of Parliamentary accountabilities and that the UK Government is accountable to the UK Parliament for its tax and spending decisions. I will consider invitations from the Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum and devolved legislature finance committees on a case-by-case basis. In doing so, I will need to ensure that issues of accountability are considered and so the bar for my involvement will be high.
4. I will continue to regularly engage with my devolved government counterparts through the Finance: Interministerial Standing Committee, as well as on an individual basis.
5. I am copying this letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Treasury Committee and the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darren Jones', written over a light blue horizontal line.

RT HON DARREN JONES MP
CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY