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Draft budget reporting timetable

Dear Elin

Further to your letter of 16 July 2018 regarding the budget timetable 2019–20, we would be grateful if consideration could be given to extending the deadline for reporting by one week.

Following the tragic events last autumn we had a one week extension to consider the draft budget, which we found extremely useful as it enabled us to scrutinise the Cabinet Secretary for Finance the day after the UK Budget had been announced. This allowed the Committee to briefly consider any additional funding or cuts in the UK Budget and any changes to tax thresholds or rates.

Although this year's UK Budget date is not yet known, a reporting deadline of 27 November 2018 is likely to mean that the Committee is unable to consider the UK budget, which is not ideal due to the impact this may have on the final budget.

We would therefore like to request that the reporting deadline be extended by a week.

Kind regards

Members of the Finance Committee

