



Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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Dear Dr O'Hagan

Thank you for your letter of 13 February encouraging use of the Equality and Fairer Scotland Budget Statement (EFSBS) in scrutinising the Draft Budget.

The remit of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in relation to the Draft Budget is to scrutinise the one regulation-making power that is being delegated to the Scottish Ministers in section 7 of the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill. This power is very similar each year. The Committee's only consideration is whether this delegation of legislative power is appropriate and whether the appropriate parliamentary procedure will apply to regulations made under this section. As the Committee only considers this technical aspect of the Bill, it does not do any analysis of the policy behind the Draft Budget.

While the EFSBS is not able to directly assist the Committee with this limited consideration, I will circulate your letter to Committee members and it will be published on the Committee webpage. I hope this will help to draw attention to the EFSBS and the work of the Equality Budget Advisory Group, which may assist Members in their own scrutiny of the Draft Budget.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Simpson
Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee