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Dear Edward,

**Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee pre-budget scrutiny**

Thank you for your submission of 31 October regarding your Committee's pre-budget scrutiny of the Scottish Budget 2019-20. The input of the Parliament's committees is a valued part of the budget scrutiny process, and I thank you for your time and care in preparing your submission. I have shared your submission with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work; as you will be aware he will present the Scottish Budget 2019-20 to the Parliament on 12 December.

In accordance with the Written Agreement of May 2018 between the Finance and Constitution Committee and the Scottish Government, the Budget documentation will include a summary of how submissions from the Parliament's committees have influenced the formulation of the Budget. I will provide a more detailed response to the Committee within five sitting days from the publication of the Budget, i.e. on or before 19 December, also in accordance with the Written Agreement.

Bert Wilson

  
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