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Dear Richard

The Finance and Public Administration Committee is considering the Scottish Fiscal Commission's first fiscal sustainability report at our meeting on 28 March 2023.

To inform this evidence session, the Committee would welcome any insights that the Office for Budget Responsibility is able to provide which may support this scrutiny, given its wealth of experience in producing fiscal sustainability reports. This could include further context on the sustainability of the UK's public finances, the sharing of information between the OBR and SFC to ensure the robustness of the data used in these long-term reports, details of its approach and methodology, and how the UK Government and Houses of Parliament use and scrutinise the OBR's fiscal sustainability reports.

The Committee is also seeking written insights from both the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which recommended that the SFC produces a fiscal sustainability report, and the Northern Ireland Fiscal Council, which published its first such report in November 2022.

The Committee would welcome your written submission by 22 March 2023.

Yours sincerely

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