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Dear Kenneth,

Thank you for your letter of the 3 September where you propose that the Budget Bill be introduced two weeks after the indicative 4 December Budget date.

I am considering this proposal carefully. The Committee will be aware that this proposal will necessitate a compressed Budget Bill timeline and the Scottish Government is currently considering the implications of this.

I will respond fully to the Committee's letter as soon as I can, along with addressing the wider points that the Committee has raised.

I have copied this letter to Professor Graeme Roy, Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission for information.

Yours sincerely,

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