

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

1st Meeting, 2024 (Session 6), 16 January 2024

2024-25 Budget scrutiny

Note by the clerk

Background

1. In anticipation of the 2024-25 Budget, the Committee held two pre-budget scrutiny sessions on [19 September 2023](#) and [3 October 2023](#). The Committee followed up on this session with a [pre-budget letter](#) dated 24 October 2023.
2. This letter made recommendations in a number of areas relating to the health budget such as multi-year budgeting, NHS boards, workforce and pay, public engagement, health outcomes, preventative spend and a whole system approach.
3. The intention of the pre-budget scrutiny sessions was for the Committee to use its report to try to influence the formulation of spending proposals while they are still in development.
4. The Committee received a response to its pre-budget scrutiny letter from the [Scottish Government](#) on 19 December 2023. The Annex to this letter sets out detailed responses to the key points and recommendations in the Committee's pre-budget scrutiny letter.
5. The Scottish Government's [2024-25 Budget](#) was published on 19 December 2023. SPICe published an [initial blog analysis](#) of the budget on 19 December, before publishing a more [detailed briefing](#) on 4 January 2024.

Today's meeting

6. At today's meeting, Members will have an opportunity to put questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Michael Matheson MSP, regarding the Scottish Government's 2024-25 Budget as this relates to those policy areas falling within the Committee's remit.

Clerks to the Committee

11 January 2024