

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee

Draft 2013-14 Scottish Government Budget and the Spending Review

Remit and Terms of Reference

Remit

1. The Draft Scottish budget for 2013-2014 is to be published on Thursday 20 September 2012. The Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee has agreed to focus its investigation on:

- Whether the 2013-14 budget and the 3 year spending review contributes to sustainable economic growth within the next year and supports structural change in the long term?
- Whether the budget matches the plans within the [Government Economic Strategy](#)?
- Whether and how the resources allocated in the Economy, Energy and Tourism Budget line will be applied effectively to assist economic recovery and long-term growth.

2. The Committee intends to take evidence on 3, 24 and 31 October and on 7 November and to report to the Finance Committee by Wednesday 14 November. The Committee will publish a list of proposed witnesses in due course.

Key issues

- Whether spending decisions within the economy, energy and tourism portfolio aligns with the Scottish Government's overarching purpose of increasing sustainable economic growth;
- What progress has been made by the Scottish Government on the preventative spending agenda within the economy, energy and tourism portfolio areas and, in particular, in the implementation of the change funds;
- Consider what progress the Scottish Government is making in delivering its overarching purpose through its spending decisions with reference to the [National Performance Framework](#) (NPF) with specific regard to the economic growth, productivity, solidarity and sustainability purpose targets;
- Planned expenditure on renewable energy and fuel poverty and the impact of this expenditure on meeting the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 targets; and

- The impact of the 2013-14 budget and the 3 year spending review allocations within the economy, energy and tourism portfolio on tackling poverty.

How to submit written evidence

Please use the key issues as the basis for your submission. You may wish to respond to any or all of the issues. Evidence should be reasonably brief and typewritten (normally no more than 4-6 sides of A4 in total).

The deadline for receipt of written submissions is **Friday 19th October 2012**. Owing to the timescale normally required for the processing and analysis of evidence, late submissions will only be accepted with the advance agreement of the clerk.

The Committee prefers to receive written submissions electronically. These should be sent to:

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You may also send a hard copy of written submissions to:

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We welcome written evidence in any language.

Policy for Handling Written Evidence

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