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Dear Kenneth,

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you for your letter of 29 June inviting me to appear before the Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee to discuss the Scottish Government's fiscal framework.

2. I would be very happy to appear before your committee to discuss the fiscal framework once it has been agreed. While this will not be achieved by 2 September, I will look to appear as soon as possible once an agreement is reached between both governments.

3. As you are aware, we have agreed with the Deputy First Minister that neither government would provide a running commentary to fiscal framework discussions in order to allow both governments space for negotiations to take place.

4. In keeping with this agreement, while it would not be appropriate to appear in front of the Committee before an agreement on the fiscal framework is reached, I am committed to appearing once we have such an agreement.



5. I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "GH", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

GREG HANDS