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Finance Committee

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Dear Chief Secretary,

In my letter dated 10 December 2015, I invited you to appear before the Finance Committee at its first meeting following publication of the agreed fiscal framework. The Committee clerks have separately contacted your officials to confirm that this session would take place on the morning of Wednesday 24 February.

I thought it would be helpful to confirm that the invitation will stand whether the framework is agreed in advance of the meeting or not. In the event that agreement is reached, this will allow the Committee to scrutinise the framework before reporting its conclusions to the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee. Should agreement not be reached, we would wish to hear explanations from both governments as to why this was not possible.

The Deputy First Minister will be invited to give evidence, separately, at the same meeting.

Yours sincerely

**Kenneth Gibson MSP,
Convener**