



## INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

**26th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)**

**Wednesday 12 November 2014**

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
  
Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, Sharon Fairweather, Director of Finance, Transport Scotland, Dominic Munro, Deputy Director, Housing Sustainability and Innovative Finance, and Scott Mackay, Infrastructure Investment Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Prestwick Airport:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
  
Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, John Nicholls, Director - Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals, Transport Scotland, and Sharon Fairweather, Director of Finance, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government.
4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16:** The Committee will consider the evidence taken earlier on Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16.
5. **Freight transport in Scotland:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

**ICI/S4/14/26/A**

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

**Agenda Item 2**

Background note	ICI/S4/14/26/1
PRIVATE PAPER	ICI/S4/14/26/2 (P)
PRIVATE PAPER	ICI/S4/14/26/3 (P)

**Agenda Item 3**

Background note	ICI/S4/14/26/4
PRIVATE PAPER	ICI/S4/14/26/5 (P)

**Agenda Item 5**

PRIVATE PAPER	ICI/S4/14/26/6 (P)
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**Scottish Government Draft budget 2015-16**

**Introduction**

1. On 9 October 2014, the Scottish Government published its Draft Budget 2015-16. The document can be found at the following link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/10/2706/0>

2. The Infrastructure and Capital Investment (ICI) Committee has a duty to scrutinise the Scottish Government's draft budget on the various subjects which fall under its remit, i.e. housing, transport, capital investment, digital infrastructure and broadband, Scottish Water and public procurement.

**Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee consideration**

3. The [Committee's report last year](#) proposed several ways of linking the draft budget with [National Performance Framework](#) (NPF), as a tool to help improve scrutiny, and it was agreed that this would be the basis of the Committee's approach to its work on the Draft Budget 2015-16.

4. In June 2014 the Committee identified the following [National Indicators](#) contained within the NPF on which it wishes to focus its scrutiny:

- Reduce Scotland's Carbon Footprint
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Increase the proportion of journeys to work by public or active travel

5. The ICI Committee's call for views opened on 29 August 2014, and closed on 31 October 2014, full details can be found at the following link:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/81296.aspx>

6. The Committee heard from a range of academic experts at its meeting on 29 October 2014. A link to the Official report for 29 October can be found here:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9596>

7. The Committee also heard from a range of stakeholders at its meeting on 5 November 2014. A link to the Official report for 5 November will be made available at the following link upon publication:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/29837.asp>

8. A number of briefings have also been published in relation to the Draft Budget 2015-16 by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament Information Centre:

- [Carbon Assessment of the 2015-16 Draft Budget](#)
- [Budget Scrutiny 2015-16](#) which outlines the Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee's approach to this year's budget
- [Draft Budget 2015-16](#) provides a general overview of the draft budget

*Written submissions*

9. 34 written submissions to the call for views have been received. Links to these submissions are in the **Annexe**.

**Next steps**

10. The Committee will hold a final evidence session on 12 November 2014 with the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities.

**Myra Leckie**  
**Committee Assistant**  
**November 2014**

## ANNEXE

### Written submissions received on the Draft Budget 2015-16

[ALACHO \(152KB pdf\)](#)  
[BEMIS Scotland \(229KB pdf\)](#)  
[BT Scotland \(125KB pdf\)](#)  
[Carplus \(375KB pdf\)](#)  
[Chartered Institute of Housing \(104KB pdf\)](#)  
[Community Broadband Scotland \(266KB pdf\)](#)  
[Confederation of Passenger Transport - Scotland \(246KB pdf\)](#)  
[Cycling Scotland \(306KB pdf\)](#)  
[Dr David Connelly \(229KB pdf\)](#)  
[Professor Iain Docherty \(67KB pdf\)](#)  
[East Ayrshire Council \(144KB pdf\)](#)  
[East Coast Mainline Authorities \(74KB pdf\)](#)  
[Energy Saving Trust \(256KB pdf\)](#)  
[Existing Homes Alliance Scotland \(461KB pdf\)](#)  
[R S Garrow Ltd \(71KB pdf\)](#)  
[Homes for Scotland \(270KB pdf\)](#)  
[Living Streets \(155KB pdf\)](#)  
[North Ayrshire Council \(222KB pdf\)](#)  
[Ofcom Scotland \(247KB pdf\)](#)  
[Paths for All \(165KB pdf\)](#)  
[Pedal on Parliament \(139KB pdf\)](#)  
[Passenger Focus \(166KB pdf\)](#)  
[Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations \(19KB pdf\)](#)  
[Scottish Federation of Housing Associations \(102KB pdf\)](#)  
[Shelter Scotland \(143KB pdf\)](#)  
[SEStran \(222KB pdf\)](#)  
[Society of Chief Officers Transportation in Scotland \(SCOTS\) \(144KB pdf\)](#)  
[South Lanarkshire Council \(187KB pdf\)](#)  
[Spokes \(194KB pdf\)](#)  
[Stop Climate Chaos Scotland \(387KB pdf\)](#)  
[Sustrans Scotland \(234KB pdf\)](#)  
[Transform Scotland \(233KB pdf\)](#)  
[UNISON \(187KB pdf\)](#)  
[WWF Scotland \(323KB pdf\)](#)

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**Glasgow Prestwick Airport**

**Background**

1. Glasgow Prestwick Airport is an international airport handling both passenger and freight traffic. It is located 1.2 miles northeast of the town of Prestwick in South Ayrshire.

2. The airport is wholly owned by Scottish Ministers, who purchased it from previous owners Infratil (Prestwick Aviation Holdings Ltd) on 23 November 2013. Scottish Ministers established a holding company (TS Prestwick HoldCo Ltd) to purchase the shares in Prestwick Aviation Holdings Ltd. The holding company provides strategic oversight and ensures appropriate corporate governance arrangements are in place to monitor activities at the airport.

3. The Scottish Government acquisition of Prestwick Airport was predicated upon the protection of the 3,200 jobs directly or indirectly associated with the airport in the face of losses experienced by the previous owners. Scottish Ministers paid a nominal fee of £1 to purchase Glasgow Prestwick Airport.

**Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee consideration**

4. The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities wrote to the Committee on 23 November 2013 announcing the completion of the Scottish Government's acquisition of Prestwick Airport, and wrote again to the Committee on 31 January 2014 to provide an update on post-purchase activities.

5. The Cabinet Secretary committed to provide regular progress reports to the Committee and gave evidence to the Committee on 19 March and 18 June. Official Reports of these meetings can be accessed at the following links:

*19 March*

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9053&mode=pdf>

*18 June*

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9273&mode=pdf>

6. The strategic vision for Glasgow Prestwick Airport was published on Friday 31 October and is attached for Members' information. It is also available online at the following link:

<http://www.glasgowprestwick.com/userfiles/files/Strategic-Vision.pdf>

7. Audit Scotland will audit the Scottish Government's purchase of Prestwick Airport and is due to publish a report in February 2015. The audit will consider the reasonableness of the Scottish Government's approach to the purchase of Prestwick Airport, the future plans for its development and the arrangements for monitoring its future performance. It will also identify lessons to help inform any similar investment decisions in the future. Further information can be accessed at the following link:

[http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/docs/fwd/pb\\_prestwick\\_airport.pdf](http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/docs/fwd/pb_prestwick_airport.pdf)

**Next Steps**

8. The Committee will receive a further update from the Cabinet Secretary at its meeting on 12 November.

**Jason Nairn**  
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**November 2014**