

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE, DATED 27 MAY 2015

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter in relation to the approach the Public Audit Committee intends to take to an annual cycle of audit scrutiny.

The Finance Committee would welcome the views of the Public Audit Committee that may arise from the evidence-taking outlined in your letter. In order to inform our report on the draft budget in any given year, it would be helpful if your Committee's views could be provided to the same timescale as applies to subject committee reports. The exact timing for subject committee reports to be submitted can vary from year to year but under the normal budget timetable would fall in mid-November. The exact date is set out in guidance that we issue to subject committees in Spring each year. I will ensure that this guidance is sent to the Public Audit Committee.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth Gibson MSP
Convener