

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair, Finance Committee

6 July 2023

Budget timetable 2023-24

Dear Peredur,

As required by Standing Order 20.2, the Business Committee has been formally notified that the Government intends to publish the outline and detailed proposals of the 2023-24 Draft Budget together by 13 December 2022, at the latest, and to publish the final Budget on 28 February 2023. I am writing to seek the views of the Finance Committee on the proposed deadline for you to report on the draft budget, as required by Standing Order 20.4.

In determining this deadline, Standing Order 20.5(i) states that the Finance Committee must normally be given eight weeks to report on the outline budget proposals, while Standing Order 20.5(ii) requires that other committees have at least five weeks to consider the detailed budget proposals, within the timeframe set by the above dates notified to us by the Government.

The Trefnydd has indicated that the government intends to schedule the debate on the draft budget for Tuesday 7 February 2023. This would require the Finance Committee and other committees to report on or before Monday 6 February 2023.

In her letter, the Trefnydd indicated that there was once again uncertainty this year regarding the UK Government's intentions for a fiscal event in the autumn. Should it be possible to do so, the Welsh Government has indicated that it would look to bring forward its budget earlier in the autumn, and for the Business Committee to revise the timetable accordingly.



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I would be grateful for your views on the proposed timetable to enable the Business Committee to publish the timetable for the consideration of the budget. I'd be grateful also for your views on the possibility of amending the timetable as described, should the government request to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elin', is centered below the closing. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rt. Hon Elin Jones MS

Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

