

Deputy Helen Miles,  
Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel  
**By email**

12th May 2025

Dear Chair,

**Re: Proposed Budget 2026-2029**

Thank you for your letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025. I am aware that the Minister for Treasury and Resources has recently provided confirmation on a number of points to you and Deputy Gardiner relating to the timing of the proposed Budget 2026–2029. Additional clarification is provided below.

- 1) The final meeting of the Council of Ministers to approve the Proposed Budget.**  
Ministers intend to conclude the necessary decisions by the end of July. The final a meeting to approve the draft Budget document will then take place by the end of August.
- 2) When the draft Proposition and accompanying Financial Annex will be shared with Scrutiny.**  
This will be shared immediately prior to lodging.
- 3) The lodging and debate timeline of the draft Proposition.**  
As recently outlined by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, it is the intention to lodge on 2nd September for debate at the 25th November sitting.
- 4) The presentation of the Financial Annex.**  
The Annex is usually presented shortly after the proposed Budget is lodged. Ministers have requested that it be presented at the same time this year, if possible.
- 5) When Scrutiny will be provided with any new revenue growth bids and related business cases.**  
The details of any additional budget allocations will be provided in September, as soon as possible after the lodging date.
- 6) When Scrutiny will be provided with a progress update in respect of the previous year's progress and spends and how this will be reported.**  
Financial reporting to Ministers takes place on a quarterly basis, as does progress reporting on the Common Strategic Policy. This information can be provided to Panels in September for Quarter 2 and November for Quarter 3.
- 7) When Scrutiny will be provided with a progress update on the Common Strategic Policy priorities and how this will be reported.**  
In addition to the quarterly progress reports that will be forwarded to Scrutiny, Ministers will be able to provide individual updates to their Panels on the delivery of their respective Common Strategic Policy priorities within their areas of responsibility.
- 8) When Scrutiny will be provided with a spreadsheet outlining the capital and other projects, which identifies continuing and new allocated projects by Ministerial department.**  
These will be provided in September, as soon as possible after the lodging date.

**9) When the States Members' briefing on the draft Proposition will be held.**

The intention is to hold a States Members' briefing immediately before lodging and to share a copy of the proposed Budget in confidence.

**10) The publication of the Departments' Business Plans for 2026.**

The published 2025 Business Plans were drafted to cover the early part of 2026 so Ministers will not be producing new Business Plans for 2026. This is due to the proximity of the general election and the commencement of the election period before that. Detail relating to 2026 will be available to Panels and Members in the 2026 Budget.

**11) The publication and sharing of the Youth Friendly versions.**

The intention is to publish in September, as soon as possible after the lodging date.

**12) When Scrutiny Members can receive a technical briefing on the Budget and Annex.**

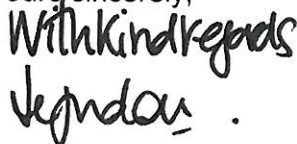
A technical briefing to Scrutiny will be provided after the proposed Budget has been lodged. I have asked that our officials liaise directly to ensure this is scheduled.

**13) The latest Financial Report.**

The Quarter 1 Financial Results are due to be considered by the Council of Ministers in May and will be provided immediately thereafter.

Our officials will continue to liaise on the practicalities around the development and lodging of the proposed Budget and Ministers will also ensure that Scrutiny Panels continue to be updated.

Yours sincerely,



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