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Dear Simon

Budget timetable 2018-19

As required by Standing Order 20.2, the Business Committee has been formally notified that the Government intends to publish the outline proposals of the 2018-19 Draft Budget on 3 October and the detailed proposals of the Draft Budget 2018-19 on 24 October. I am writing to you 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.

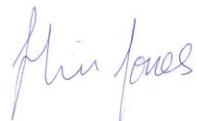
In determining this deadline, Standing Order 20.5(i) states that the Finance Committee must normally be given eight weeks to report on the outline budget proposals, while Standing Order 20.5(ii) requires that other committees have at least five weeks to consider the detailed budget proposals, within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

The Minister indicated that the government intends to schedule the debate on the draft budget for Tuesday 5 December. This would require the Finance Committee and other committees to report by Tuesday 28 November 2017. The Minister further indicated that in order to provide early certainty to delivery partners and stakeholders and, in order to accommodate the extended period for scrutiny and publish before Christmas, it will be necessary to publish the Final Budget during recess, on Tuesday 19 December.



I would be grateful for your views on the proposed timetable as soon as is practicably possible, to enable the Business Committee to publish the timetable for the consideration of the budget soon after the summer recess.

Yours sincerely

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Elin Jones AM, Llywydd
Chair, Business Committee

