

## Scottish Budget 2020-21 – amendments to Budget Bill at Stage 2

The Scottish Government has proposed amendments to the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill at Stage 2 to reflect changes to ministerial portfolios since the Bill's introduction and to reflect the Budget agreement with the Scottish Green Party on 26 February 2020. This note explains the proposed changes.

### Changes to Ministerial portfolios

This section explains how the amended portfolios in the Budget Bill relate to the Scottish Budget 2020-21 document, by reference to the Tables in that document.

The following eight portfolios are unchanged:

- Communities and Local Government
- Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
- Education and Skills
- Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
- Health and Sport
- Justice
- Social Security and Older People
- Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

The previous four portfolios below have been superseded:

- Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
- Finance, Economy and Fair Work
- Government Business and Constitutional Relations
- Rural Economy

The four new portfolios are:

- **Constitution, Europe and External Affairs** which comprises:
  - The previous Government Business and Constitutional Relations portfolio (Table 15.02); and
  - External Affairs responsibilities excluding Migration, and Scottish Connections responsibilities from the previous Culture, Tourism and External Affairs portfolio (Table 13.02 excluding Migration part of International and European Relations row, plus Scottish Connections part of Tourism row of Table 13.03).
- **Economy, Fair Work and Culture** which comprises:
  - Economy and Fair Work responsibilities from the previous Finance, Economy and Fair Work portfolio (Tables 7.02, 7.04, 7.05, 7.06, 7.13, 7.14, 7.15); and
  - Culture responsibilities from the previous Culture, Tourism and External Affairs portfolio (Table 13.03 excluding Tourism row, Tables 13.04 and 13.05).
- **Finance** which comprises:
  - Finance responsibilities from the previous Finance, Economy and Fair Work portfolio (Tables 7.03, 7.07, 7.08, 7.09, 7.10, 7.11, 7.12); and
  - Migration responsibilities from the previous Culture, Tourism and External Affairs portfolio (part of International and European Relations row of Table 13.02).

- **Rural Economy and Tourism** which comprises:
  - The previous Rural Economy portfolio (Tables 12.02, 12.03, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06, 12.07); and
  - Tourism responsibilities excluding Scottish Connections from the previous Culture, Tourism and External Affairs portfolio (Tourism row of Table 13.03, excluding Scottish Connections part).

Total Managed Expenditure for the four new portfolios, related to the previous portfolios in the Scottish Budget 2020-21 document, is shown in the table overleaf.

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New portfolios	Previous portfolios				Total	Adjustments for Budget Bill	Total for Budget Bill	Accruing resources
	Culture, Tourism and External Affairs	Finance, Economy & Fair Work	Government Business and Constitutional Relations	Rural Economy				
Constitution, Europe and External Affairs	24.5		16.1		<b>40.6</b>	-	<b>40.6</b>	-
Economy, Fair Work and Culture	288.5	660.6			<b>949.1</b>	(86.1)	<b>863.0</b>	350.0
Finance	1.9	5,611.0			<b>5,612.9</b>	(5,472.0)	<b>140.9</b>	50.0
Rural Economy and Tourism	50.6			789.0	<b>839.6</b>	(9.0)	<b>830.6</b>	800.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>365.5</b>	<b>6,271.6</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>789.0</b>	<b>7,442.2</b>	(5,567.1)	<b>1,875.1</b>	1,200.0
Adjustments for Budget Bill	(79.2)	(5,480.3)	-	(7.6)	(5,567.1)			
<b>Total for Budget Bill</b>	<b>286.3</b>	<b>791.3</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>781.4</b>	<b>1,875.1</b>			
Accruing resources	100.0	300.0	-	800.0	1,200.0			

The associated presentational adjustments for Budget Bill for the new portfolios are as follows:

- Constitution, Europe and External Affairs –
  - None
- Economy, Fair Work and Culture –
  - From Finance, Economy and Fair Work portfolio: Enterprise (-£8.3m)
  - From Culture, Tourism and External Affairs portfolio: Culture (-£9.5m), Historic Environment Scotland (-£3.0m), and National Records of Scotland (-£65.3m)
- Finance -
  - From Finance, Economy and Fair Work portfolio: Borrowing (-£66.0m), Revenue Scotland (-£6.6m), Scottish Fiscal Commission (-£1.9m), NHS and Teachers' Pensions (-£5,385.1m) and Registers of Scotland (-£12.4m).
- Rural Economy and Tourism -
  - From Rural Economy portfolio: Crofting Commission (-£0.1m), Highland and Islands Enterprise (-£5.1m), South of Scotland Enterprise (-£2.5m) and Animal Licence Fees (+£0.1m).
  - From Culture, Tourism and External Affairs portfolio: Tourism (-£1.4m).

## Agreement with Scottish Green Party, 26 February 2020

This section explain the amendments to portfolio spending plans resulting from the agreement with the Scottish Green Party announced on 26 February.

The resulting changes in 2020-21 portfolio spending plans are as follows:

### Communities and Local Government

An increase of £95 million resource and £15 million capital:

- £95 million resource for local authorities; and
- £15 million capital for local authorities to support cycling, walking and safer streets (as outlined in the Scottish Budget 2021-21 document, this is included in the Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity portfolio for Budget Bill purposes).

### Justice

An increase of £13 million resource and £5 million capital for the Scottish Police Authority.

### Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

An increase of £15 million resource and £30 million capital:

- £15 million resource to support free bus travel for those aged 18 and under;
- £25 million capital to support further investment in energy efficiency; and
- £5 million capital for Transport Scotland to support developing rail infrastructure.

The corresponding changes to portfolio figures in the Scottish Budget document and the Budget Bill are:

Portfolio	Budget document			Budget Bill		
	Initial £m	Change £m	Revised £m	Initial £m	Change £m	Revised £m
Communities & Local Government	12,154.3	110.0	12,264.3	11,265.9	95.0	11,360.9
Justice	2,831.5	18.0	2,849.5	2,689.5	18.0	2,707.5
Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity	3,445.7	45.0	3,490.7	3,500.8	60.0	3,560.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,431.5</b>	<b>173.0</b>	<b>18,604.5</b>	<b>17,456.2</b>	<b>173.0</b>	<b>17,629.2</b>

*Note: The £15 million for cycling, walking and safer streets is a specific grant to local authorities, included for Budget Bill purposes in the Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity portfolio rather than in the Communities & Local Government portfolio.*

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