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## Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 If you are providing a submission on behalf of an organisation, please state its name.

Organisation:  
Construction Employers Federation

4 Do you consent to your submission being published on the Committee's website and included in the Committee's report?

Yes, publish in full.

Clause 1

Clause 2

5 Do you support the Fiscal Council having a statutory duty to examine and publish a budget assessment report for each fiscal year?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

6 Do you support the Fiscal Council having a statutory duty to examine and publish a fiscal sustainability report at least once a year?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

Clause 3

7 Do you support the Fiscal Council having a statutory duty to publish a Budget Assessment report in response to the publication of the proposed budget for the year?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

Clause 4

8 Do you support the Fiscal Council having a statutory duty to publish a Fiscal Sustainability report, inclusive of public revenue, public borrowing and accumulated debt, expenditure and other matters that the Council feel appropriate?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

Clause 5

9 Do you support the DoF being able to add or remove functions and responsibilities of the Fiscal Council through secondary legislation?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

## Clause 6

10 Do you support the Fiscal Council having complete discretion to carry out its functions?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

11 Do you support the Fiscal Council having the ability to consider the likely effect of a published or proposed policy of a NI Department on public finances?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

## Clause 7, 8 & 9

### Schedule 1: Part 1: General

12 Do you support that the Fiscal Council must aim to carry out its functions efficiently and cost effectively?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

### Schedule 1: Part 2: Membership and Staff

13 Do you support that appointments to the Fiscal Council are to be made by the DoF?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why.:

14 Do you support that the Fiscal Council should consist of a chair and at least 2 but no more than 5 members?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why.:

15 Do you support that the Fiscal Council can employ additional staff, including a Chief of Staff, with the approval of the DoF?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why.:

### Schedule 1 Part 3: Committees, Procedure and Delegation

### Schedule 1 Part 4: Information and Disclosure

16 Do you support that the Fiscal Council can access all government information in order to fulfil its functions?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why. :

### Schedule 1 Part 5: Annual Review & Review of Councils Performance

17 Do you support that the Fiscal Council should report on its performance of duties and provide it to the DoF and the NI Assembly after each financial year?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why.:

18 Do you support that the Fiscal Council's performance should be reviewed by a person / body with the relevant expertise?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why.:

## Schedule 1 Part 6 Finance and Funding

19 Do you support that the Comptroller and Auditor General must examine, certify and report on the Fiscal Councils statement of accounts?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer and explain why.:

Schedule 1 Part 7: Initial Membership of the Council

Schedule 2

Any other comments?

20 Do you have any other comments in relation to the Bill?

No

Please give details to support your answer and explain why.: