

***From the Minister of Finance***



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## **Budget 2024-25**

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2024 requesting that the Finance Committee receive timely updates from the Department on the progress of the budget process and agreeing the Budget for 2024-25.

My department is working at pace on budget preparations and it remains my intention to aim to have a budget for 2024-25 in place for the end of April.

Please be assured that I fully acknowledge the scrutiny role of the Finance Committee and I am committed to continuing to provide relevant briefing and updates in a timely manner.

My officials will be attending the Finance Committee on 10 April 2024 and will provide briefing and updates on the DoF departmental position then.

Once the Executive has agreed a Budget for 2024-25, my officials will be happy to brief the Committee on the outcome.

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**DR CAOIMHE ARCHIBALD MLA  
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Dear Caoimhe,

### **Budget 2024-25**

You have previously indicated that you expect to bring forward a draft budget for 2024-25 prior to the end of April and the Committee has already supported Accelerated Passage for the Budget 2023-24 Bill.

At its meeting on 20 March 2024, Members, being conscious of their scrutiny role in the budget process, agreed that I should write to you again to request that the Committee receive timely updates from the Department on the progress of budget process and agreeing the Budget for 2024 -25.

The Committee is grateful for the pro-active approach that you and your officials have adopted with regard to providing briefing, and Members welcome the continuation of this to ensure that the Committee can provide the timely support and advice on the Budget Process that is required.

The Committee looks forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signed]*

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