



Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

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Functions

7 Scottish Ministers' statement

- (1) This section applies where the Scottish Ministers prepare—
 - (a) a draft Scottish budget for a financial year, or
 - (b) a Bill for a Budget Act for a financial year,which has not been informed by a forecast for that financial year contained in a report prepared by the Commission under section 2(2).
- (2) The Scottish Ministers must prepare a statement explaining why they disagree with the forecast.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must lay the statement before the Scottish Parliament on the same day as that on which (as the case may be)—
 - (a) they lay before the Parliament the draft Scottish budget for the financial year, or
 - (b) a member of the Scottish Government introduces the Bill for a Budget Act for the financial year.