

# Scottish Budget passes Stage 3

It was very busy at Holyrood today, and part of the reason was that the government's budget was back in front of MSPs for further discussion at Stage 3.

Finance Secretary Kate Forbes presented what she exclaimed to waiting photographers outside the Chamber was 'her budget'.

After the proceedings in the chamber she said: "I'm pleased that Parliament has supported this budget which will deliver certainty for our vital public services and local government.



Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Kate Forbes MSP presents the

Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill for stage 3 consideration by Parliament as First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP watches on (Right) 05 March 2020. Pic – Andrew Cowan/Scottish Parliament  
“It supports our ambitious plans to accelerate Scotland’s transition to a net-zero economy and provides a record £15 billion investment for health and social care.

“It will also help us tackle inequalities, deliver first-class public services and ensure no taxpayer in Scotland will pay more income tax on their current income.

“I now hope the UK Government will deliver on its promises in their overdue budget next week.”



Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Kate Forbes MSP (right) is accompanied by Minister for Public Finance Deputy Finance Secretary, Ben Macpherson MSP, as she makes her way to the chamber to present the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill for stage 3 consideration by Parliament. 05 March 2020. Pic – Andrew Cowan/Scottish Parliament