

Item 10 (iii) Question Time

Response to Councillor John Finnie from the Budget Leader

The UK Government's recent budget announcements highlight a particularly difficult period for public sector finances in the short to medium term. This is in line with general expectations expressed previously by the Scottish Government and views held internally by the Council.

The specific implications of the Scottish Government's budget are expected to be announced in September. We will then be better placed to assess the relevant implications for the Programme of the Highland Council 2009-2011 and we will review the position accordingly.