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Scottish Budget Bill 2014/15

The Scottish Government has [published](#) the Budget (Scotland) Bill. This sets out the spending allocations for the coming financial year.

The draft spending plans were covered in Policy [Briefing](#) 39 last September. This briefing explained the scale of cuts and the impact on the spending portfolios of most interest to our members. There followed a period of consultation and scrutiny from parliamentary committees.

The Budget Bill has very few changes and most of these have been announced individually in recent weeks arising out of the Barnett consequential of UK spending decisions. The main changes are:

- a further £20 million for Welfare Reform Mitigation to tackle the implications of the bedroom tax.
- £38.5 million of additional funding for business rates measures in 2014-15.
- £13 million of additional funding for Free School Meals
- £15m for extending provision for childcare for 2 year olds
- £3.5 million of additional funding for childcare workforce expansion
- £2.0 million for the Electoral Commission in respect of costs associated with public awareness, guidance and campaign regulation for the independence referendum

The restated budget is set out below:

Table 1.2 Draft Budget restated for Parliamentary approval

	A Draft Budget £m	B NDPB Non- cash £m	C Adjusted Budget £m	D Technical Adjust £m	E Other Bodies & transfers £m	F LA grants £m	G Transfers Between Portfolios £m	H Additional Funding £m	I Minor Rounding £m	J Restated Budget £m
Finance, Employment & Sustainable Growth	3,191.4	-41.9			-2,690.4					459.1
Health and Wellbeing	12,199.3	-1.0		93.0	-10.9					12,280.4
Education and Lifelong Learning	3,023.1	-5.3				4.5	3.5			3,025.8
Justice	2,589.1	-69.1	-24.7	-3.1	-72.4	88.5				2,506.3
Rural Affairs and Environment	559.2	-6.8		0.1	-64.1					488.4
Culture & External Affairs	231.2	-8.6			-19.8					202.8
Infrastructure, Investment & Cities	2,680.5	-10.5	35.0	42.7	-4.0	158.2	-2.0	20.0	-0.1	2,919.8
Administration	198.0									198.0
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service	108.7									108.7
Local Government	10,531.4					-249.2		28.0		10,310.2
National Records of Scotland					19.8					19.8
Teachers and NHS Pensions					2,687.4					2,687.4
Office of Scottish Charity Regulator					3.0					3.0
Scottish Court Service					72.4					72.4
Scottish Housing Regulator					4.0					4.0
Forestry Commission					64.1					64.1
Food Standards Agency					10.9					10.9
The Scottish Government	35,311.9	-143.2	10.3	132.7	0.0	0.0	-2.0	51.5	-0.1	35,361.1
SPCB and Audit Scotland	95.7		-0.3				2.0			97.4
Total Managed Expenditure	35,407.6	-143.2	10.0	132.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	51.5	-0.1	35,458.5

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