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Dear Chris

## SCOTTISH BUDGET 2022-23

On Thursday 9 December the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy presented the Scottish Budget for 2022-23 to Parliament. This is published on the [Scottish Government's website](#) and is of course subject to Parliamentary scrutiny over the coming months.

We will confirm your grant-in-aid for 2022-23 in your Budget Allocation and Monitoring letter, as early as possible after the Scottish Budget has received Parliamentary approval.

## SPA Budget

You will see that the SPA budget for 2022-23 is shown at Table 8.11 of Chapter 8, Justice Portfolio in the Budget document.

	2022-23 Budget (£m)
Total Scottish Police Authority	1,341.3
<i>Of which:</i>	
Fiscal Resource	1,245.8
Non Cash	50.0
Capital	45.5

In comparison to 2021-22, an additional £40.5m has been allocated to the SPA resource budget. Police reform funding to support transformation, has been maintained at the same level as in 2021-22, £25m resource and £4.6m capital.

In the absence of any Covid funding from the UK Government, we have established a justice recovery fund totalling £53.2m. This will be allocated to recovery, renewal and transformation activities across the justice system as we emerge from the pandemic. Up to £6.6m of this fund is available for the SPA to cover loss of external income and the additional costs to Police Scotland of court recovery.



Finally, the 2022-23 costs of post mortem toxicology transition and the initial four months of business as usual costs will be funded, along with the additional costs of drug driving toxicology. These budgets will be confirmed in due course.

Your Budget Allocation and Monitoring letter will formally set out the allocation of this funding, alongside the monitoring requirements and Ministerial expectations for 2022-23.

I am copying this letter to James Gray and David Page.

Yours sincerely



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