

**Log of substantive contact between the Office for Budget Responsibility and Ministers and their Special Advisers and private office staff between 26 November 2025 and 2 March 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Which Ministers, Offices or Special Advisers?</b>	<b>Type of contact</b>	<b>Brief summary of discussion/purpose</b>
1 December	Chancellor	Letter	Exchange of letters regarding Richard Hughes's resignation
8 December	Chancellor, Treasury officials	Meeting	General discussion on the work of the OBR with David Miles and Tom Josephs
14 January	Chancellor, Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials	Email	Note on the Round 1 economy forecast
29 January	Chancellor, Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials	Email	Note on the Round 1 fiscal forecast
12 February	Minister for Pensions, Treasury officials	Meeting	General discussion on the work of the OBR with David Miles and Tom Josephs
12 February	Chancellor, Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials	Email	Note on the Round 2 economy and fiscal forecast
16 February	Chancellor, Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials	Email	Note on the Round 3 economy and fiscal forecast
26 February	Treasury officials	Email	Advance pre-release draft of <i>Economic and fiscal outlook (EFO)</i> chapters
1 March	Treasury officials	Email	Final <i>EFO</i> document

**Log of substantive contact between the Office for Budget Responsibility and the Shadow Cabinet between 26 November 2025 and 2 March 2026**

3 February	Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer	Meeting	General discussion on the work of the OBR with David Miles and Tom Josephs
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## **Exceptional pre-release access list**

The *Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)* between the Office for Budget Responsibility, HM Treasury, the Department for Work and Pensions and HM Revenue and Customs contains guidance on the scope and purpose of exceptional pre-release access to our documents.

In accordance with those terms, the three lists below contain the 67 people who received the draft version (either in full or in part) of the *March 2026 Economic and fiscal outlook* on 26 February:

### **Ministers**

Chancellor of the Exchequer  
Chief Secretary to the Treasury  
Exchequer Secretary  
Minister for Pensions

### **Special Advisers**

Head of Special Advisers Office – Jack Stevenson  
Ben Nunn  
Rhodri Thomas  
Neil Amin-Smith

### **Treasury officials**

Permanent Secretary – James Bowler  
Second Permanent Secretary – Beth Russell  
Second Permanent Secretary – Jim O’Neil  
Director General, Public Spending – Conrad Smewing  
Director General Growth and Productivity – Jessica Glover  
Director General, Tax and Welfare – Will MacFarlane  
Director, Strategy, Planning and Budget – Dharmesh Nayee  
Director, Fiscal – Steve Farrington  
Director, Economics – Dan Gallagher  
Director, Public Spending – Marcus Mason  
Director of Communications – David Pares  
Deputy Director, Budget and Finance Bill – Jonny Medland  
Deputy Director, Macroeconomic Policy – Neil McMurdo  
Deputy Director, Fiscal Statistics and Policy – Jenny Gray  
Co-Deputy Directors, Macroeconomic Assessment – Victoria Ogden/Alison Massey  
Deputy Director, Macroeconomic Coordination and Strategy – Tom Hemingway  
Deputy Director, Welfare Spending and Reform – John Mundy  
Deputy Director, General Expenditure Policy – Benjamin West  
Deputy Director, Local Government and Reform – Henry Elks  
Deputy Director, Education and Skills – Tom Lee  
Deputy Director, Strategic Communications – Lizzie Lambert

Official preparing briefing (Scorecard and costings) x2  
Official preparing briefing (Policy costings) x2  
Official preparing briefing (Presentational) x2  
Official preparing briefing (Tax strategy) x2

Official preparing briefing (Fiscal forecast) x4  
Official preparing briefing (Fiscal policy) x4  
Official preparing briefing (Macroeconomic policy) x2  
Official preparing briefing (Public sector finances) x1  
Official preparing briefing (Economy forecast) x2  
Official preparing briefing (Economy) x4  
Official preparing briefing (Welfare) x2  
Official preparing briefing (Spending analysis) x1  
Official preparing briefing (Spending) x2  
Official preparing briefing (AME spending) x1  
Official preparing briefing (Local Government) x2  
Official preparing briefing (Environmental tax) x1  
Official preparing briefing (Education) x1  
Press officer x3