

Log of substantive contact between the Office for Budget Responsibility and Treasury Ministers and their Special Advisers and private office staff, between 22 November 2023 and 5 March 2024

Date	Which Ministers, Offices or Special Advisers?	Type of contact	Brief summary of discussion/purpose
27 December	Chancellor's office.	Email	Official request to begin the forecast process.
17 January	Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials.	Email	Note on the Round 1 economy forecast.
30 January	Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials.	Email	Note on the Round 1 fiscal forecast.
1 February	Chancellor and officials.	Meeting with the Budget Responsibility Committee.	To discuss early forecast judgements.
5 February	Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials.	Email	Note on the Round 2 economy forecast.
13 February	Chancellor and officials.	Meeting with the Budget Responsibility Committee.	To discuss forecast developments.
14 February	Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials.	Email	Note on the Round 2 fiscal forecast.
20 February	Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials.	Email	Note on the Round 3 forecast.
27 February	Chancellor, special adviser, Chancellor's office and other Treasury officials.	Meeting with the Budget Responsibility Committee.	To discuss the forecast and policy package.

1 March	Ministers, special advisers and officials (named below).	Email	Advance pre-release draft <i>EFO</i> chapters.
4 March	Treasury officials.	Email	Final <i>EFO</i> document.

### **Exceptional pre-release access list**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Office for Budget Responsibility, HM Treasury, the Department for Work & Pensions and HM Revenue & 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 (90) people who received the draft version (either in full or in part) of the March 2024 *Economic and fiscal outlook* on 1 March:

#### **Ministers**

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Chief Secretary to the Treasury

#### **Special Advisers**

Adam Smith

Simon Finkelstein

#### **Treasury Officials**

Permanent Secretary – James Bowler

Second Permanent Secretary – Catherine Little

Second Permanent Secretary – Beth Russell

Chief Economic Advisor – Sam Beckett

Director General, Growth and Productivity – Jess Glover

Director General, Public spending – Conrad Smewing

Director General, Tax and Welfare – Dan York-Smith

Director, Fiscal – Ruth Curtice

Director, Economics – Daniel Gallagher

Directors, Personal Tax, Welfare and Pensions – Laura Webster/Vanessa McDougall

Director, Public Spending – Nick Donlevy

Directors, Business and International tax – Mike Williams/Helen Dickinson

Director, Climate, Environment and Energy – Steve Field

Director, Strategy, Planning and Budget – William MacFarlane

Director, Enterprise and growth – Stuart Glasborow

Deputy Directors, General Expenditure Policy – Kara Towers/Susan Mangles

Deputy Director, Fiscal Statistics and Policy – Jennifer Gray

Deputy Director, Budget and Finance Bill – Jonny Medland

Deputy Directors, Macroeconomic Assessment – Orla May/Alison Massey

Deputy Director, Welfare Spending and Reform – Marcus Mason

Deputy Director, Macroeconomic Coordination and Strategy – Tom Hemingway

Deputy Director, Macroeconomic Policy – Neil McMurdo  
Deputy Director, Personal Tax – Oliver Haydon  
Deputy Director, VAT and Excise – Scarlett Graham  
Deputy Director, Enterprise and Property Tax – Matthew Henty  
Deputy Directors, Labour Markets and Distributional Analysis – Nicolas Broadway/Parag Vaghjiani  
Deputy Director, Energy Response – Jonathan Edwards  
Deputy Director, Energy and Transport Tax – Jenny Rowland  
Deputy Director, Pensions and Savings – Louise Tinsley  
Deputy Director, Trade Policy – Catherine Stewart

Official preparing briefing (economy forecast)  
Official preparing briefing (economy forecast/indirect effects) x2  
Official preparing briefing (economic policy) x3  
Official preparing briefing (GDP and inflation)  
Official preparing briefing (labour supply) x2  
Official preparing briefing (housing)  
Official preparing briefing (migration)  
Official preparing briefing (economy/trade)  
Official preparing briefing (fiscal forecast) x6  
Official preparing briefing (fiscal policy) x3  
Official preparing briefing (fiscal public sector finances)  
Official preparing briefing (macroeconomic policy)  
Official preparing briefing (balance sheet)  
Official preparing briefing (capital spending)  
Official preparing briefing (spending analysis)  
Official preparing briefing (AME spending)  
Official preparing briefing (spending policy)  
Official preparing briefing (policy costings) x2  
Official preparing briefing (budget presentation)  
Official preparing briefing (tax strategy) x2  
Official preparing briefing (labour supply/personal tax and welfare) x2  
Official preparing briefing (personal tax) x2  
Official preparing briefing (welfare) x2  
Official preparing briefing (savings and ISAs)  
Official preparing briefing (pensions)  
Official preparing briefing (NICs)  
Official preparing briefing (property tax) x2  
Official preparing briefing (international trade)  
Head of Communications – Ben Parker  
Head of Special Advisors Office  
Press officer x4