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Senator Ian Gorst
Minister for External Relations

BY EMAIL

09 November 2026

Dear Minister,

Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2027 to 2030 Review Additional Information

Thank you for your reply to my letter of 22 October 2026 in which the Scrutiny Panel set out questions related to the Review of The Proposed Budget 2027-2030. I would like to please ask for some further information to expand on some of your answers.

Your answer to question 1 regarding the breakdown of Grants and Allocations for 2027 only provides limited analysis within the Comments Section of the Table:

- External relations Budget Comments only deals with £1.227m of the £3.586m, please can you provide further breakdown of the remaining £2.359m?
- Financial Services Budget comments only deals with £6.137m of the £9.258m, please can you provide further breakdown of the remaining £3.121m?

You identify that the priority work programmes for the Department for External Relations and Financial Services are identified in the department's business plan. Please can this be provided.

Additionally, please can you identify how the costs of £31m available for allocation towards Time to Win implementation have been arrived at?

With many thanks in anticipation of your considering this request. It would be helpful to receive answers by 13 November 2026 so we can take them into account for the Panel meeting with you on 18 November 2026.

Yours Sincerely,



Deputy Samantha Gleave
Chair, Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel