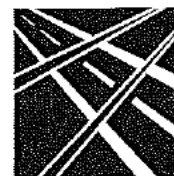


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Scottish Spending Review 2011 – Forth Estuary Transport Authority

Dear Barry,

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment & Sustainable Growth made a statement to the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 21 September to publish the Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget for 2012-13 to 2014-15.

For FETA the proposed budget lines for 2012/13 – 2014/15 are;

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Capital	£4.9M	£3.9M	£5.0M
Revenue	£5.1M	£5.1M	£5.1M

As per previous years I strongly recommended that any efficiencies you have identified across capital and revenue are brought into effect as soon as possible in order to begin making these savings while funding is available to support their implementation.

Ministers recognise that, in the course of normal business, FETA may have to award contracts which will run over several years and could run beyond the period of this budget and into the next spending review. Where contracts for significant spend across spending review periods are to be entered into, FETA should take steps to ensure that Scottish Ministers are advised and have an opportunity to consider such proposals in advance of firm commitments being given.

I fully appreciate the challenge that we all face in delivering ever greater efficiency and I welcome FETA's continued support and efforts to respond to this challenge.

Yours sincerely



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