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Chair of the Procedure Committee
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Dear Karen,

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Thank you for your letter of 21 October 2021. The Government on 27 October tabled the Budget resolutions which, in line with the previous four Budgets, did not include a general "Amendment of the Law" resolution.

This is a small modernisation which discontinues the previous practice of providing broad cover for the non-charging aspects of the Budget resolutions, and means that the Government is not seeking parliamentary authority for a broader Finance Bill than it plans to introduce. Instead, each of the tax changes it will legislate for is clearly underpinned by its own resolution, which more directly and straightforwardly corresponds to the provisions that will be in the Bill.

As you have noted, this has no impact on the scope of the Budget debates, which of course must be able to cover the full range of economic and fiscal issues covered in my Budget statement. The House can then vote on any of these resolutions at the end of the Budget debates. The Finance Bill will then follow the full process of parliamentary scrutiny for primary legislation in the normal way, with debates, votes and amendments relating to any part of the Bill itself.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House and the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rishi Sunak'.

RISHI SUNAK