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# **The appointment of Professor David Miles to the Budget Responsibility Committee of the Office for Budget Responsibility: Government response to the Committee's Ninth Report**

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# Sixth Special Report

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The Treasury Committee published its Ninth Report of Session 2021–22, [\*The appointment of Professor David Miles to the Budget Responsibility Committee of the Office for Budget Responsibility\*](#) (HC 966), on 16 December 2021. The Government’s response was received on 11 February 2022 and is appended to this Report.

## Appendix: Government Response

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### Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Chair of the Committee

#### TSC Report on the Appointment of Professor David Miles

Thank you for your report ‘The appointment of Professor David Miles to the Budget Responsibility Committee of the Office for Budget Responsibility: Ninth Report of Session 2021–22’. This letter constitutes HM Treasury’s response to your report.

I would like to thank you for your prompt consideration and approval of the Treasury’s nomination of Professor David Miles CBE to the Budget Responsibility Committee (BRC) of the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR). The role is a vital part of our commitment to strong public finances and as your report sets out, Professor Miles brings significant knowledge and experience to the role.

When conducting the appointment process for this role, we ensured a quality, open and fair recruitment campaign to yield a diverse pool of candidates suitable for the position. Unfortunately, the joint pressures of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review delayed being able to make a final decision on the appointment. Due to the significance of the role, it was judged appropriate to wait until the conclusion of the fiscal event to give the matter the full consideration it deserved.

The Treasury Select Committee plays a very valuable role in this process and the Treasury will do its best to fulfil your requirements, including providing sufficient notice of proposed candidates. Your work guarantees that we have the right individuals in place at an institution which plays a principal role in our fiscal framework, provides a foundation for sound policy making and is respected internationally.

Best wishes,

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11 February 2022