



# Competent, financially prudent Scottish Government

THIS PART OF THE GUIDE SETS OUT KEY INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE SYSTEM STANDS IN 2019-20. The Next Part sets out how it is changing.

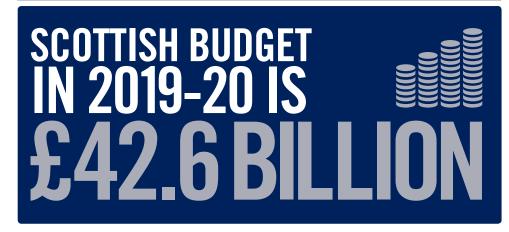
# **DEVOLVED FINANCES**

- The Scottish Government is accountable to the Scottish Parliament and the people in Scotland for its use of public money.
- Scottish Ministers decide spending plans that have to be approved by Holyrood.
- Since 2009-10, the Scottish Government has produced its accounts on the basis of international accounting standards.

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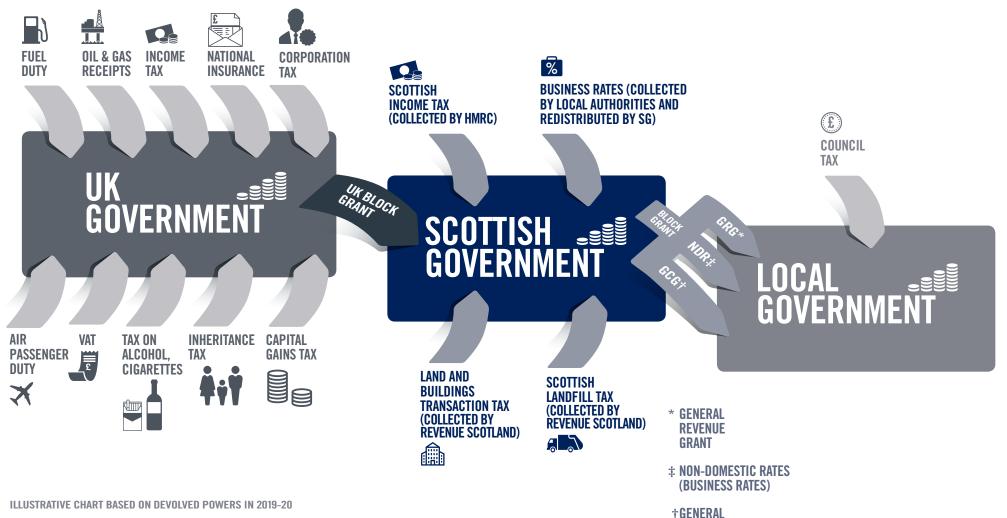
# Our financial system in 2019-20



- The Scottish Government's latest published accounts are for 2017-18 and they were given a clean bill of health by Audit Scotland. This was the 13th consecutive year they received an unqualified opinion. The 2018-19 accounts will be published in September 2019.
- For financial year 2017-18 the Scottish Government, its Executive Agencies and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service made 98.2% of all payments within 10 days.
- For all taxes set, raised or assigned in Scotland, the block grant is reduced.

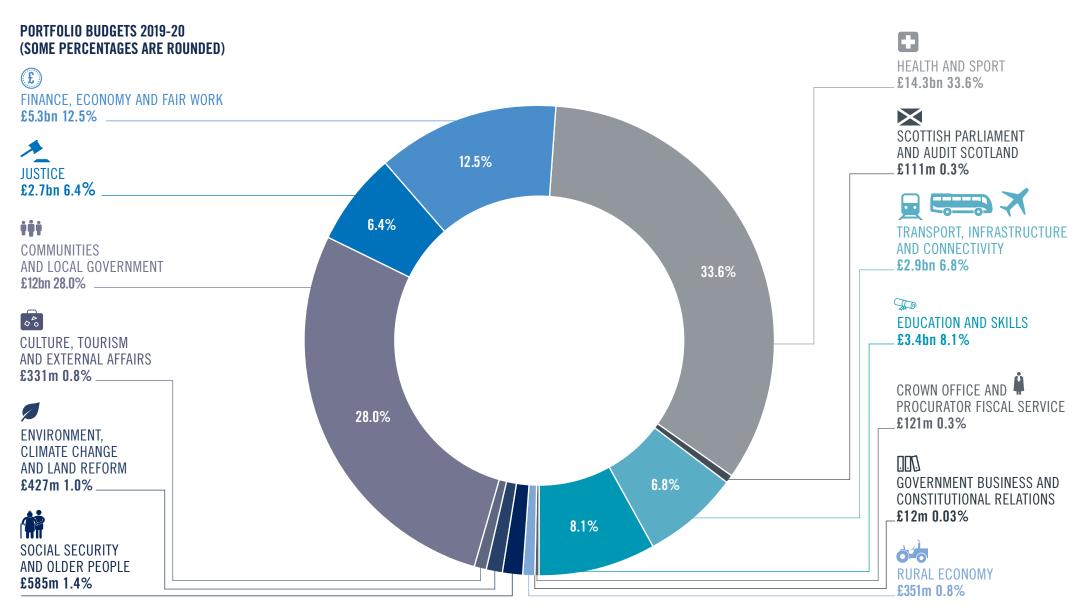






†GENERAL Capital grant

### What is planned to be spent in 2019-20





TOTAL PORTFOLIO EXPENDITURE 2019-20 £42.6bn

TIMELINE OF CHANGE										
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SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT CAN INCREASE OR REDUCE INCOME TAX BY 3P IN THE POUND SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT HAS POWERS OVER NON-DOMESTIC RATES	SCOTTISH PARLIAN Controls fully devol Taxes, land and buildi Transaction tax Landfill	VED NGS AND	GAINS PAR To Set Rate of Inc Also Gains	I PARLIAMENT RTIAL POWERS The Scottish Come Tax and An Increase Ving Powers		COTTISH PARLIAMENT NS FURTHER POWERS Et income tax rates And bands	TO TH TAX Fairne Earn	N BANDS ARE ADDED IE SCOTTISH INCOME System to improve SS, protect lower Iing taxpayers and More funding for Public services	RE	ASSIGNMENT OF VAT RECEIPTS Placement for Air Passenger Duty Aggregates Levy



is based - envisaged a fundamental change in how the Scottish Government would be funded. It foresaw a substantial proportion of the Government's Budget coming directly from tax revenues raised in Scotland and greater borrowing powers.

• The Smith Commission - on whose conclusions the Fiscal Framework

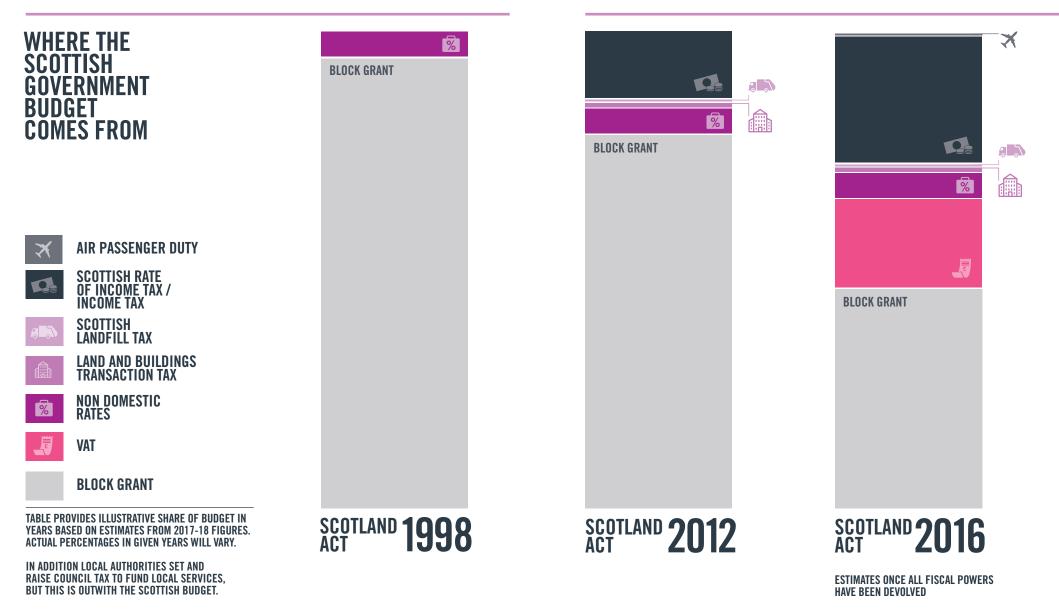
- The main objective of the new **Fiscal Framework** was to change the funding arrangement to support the transfer of tax and social security powers to Scotland while, to a significant extent, retaining the stability of Block Grant funding. It also increased the Scottish Government's borrowing powers.
- The guiding principle of the Framework is **'no detriment'**. This means neither the Scottish nor the UK Government being worse off as result of the powers transferring.

#### HOW THE SCOTTISH BUDGET IS CALCULATED



- Component One Barnett formula determined Block Grant -Barnett continues to determine the initial size of the Block Grant.
- Component Two Adjustment to the Block Grant The Block Grant is adjusted to reflect the impact of the transfer of tax and social security powers to the Scottish Budget.
- Component Three Devolved Revenues These are the revenues now retained from devolved and assigned tax powers which contribute to Scotland's funding.

# How our funding system is changing



# How our Social Security system is changing

#### THE SOCIAL SECURITY (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018 SETS UP A FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW SCOTTISH SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM.

ONCE POWERS ARE DEVOLVED THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT WILL CONTROL 16%\* OF SOCIAL SECURITY SPEND IN SCOTLAND.

#### THE VALUE OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TO BE DEVOLVED IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE REGION OF £3.5 BILLION IN 2020-21.

\*PERCENTAGES BASED ON 2017-18 FIGURES (LATEST AVAILABLE AT PUBLICATION)



CARER'S

£283m

ALLOWANCE

# IN 2019-20 WE WILL: Deliver over £434 million of Social Security Benefits:



# In summer 2020.

2020

Social Security Scotland will open to new claims for Disability Assistance for Children and Young People, our replacement for Child **Disability Living Allowance** 

By end 2020, Social Security Scotland will open to new claims for Disability Assistance for Older People. our replacement for Attendance Allowance. for people over the state pension age who need someone to help look after them because of a disability or long-term illness

#### By end of 2021 Social Security Scotland will also open to new claims for Carer's Assistance. our replacement for Carer's Allowance, folding together that benefit. Carer's Allowance Supplement and additional money for carers of more than one disabled child in a way that meets carers' needs

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By end 2020. children who receive the highest care component of Disability Assistance will also be entitled to Winter Heating Assistance

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#### In early 2021.

2021

Social Security Scotland will open to new claims for the most complex form of **Disability Assistance for** Working Age People, our replacement for the UK Government's Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

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Bv end of 2021 - Winter Heating Assistance and Cold Spell Heating Assistance delivered to some eligible recipients in their current form and to those in receipt of assistance from Social Security Scotland. An agency agreement will mean the DWP processes payments for the remaining recipients, with Social Security Scotland growing the caseload year on year.





**BEST START** GRANT

**FUNERAL** SUPPORT PAYMENT £6m

SCOTTISH DISCRETIONARY WELFARE FUND HOUSING PAYMENTS £63m

£33m



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