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Dear Liam,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 October on behalf of the Scottish Parliament Conveners Group.

I welcome the decision of the Group to take forward actions to enhance cross-committee scrutiny of climate change and net zero issues and the opportunity this raises for Parliament to build upon the work being done through the Joint Budget Review on matters related to climate and other activities.

In its letter, the Group specifically requests that Scottish Government provide emissions data, categorised according to committee portfolio. Scottish Government is happy to support this endeavour by offering Parliament officials an initial session or workshop to introduce the currently-available emissions data, but note that the information is not currently available on the specific basis requested and will require additional processing to categorise the data by portfolio. This subsequent work would sit most appropriately with Parliament officials.

The data, held in the Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, is not currently presented in a portfolio-by-portfolio way. Generating such a categorisation would encounter numerous 'boundary' issues (ie which emissions to allocate to which portfolio) that are best judged by Parliamentary colleagues. It is also unclear the extent to which the necessary mapping of emissions to portfolio could be achieved from the existing data or whether additional analysis would be required to arrive at a satisfactory breakdown. Again, these choices are most appropriate for Parliamentary colleagues to make.

To take this approach forward, I suggest Parliamentary officials contact my officials (sasha.maguire@gov.scot in the first instance) and they can advise on options and possible approaches.

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Once again, I welcome this initiative to improve Parliamentary scrutiny and look forward to hearing more as the work of the Group progresses.

Yours sincerely,



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