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Dear Dean

Scottish Government's Response to the Independent Review of the Role of Incineration in Scotland's Waste Hierarchy

I am writing to advise the Committee that the Scottish Government's response to the recommendations of the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy, undertaken by Dr Colin Church, was published on 16 June on the Scottish Government website. It is available here: <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781804356296>

As you are aware from my letter of 9 May, Dr Church's report on the independent review of the role of incineration in the waste hierarchy in Scotland was published on 10 May. In this report, the Review set out 12 full recommendations. I have responded to all of the Review's full recommendations to outline Scottish Government's position and any further action we intend to take.

The Review also made two provisional recommendations, pending the outcome of further analysis of options to decarbonise the existing residual waste treatment infrastructure in Scotland, which I expect to be completed in December 2022. In my previous letter to the Committee on the Review, I noted that I had asked Dr Church to extend his term as Chair to provide independent oversight of this important strand of work. I am pleased to say that Dr Church has agreed to continue as independent Chair. He has informed me that this analysis is underway and that, as part of this work, he intends to launch a further round of stakeholder engagement before the end of July, running through to August or early September, in which he will both be seeking responses to specific questions and open to any further representations stakeholders may wish to make. I will continue to keep the Committee updated.

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I am happy to discuss Scottish Government's response further with the Committee.

Kind regards

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