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Dear Edward

Expected publication of the draft Climate Change Plan 2024-2040

Thank you for your letter of 3 July proposing a collaborative approach between committees to scrutiny of the Scottish Government's next draft climate change plan. Broadly, this committee is supportive of the approach you suggest however at this stage, without sight of the draft plan, its contents or format, I am not able to set out in detail what our focus might be.

As I have highlighted at the Conveners Group, scrutinising delivery of a Just Transition has been a recent focus of the Committee. We completed an inquiry and published our report in June looking at the Grangemouth area. Over the summer, we issued a call for views for part 2 of this work. This will focus on the North East and Moray, specifically the Scottish Government's £500 million ten-year Just Transition Fund to support projects there that contribute to the transition to net zero. We will start our oral evidence taking in November.

The Committee will also hold a business planning discussion in early November. I intend that to be an opportunity for the Committee to consider its focus for scrutiny of the draft Climate Change Plan. Following that discussion, and any decisions taken, I will be happy to update you. I trust this response is helpful for now.

Kind regards

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