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Dear Màiri,

Expected publication of the draft Climate Change Plan 2024-2040

I am writing ahead of the expected publication of the new draft Climate Change Plan (CCP) in autumn 2023. As you are aware, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee takes a leading role in coordinating scrutiny across committees on climate change.

Ahead of the publication of the new draft CCP, I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a brief summary of—

- The progress that has made against the 81 recommendations of Scotland's Climate Assembly for the Scottish Government, since the Scottish Government's response on 16 December 2021.
- The progress that the Scottish Government has made against the 2021 Net Zero Nation: public engagement strategy, including available data from the programme evaluations to date and work to develop and resource additional national indicators to support the monitoring of progress.
- The work currently underway to develop a long-term public engagement strategy and the monitoring approach to be undertaken, as highlighted in the recent Climate Change Plan Monitoring Reports, May 2023.

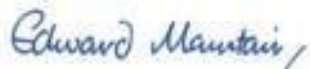
I would be grateful if you could also advise the committee on what work is being undertaken to estimate the costs and benefits of the policies to be included in the new CCP, as required by the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019. It would be useful to know whether any further information can be provided on what form the analysis will take and whether any publications relating to this commitment can be expected prior to the draft CCP.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the key recommendations from the Committees' reports on the draft CCPu report about how we considered information should be presented to facilitate effective scrutiny. In particular, we noted the need for policies and proposals to be SMART with—

- Information to enable demonstration of how policies and proposals in each sector add up to deliver the sectoral emissions envelope.
- Greater clarity on the timescales associated with policy and proposal commitments to develop, consult, research or explore particular measures further.
- Clarity in delivery and implementation detail, for example setting out clearly where responsibilities lie for delivery and how commitments will be funded.

I will share the response to this letter with other committees to support cross-committee scrutiny on the CCP. I request a response by 28 July 2023, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain".

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener

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