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Dear Edward,

Publication of the Onshore Wind Sector Deal for Scotland

I am writing to inform the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee of the publication of the <u>Onshore Wind Sector Deal for Scotland</u>.

The Onshore Wind Sector Deal has today been agreed between the Scottish Government and the onshore wind industry. The Minister for Energy and the Environment and I launched the deal in partnership with industry at the Scottish Renewables Onshore Wind Conference in Edinburgh. The development of the Sector Deal has involved extensive engagement with a wide range of stakeholders through the <u>Onshore Wind Strategic Leadership Group</u>, through the industry body Scottish Renewables, and with wider industry via a 'G12' group of lead developers.

The Sector Deal sets out commitments from the Scottish Government and onshore wind industry to deliver upon our collective ambition of 20 GW of onshore wind in Scotland by 2030 whilst delivering maximum benefit to Scotland. There are commitments in areas such as community benefit, circular economy, environment and planning, with the Scottish Government and industry both taking forward a series of actions.

This deal represents a significant achievement and ensures lasting economic benefits for Scotland whilst further onshore wind deployment continues to enable Scotland to meet its net zero ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

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