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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Programme for Government

Thank you for attending an evidence session with the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on Tuesday 27 September 2022 regarding the Scottish Government's Programme for Government.

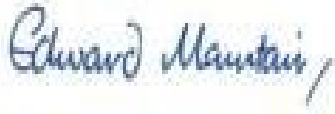
You will recall that, as part our discussions on this matter, you committed to write to the Committee to provide us information in relation to the following—

1. Specifics around the timeframe for when the Scottish Government intends to bring forward its revised Forestry Grants Scheme¹.
2. A timetable for how the Scottish Government will be progressing its work on Highly Protected Marine Areas over the forthcoming year².
3. The quantity of feedback the Scottish Government has received so far to its public consultation on 'Land Reform in a Net Zero Nation'³.
4. Confirmation of whether the Circular Economy Bill will include provisions relating to specific requirements for procurement⁴.
5. Confirmation of whether the criminalisation of ecocide is an issue which is currently being considered by Ministerial colleagues in the justice portfolio⁵.
6. Details on the Community Bus Fund and how it will operate⁶.

We would welcome a response to the points we have outlined above at your earliest convenience.

Thank you and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish.

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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- ¹ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*, Col 29.
 - ² Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*, Col 30.
 - ³ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*, Col 31.
 - ⁴ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*, Col 37.
 - ⁵ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*, Col 38.
 - ⁶ Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee. *Official Report, 27 September 2022*, Col 45.