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Dear Edward,

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 June 2025 regarding the timings of the the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 and subsequent draft Climate Change Plan (CCP).

I note that the Committee must publish its report no later than Wednesday 1 October, and I am grateful to the Committee for its prompt work that may result in this being done a few days earlier. As such, I understand that Parliament may be able to take a motion to approve the Regulations shortly before recess, on Wednesday 8 October.

Based on the timescales outlined above, it is my intention to lay a draft CCP sooner than the end of the statutory maximum two-month period following the Regulations coming into force. If the Regulations are approved before October recess, I currently expect a draft CCP to be laid in Parliament towards the end of October or beginning of November. This timeline allows for a final CCP to be published within this Parliament.

I would like to thank the Committee once again for its co-operation in these matters and look forward to further engagement over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

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