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Dear Edward,

Thank you for your letter of 11 June requesting further details on the Regulations to set the carbon budgets and timing of the next Climate Change Plan.

As I have set out in previous correspondence, I consider it important that Scottish Ministers carefully consider the advice provided by the CCC before finalising the carbon budgets that will be set out in legislation. We are nearing the end of the consideration of the CCC's advice and it is our intention to lay the secondary legislation setting the carbon budget levels as early as tomorrow if possible, and no later than Thursday.

We remain committed to putting in place a new CCP as quickly as possible, but we are equally committed to respecting the statutory timescales for different stages and ensuring that advice is properly considered before making critical decisions. In addition to this, the Programme for Government committed to publishing a CCP within this Parliament. That remains our key goal and the laying of secondary legislation should allow time for scrutiny of the draft CCP before the end of the Parliamentary session, and the laying of the final Plan.

I will write to you again when the regulations have been laid.

Yours sincerely,

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