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Dear Edward,

As you know, following the successful passage of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 last month, I have now laid the draft Climate Change Plan and delivered a statement in the Scottish Parliament. This outlines how the first three carbon budgets will be met, covering the years 2026-2040.

As you are aware, this begins 120 days of scrutiny, which will be completed on 5 March 2026. The public consultation period on the draft Climate Change Plan will run for 12 weeks in total. Since the consultation will be an iterative process, I remain confident that the next Climate Change Plan will be finalised during this Parliament following consideration of the feedback received.

The public consultation can be found [here](#). It is open until 29 January 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your work on this matter so far, and for all that is to follow over the coming months. I look forward to working with the Committee on the Plan to agree our path to a fairer, greener Scotland as part of a just transition to net zero.

Yours sincerely,

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