



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Gillian Martin MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy
Scottish Government

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Dear Gillian,

Draft Climate Change Plan

Thank you for agreeing to give evidence to the Committee on 10 February.

In your [letter on 6 November 2025](#) you said that laying the draft Climate Change Plan (CCP) would allow an “iterative process” to enable a finalised Plan to be laid before the election. This is especially important because the gap between the 120 days of parliamentary scrutiny on 5 March and the last sitting day of this parliamentary session on 26 March is very narrow.

This gives rise to serious concerns, already raised by some witnesses we have heard from, that there will not be enough time for the Scottish Government to take account of views of Scottish Parliamentary committees, stakeholders and experts responding directly to the Scottish Government’s consultation, interested members of the public and the Climate Change Committee.

Given the above, it would be helpful if you could share with the Committee an outline of any changes the Scottish Government have in mind for inclusion in the finalised Plan, as well as any further reflections on the evidence so far (whether to this Committee or other Committees). Alongside this, we would welcome an update on:

- Any key issues raised so far by members of the public, experts or sectoral stakeholders responding to the Scottish Government public consultation or other engagement activities.
- Discussions in Cabinet about possible changes to the draft that you are able to share at this stage.
- Any recent announcements or policy changes (whether by the Scottish Government, the UK Government or other public bodies) that might require changes to the final Plan. An illustrative example might be SEPA’s announcement that they will not enforce the forthcoming ban on biodegradable municipal waste going to landfill until 2028.

Contact: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email netzero.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

I would be grateful for a response by Monday 2 February, when most or all other committees will have completed taking evidence and the Scottish Government consultation will have closed. This will allow us to consider your reply in advance of the 10 February evidence session.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward Mountain". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener