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cc. Indra Thillainathan

Dear Chris,

Future agriculture policy in Scotland

Thank you for giving evidence alongside your colleague, Indra Thillainathan, on future agriculture policy in Scotland at the meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 1 March 2023. Following the evidence session, the Committee agreed to write to you to request further information in relation to—

- the CCC's expectations with regard to a strategy from the Scottish Government to adapt agriculture to climate change, and whether this should feature as part of a new agriculture policy;
- the CCC's key priorities to be addressed by the Scottish Government's upcoming Agriculture Bill, expected later in 2023;
- whether the CCC has considered the implications for biodiversity from its pathway for agriculture, and how any negative implications could be mitigated;
- the CCC's key points and modelling assumptions on ensuring that emissions from food production are not offshored, and the policies and policy levers in place to prevent such offshoring; and
- any additional information on this subject not explored in the evidence session and about which you would like to inform the Committee.

The Official Report of the evidence session is available on [the Committee's webpage](#).

The Committee would welcome your response by Friday 14 April 2023.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Finlay Carson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Finlay Carson MSP
Convener
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