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Dear Finlay,

**FORESTRY AND LAND MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018, SECTION 14 DUTY TO  
PUBLISH INFORMATION ON FORESTRY**

I am writing to make you aware, given your committee's remit, that the Scottish Government has published estimates on the area of woodland under different ownership types in Scotland. The data can be viewed at: [Woodland ownership: key data - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/Woodland-ownership-key-data)

The purpose of publishing this data is to meet the requirement under section 14 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018 to publish information on forest holdings in Scotland.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairi Gougeon'.

**MAIRI GOUGEON**

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