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Dear Roseanna,

### **Draft RPP3 – laying timing**

The Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee is aware that under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, the Scottish Government's draft third report on proposals and policies (RPP3) must be laid in the Scottish Parliament and Parliament will then have 60 days to consider and report on the draft report.

We understand that the Government plans to lay this report in late December, however an unintended consequence of this timing is that a potential two weeks of parliamentary scrutiny would be lost due to the Christmas and New Year recess period. While the Committee appreciates that the Scottish Government has announced its intention to lay the draft report by the end of this year I am writing to ask that you consider delaying its publication until Monday 9 January 2017. This would ensure that stakeholders and interested parties would have the maximum opportunity to consider this important draft report and would allow for the fullest parliamentary scrutiny, as it may engage the interest of a number of committees.

Given their respective committees involvement in scrutinising RPP2, I am copying this letter to the conveners of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee; Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee; and the Local Government and Communities Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

**Graeme Dey MSP**  
**Convener**  
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