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Dear Convener,

PARLIAMENTARY ENGAGEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 2019 updating the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on recent developments in relation to climate change and the work of your Committee in this area.

In that letter you also sought my specific views on the potential for wider parliamentary engagement in the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's forthcoming update to its Climate Change Plan (CCP). I am of the view that a collaborative approach by committees to the scrutiny of the update, along the lines of the scrutiny applied to the current CCP, would be appropriate. Indeed, the REC Committee has agreed to include, as part of its work programme, scrutiny of those elements of the update to the CCP that are relevant to its remit.

I should also say that in discussion with REC Committee members, there was also clear support for your proposal to seek an extension to the timescale of 30 days for Parliamentary scrutiny of the update which has been proposed by the Scottish Government.

I should be grateful if you would advise me of any developments in relation to these matters in due course.

Kind regards

Edward Mountain
Convener