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Dear Joan,

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee – The European and External Relations Committee’s work on the implications of the leave vote in the EU referendum and the Scottish Parliament’s EU Strategy

Thank you for your letter of 15 July 2016. I would like to apologise for not responding by your deadline of the end of summer recess, however the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee had not yet finalised its work programme at that stage.

Having considered our schedule at our meeting on 13 September 2016, I am delighted to have the opportunity to update you on our intentions with regard to the European dimension of our work.

Work Programme

The Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee does not currently plan to undertake a formal piece of work on the subject of the UK’s decision to leave the European Union. However, the Committee has:

- Invited Andrea Leadsom, Secretary of State for Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to give evidence to the Committee on the expected impact of Britain’s exit from the EU and on the UK Government’s climate change priorities; and
- Requested regular updates from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform on how the outcome of the referendum affects her remit and on Scottish Government planning in this area¹; and

¹ ECCLR Committee, [Official Report](#), 28 June 2016

- Written again² to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform today to emphasise the Committee's interest in this area.

We also intend to ensure we are considering the European dimension in our future work programme and in our consideration of individual topics, as appropriate.

EU Reporter

I am pleased to inform you that David Stewart MSP was appointed by the Committee as its EU Reporter on Tuesday 20 September.

Europe and the Environment

I understand the European and External Relations Committee is undertaking work on the implications of the decision to leave the EU for Scotland and on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, I would encourage you to consider the impacts on the environment and our efforts to tackle climate change within the scope of your work. The Committee would appreciate updates on your work in this area via our Clerks.

Yours sincerely,



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Convener

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