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Dear Convener,

Thank you for your letter of 29 June regarding the timetable for the final version of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) being laid before the Parliament, and for the Committee's scrutiny of that. I welcome the Committee setting out the period of at least six weeks which it will require, from laying, until Parliament be asked to approve NPF4. I would be happy to accommodate this request to give the Committee sufficient time to consider the final version.

Further to my letter of 22 June, I do not expect that the final version of NPF4 will be laid immediately on return following the Summer recess, but rather I would anticipate doing so in mid-Autumn. While I cannot set out a more precise timetable at this point, my officials will continue to liaise with Committee Clerks over the summer to ensure the Committee is kept up to date on the progress of NPF4.

I trust that this is useful and will help the Committee to plan its business and to factor in scrutiny of the final version of NPF4.

**TOM ARTHUR**

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